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Dear <Minister of Health>

I am writing today on behalf of <your organization> to express our sincere gratitude for <national government>'s support for the Global Monitoring Framework, including global voluntary indicators and targets, for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), agreed on 7 November 2012 at the World Health Organization in Geneva.

With nine important targets and twenty-five indicators, the agreement of the global monitoring framework is a major accomplishment and begins a new era of accountability for the prevention and treatment of NCDs.

It will encourage all governments to honour the commitments made during last year's UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs and in the UN Political Declaration on NCDs. This framework will improve data collection and surveillance on NCDs, and demonstrate how actions and investments translate into tangible results and better long-term outcomes for people living with and affected by these chronic conditions.

We ask for your continued support in explicitly integrating this new monitoring framework into the next Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020, currently being developed by WHO and due to be adopted at the World Health Assembly in 2013. Together with the Global Action Plan and a global coordinating mechanism for NCDs, we will begin to see a response commensurate with the scale of the global NCD epidemic.

Our organization stands ready to work with you and in support of the government of <country > to develop the strongest possible global NCD framework, to secure the necessary technical, political, and financial resources to fully implement it, and to make it a turning point in improving the health of our citizens and millions of others around the world.

Sincerely,