Dear Ms. Faber and Ms. Kravis:

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for sharing the many letters and personal stories of Canadians affected by Lyme disease with the Honourable Jane Philpott, the former Minister of Health. We are grateful that the former Minister entrusted us with these very illuminating and touching letters.

As we mentioned at the Lyme disease Patient Roundtable on September 13, 2017, the letters deepened our understanding of the challenges that Canadians with Lyme disease are confronting. We hope to have more of these conversations, so that the Federal Action Plan’s identification, prevention, and awareness activities will be informed by the patient’s voice and experience.

Thank you once again for writing and for the important work you are doing to raise awareness of Lyme disease and to support Canadians who are affected by it.

Sincerely,

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