Dear Minister Philpott, Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I know that many Canadians are struggling with Lyme Disease and don’t have access to proper medical testing, diagnosis or treatment. It is hard to believe that any Canadian should have to struggle so much to receive the medical care they need, in their own country. I am here to support Lyme sufferers as best I can and am asking for your support as well.

There needs to be a major shift in the way Lyme Disease is handled in our country. As I start to research how long this problem has been going on in the US and other countries, I realize that very few advances have been made in the way it is diagnosed and treated here in Canada. I ask myself, how could this be? Why are we not leading the way? This problem is getting bigger every year and yet we don’t have proper treatments even now. There are still so many questions that need to be answered about the diagnosis, treatments, transmission and even the scope and impact of this disease on Canadians.

Lyme sufferers are struggling physically, emotionally and financially with this disease. I am here not only to support them but also to stand up for them when they are unable to. Minister Philpott, I am asking you to stand up with me. Nobody should have to go through what they are going through, in a country where medical advances are being made in so many areas.

Canadians affected by cancer, Tb, Zika, Syphilis or HIV are aggressively treated, followed and cared for in our health care system. Why is it that Lyme disease is has fallen through the cracks and patients all over this country are ridiculed, ignored and blamed?

If this disease could be successfully identified and treated, this would save our healthcare system millions upon millions of dollars, and, it would give restored hope back to thousands of Canadians who at this stage, are being systematically ignored.

I am asking you to do your best to address this problem in a way that will improve the lives of those who are suffering.

Sincerely,

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