Dear Sir/Madam,

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1662 – Improve Treatment for Patients with Lyme Disease and Associated Tick-borne Diseases

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to improve testing and treatment for Lyme Disease and associated tick-borne diseases by ensuring that medical professionals in Scotland are fully equipped to deal with the complexity of tick-borne infections, addressing the lack of reliability of tests, the full variety of species in Scotland, the presence of ‘persistence’ bacteria which are difficult to eradicate, and the complexities caused by the presence of possibly multiple co-infections, and to complement this with a public awareness campaign.

The Public Petitions Committee considered the above petition at its meeting on 14 September 2017, at which it took evidence from the petitioners. The Committee agreed to seek the views of the British Veterinary Association on the issues raised in the petition and during the course of the evidence session.

The Official Report of the meeting has been published, and a video of the meeting is available online via the Parliament’s TV Service.

The Committee’s clerks would be grateful to receive your response electronically and in Word format by no later than 27 October 2017. Your response will be processed in accordance with the Parliament’s policy on the treatment of written evidence.

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The Committee asks that this deadline is met to allow sufficient time for the petitioner to comment on your written response and for consideration of the petition to continue as timetabled. Should you be unable to meet the above deadline, I would be grateful if you could advise the Committee’s clerks that this is the case as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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