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Regan: Minister of Health Promotion And Protection Needs To Protect People At Risk Of Lyme Disease

(Halifax, NS) Bedford-Birch Cove MLA Kelly Regan is calling on the Minister of Health Promotion and Protection to attend a public meeting on the risk of Lyme Disease in the Eaglewood Subdivision, and to take steps to approve an emergency or special permit for tickicide.

"The minister is failing to protect people from a real threat," said Regan. "She needs to meet the people who are affected and explain her actions directly to the residents of Bedford-Birch Cove."

Regan says the department has acted to educate residents; but now is the time for the government to act to protect its citizens.

"Residents have the right to enjoy their property, knowing that our government has acted to control the Lyme Disease bearing black-legged ticks in their area," said Regan.

During the past session of the legislature, Regan raised the issue of Lyme Disease bearing ticks and received assurances from the minister that she would facilitate the approval process with Health Canada, and assist in obtaining an emergency or special permit for the tickicide.

"I am disappointed the minister has failed to live up to these commitments. She needs to explain her change of heart directly to those affected and at risk."