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I am writing to ask that you support the National Allergy Strategy pre-budget submission for the federal budget to be delivered in May 2016.

ASCIA (Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy) and Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA) have partnered to develop the National Allergy Strategy in consultation with key stakeholder organisations. Development of the National Allergy Strategy has enabled strategies to be identified that will improve and optimise the prevention and management of allergic diseases as well as increase awareness of allergic diseases nationwide, to improve the health and quality of life of patients and carers.

The National Allergy Strategy was launched in August 2015 and is available at www.nationalallergystrategy.org.au

While some progress has been made towards implementing some of the National Allergy Strategy recommendations, the following areas were identified as the most urgent projects that require funding:

- Drug allergy, particularly antibiotic allergy.
- Resources for teens and young adults, particularly those at risk of anaphylaxis and those with food allergy.
- Food allergy resources for food service including restaurants and cafes.

To date, the National Allergy Strategy has not received any government funding.

In December 2015, ASCIA and A&AA Australia submitted a National Allergy Strategy pre-budget submission to Minister Ley, the Federal Health Minister, for the 2016 federal budget. A copy of the pre-budget submission is available from the following website: www.nationalallergystrategy.org.au

The pre-budget submission is currently with Minister Ley and is being considered.

We would greatly appreciate acknowledgement of your constituents with allergic disease by writing to Minister Ley and to support the National Allergy Strategy, and asking for the pre-budget submission to be funded.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this issue.

Yours sincerely