

April 7, 2015

Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins Minister of Health and Long-Term Care 10th Floor, Hepburn Block 80 Grosvenor Street Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Dear Minister Hoskins:

The Grape Growers of Ontario fully support the development of a comprehensive and integrated Lyme disease strategy for Ontario that is consistent and integrated with the Action Plan on Lyme Disease being developed by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Grape growers across the province will benefit from a Lyme disease strategy as their exposure to infected ticks is high. A provincial strategy will enhance awareness of the disease, and provide support to individuals who may become infected.

Please contact my office at 905-688-0990 if you require further information.

Yours truly,

Debbie Zimmerman, CEO Grape Growers of Ontario

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Bruce Shilton, Chair, Ontario Lyme Alliance

