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Dear [name]

**Re: Health and Care Professions Council Fee Increase – EDM 2069**

I am an Orthoptist based at [Name of hospital/employer] and I am writing to encourage you to sign Early Day Motion No. 2069 “Registration Fees at the Health and Care Professions Council”.

The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) is the statutory regulator for Allied Health Professionals, which includes Orthoptists, Paramedics, Physiotherapists and many other important health care professionals. The HCPC have recently (February 14) taken the remarkable decision to **increase their fees by 18%** from October 2019.

As an Orthoptist, I am required to be registered with the HCPC in order to practice; payment of this registration fee is not a matter of choice. Taken with previous increases this represents a 40% increase in fees since 2014, during which time my own wages have been capped well below inflation.

The HCPC took this decision despite overwhelming opposition from frontline Allied Health Professionals, the British and Irish Orthoptic Society and many other professional bodies and trade unions. They have ignored the results of their own consultation in approving this increase, even though it was made quite clear by respondents that this increase is unjustified and unfair.

The proposal will now go before parliament as a statutory instrument subject to the negative procedure, so I would also ask that you take steps to oppose it through that route. I would also be grateful if you could confirm to me in writing that you intend to sign the EDM.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address] – *This is important to show that you live within the MPs constituency.*