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Good Morning Mayor,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Ellen Hohns, President of Lyme Disease Association of Ontario.

I live in Hamilton my whole life. I am a true Hamiltonian.

In October 2012 I started to fighting a battle that I am sure you have heard about all over the news lately, Lyme Disease. As a mother of 3 young children, a wonderful husband and a job I loved having this disease has changed everything.

Lyme Disease is the fastest growing Vector Born disease out there. It is estimated by the CDC that there are over 300,000 cases that will be diagnosed every year. It is a disease that if untreated as mine was, can leave your body feeling broken. Doing the simplest tasks becomes a chore.

May cities across Canada have started to claim May as Lyme Awareness month and I am asking for the City of Hamilton to join in. We run a monthly support group in Hamilton and last month alone, we had over 100 people.

Lyme disease is real and very de-habilitating. I am hoping that City of Hamilton will declare May Lyme Disease Awareness month. On May 17th Niagara Falls and the CN Tower will be lite up Green for Lyme Disease.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Ellen Hohns

President of Lyme Disease Association of Ontario