[Your name & address if writing letter]

[MP address if writing letter]

Dear [Name of MP],

I am writing as a constituent of [your constituency] regarding out-of-hospital cardiac arrests (OHCAs), and the deeply concerning statistics on survivability and the deployment of public access defibrillators (PADs).

According to the Association of Ambulance Chief Executives (AACE), ambulance services in the UK treat approximately 40,000 patients each year for OHCAs. The survival rate, however, is only 1 in 10, which has not changed for over forty years.

According to AACE, timely defibrillation can increase the survival rate to over 50%. However, bystander defibrillation occurs in only 8.5% cases of cases in the UK.

Given the link between timely defibrillation and survival from cardiac arrest, it is clear we need urgently to improve access to defibrillators. Would you consider raising the issue in Parliament?

I would also ask you to consider pledging your support for the JumpStart campaign, which is seeking to change the law to mandate that all new cars have a defibrillator installed. As per the campaign’s [website](https://www.jumpstartcampaign.co.uk/), recent polling suggests that nearly three quarters of the public would support such a proposal. Given that roughly 80% of OHCAs occur at home, I think this could be a very powerful solution.

Yours sincerely,

[Your name]