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Thursday, September 15th, 2011

Ms. Jessica Bell-Taliana
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Re Chronic Lyme disease

Dear Ms. Bell-Taliana,

Thank you for contacting my office with regard to your efforts to raise awareness to the plight of Lyme disease. As the Canadian Medical Association has made Canadians aware, Lyme disease is endemic throughout Canada, particularly in Southern Ontario. This is an issue that affects families whose members have contracted this disease and have not properly been diagnosed due to ineffective testing methods.

The Ontario Public Health System and the Ontario Health Insurance Plan would benefit from re-examining the processes for establishing a clinical diagnosis. Your daughter's case serves as an example of the increasing need for the eligibility of Ontarians to receive the care they are not currently provided.

I wish you success in your ongoing efforts to tackle issues facing our community and the standard of health care they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Fantino'.

The Hon. Julian Fantino P.C., M.P.
Associate Minister of National Defence
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