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M. Jodi Rell, Governor
State of Connecticut
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rell:

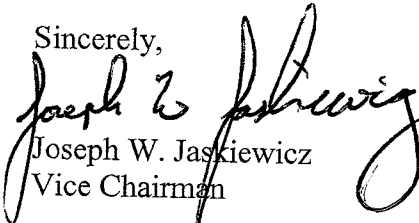
SUBJECT: Eradication of Lyme Disease

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments wishes to go on record in support of the effort of the Connecticut Coalition to Eradicate Lyme Disease. We have reviewed information provided by the Coalition and feel that is imperative to the health of the residents of Connecticut that the State do all it can to eliminate this disease which is proliferating at an alarming rate.

The Connecticut Coalition to Eradicate Lyme Disease espouses that the reduction of the State's deer herd to natural levels can prevent all tick-borne disease. They have reviewed and cite a number of scientific studies to document this point of view. We respectfully request that you direct the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Department of Public Health to make this information readily available to the general public.

We are encouraged by your recent announcement concerning an increase in Lyme Disease surveillance and education measures. We ask that you continue to work on detection of this disease and that you direct the appropriate State agencies to focus on its prevention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of importance to the citizens of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Jaskiewicz
Vice Chairman

Cc: Dr. Georgina Scholl, Vice Chair, CT Coalition to Eradicate Lyme Disease

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