

[Today's Date]

Your First Name, Last Name
Street Address
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The Honorable (First name) (Last name)
(Room Number), State Capitol
Your City, IL (Zip Code)

RE: CPAP Shortage Worldwide

Dear Congressman/Congresswoman _____

My name is (your first and last name) and I am a patient in your district who is in need of a breathing machine for my sleep apnea. I stop breathing _____ times per hour. My doctor prescribed the machine on _____ but my home care company says it may take 2-3 months to receive my CPAP due to the microchip shortage.

I know that you are aware of the severe supply chain issues. You may not be aware that this has caused a worldwide shortage of CPAP, BIPAP, and home ventilator machines. The main manufacturer of these devices, ResMed, has been desperately trying to negotiate with the microprocessor manufacturers for the chips to be able to manufacture the medical equipment for distribution to patients. However, they are competing with huge automobile and appliance manufacturers for these chips. The medical devices make up a small percentage of the microprocessor's business so it is very difficult to get anyone to listen.

To make matters worse, the second major company that provides the same types of devices just had a recall of 3.5 million devices due to potential cancer exposure. The burden is falling on ResMed to supply the devices to most providers and they can't meet the demand without the microprocessors. They are ready in their manufacturing facilities to produce the equipment as soon as the chips can be allocated.

We need ResMed to have access to the microchips to prevent suffocation and breathing disorders. We need your intervention; can you please help?

I am wondering if you could help me connect with someone who can influence microchip manufacturer leaders to make medical devices a priority in allocation.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Your Signature