

## 1. PETITION MAIN PAGE

### **Petition: Establishment and implementation of an action plan for Lyme disease in Quebec**

To sign this petition, you must complete 3 steps:

1. Step 1: Fill out the form under the text of the petition and send it (you must accept the **conditions** in order to be able to sign the petition before sending the form).
2. Step 2: **Check your email inbox and open the message sent by the Assembly.**
3. Step 3: In this message, click the link to save your signature.

You can only sign the same petition once.

#### Petition text

**WHEREAS** according to the INSPQ (National Public Health Institute of Quebec), Lyme disease is a serious emerging infectious disease, not well known by physicians, transmitted to humans by the bite of certain types of infected ticks;

**WHEREAS** many regions are endemic for Lyme disease and sporadic cases are possible everywhere in Quebec;

**WHEREAS** the PHAC recognizes that Lyme disease has several distinct stages, and if it is not treated promptly and adequately, "severe symptoms may occur and last for months or even years", potentially leading to disability;

**WHEREAS** the recent Federal Framework on Lyme Disease stresses the need for more research to overcome the shortcomings of current diagnostic and treatment protocols (blood tests lacking sensitivity, complex and variable clinical presentation, etc.);

**WHEREAS** the use of scientifically proven, effective treatments which fall outside of the official protocol can lead to disciplinary sanctions for doctors;

**WHEREAS** patients suffering from Lyme disease confirm that they are denied care in the Quebec health care system, which has extremely harmful consequences on their physical, psychological and financial health;

We, the undersigned, ask the government:

- To recognize the urgent public health issue posed by Lyme disease;
- To prioritize the use of clinical diagnosis for all stages of the disease;

- To grant legal protection to doctors providing care outside the official protocol;
- To create a committee, which is to include the AQML, whose purpose is to establish and implement an action plan on Lyme disease.

Last day to sign : February 1, 2018

Number of signatures : 6418+

To sign the petition (gray box)

All fields must be completed for your signature to be processed.

**First name\* (Prénom)**

**Last name\* (Nom)**

**City\* (Ville)**

**Province / State\* (Province/État)**

**Country\* (Pays)**

**Postal code\* (Code postal)**

**Email\* (Courriel)**

**Confirm your email\* (Confirmez votre courriel)**

Conditions to be respected in order to be able to sign the petition:

- The signatory has taken note of the text of the petition and gives it support.
- The signatory agrees that his last name, first name and the name of his place of residence appear on the list of signatories.
- The information provided by the signatory is true.

I accept the signing conditions (check box)

**SEND** (button)

## **2. NEXT PAGE**

Would you like to send the form?

## **3. CONFIRMATION PAGE**

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The National Assembly of Quebec has sent you a message from the address [message\\_automatique@assnat.qc.ca](mailto:message_automatique@assnat.qc.ca).

In order for your signature to be considered, please authenticate it by consulting your emails (<your email here>) and click on the link in the message. You must do this before February 1, 2018.

If necessary, check your spam filter, junk mail, or blocked senders.

#### **4. CONFIRMATION EMAIL**

On <date>, you signed a petition on the website of the National Assembly of Quebec on the following subject: Establishment and implementation of an action plan for Lyme disease.

If you have not signed this petition or do not want to sign it anymore, please ignore this message. Once you confirm that this is your signature, it will no longer be possible to remove your name from the list of signatories.

In order to confirm that this is your signature, click on the following link or copy and paste it into the address bar of your web browser: <long link>

Deadline: February 1, 2018

In case of technical problems, please write to the following address: [renseignements@assnat.qc.ca](mailto:renseignements@assnat.qc.ca).

The National Assembly thanks you for your cooperation.