

21 November 2013

Ms. Elizabeth May, MP
Saanich—Gulf Islands
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. May:

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) would like to commend you for presenting Bill C-442, National Lyme Disease Strategy.

The CFPC supports further studying the economic and health impacts of Lyme Disease to ensure that Canadian physicians have the necessary tools and knowledge at their disposal. Guidelines produced as part of the strategy should include the input of family physicians and available to all primary health care providers. We should note that Dr. Kathleen Kerr is the CFPC representative on the Public Health Agency of Canada's steering committee to develop Practice Guidelines on Lyme Disease; her participation signals the CFPC's and family medicine's interest in this issue.

Leadership through establishing standards and strategies is a key recommendation in the CFPC's recently released Report Card on the Role of the Federal Government in Health Care.

Thank you for inviting the CFPC to support your private member's bill. We welcome any proposal that seeks to improve the health of Canadians and would be of interest to our family physician members.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-629-0900 ext.325 or e-mail: ejm@cfpc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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