



## Hon. Candice Bergen, P.C.

*Member of Parliament for Portage—Lisgar*  
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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the recent draft of the Federal Framework on Lyme Disease. I always enjoy hearing from my constituents. Your thoughts are appreciated and taken into consideration.

As Official Opposition we are concerned about the lack of initial consultation that went into the draft, Federal Framework on Lyme Disease in Canada, released on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Bill C-442, An Act respecting a Federal Framework on Lyme Disease, aims to establish guidelines regarding the prevention, identification, treatment and management of Lyme Disease through the coordinated approach of a Federal Framework. However, the lack of voices informing the document suggests the approach was anything but coordinated.

Again, we are confronted with a government that claims to pride itself on caring about the opinions of Canadians yet provides little engagement to vital stakeholders in the policy development. The disproportionate amount of time being offered to stakeholders to comment on the draft report demonstrates a lack of respect on behalf of this government towards the patient groups who are in biggest need of this framework.

Lyme Disease is an endemic disease and continues to spread Canada-wide. I believe the Liberal Government needs to bring forward the appropriate framework to assist Canadians who are suffering from the disease.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health and requested that she copy me on her response to you.

Once again, thank you for contacting my office about this important issue. If you have any further questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Official Opposition House Leader

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