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The Honorable Frank R. Wolf
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Wolf:

Thank you for your letter regarding the recent enactment of the fiscal year 2010 omnibus appropriations act, specifically in regard to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Lyme disease-related activities. Please excuse the delay of this response.

We greatly appreciate the support Congress has demonstrated by providing increased funds in the amount of \$3.6 million for these activities, resulting in an appropriation in the amount of \$8.9 million for CDC's Lyme disease program activities. CDC is working to ensure that the funds appropriated to us for Lyme disease are used consistently with those issues highlighted in the Congressional language. In addition, we are moving quickly to use these funds to improve diagnostics, surveillance and reporting, and educational efforts.

Thank you again for your letter and for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to address this important public health issue. I also will provide this response to Representative Christopher H. Smith who cosigned your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Frieden", written over a horizontal line.

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