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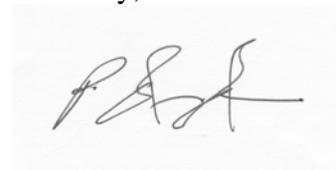
To Our Valuable Partners in Public Health:

Please be aware that beginning in July 2011, the Department's Tick Identification Services will no longer be available. We have been able to offer free tick identification to the public for many years, but budgetary constraints and staffing shortages no longer allow us to offer this service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (518) 473-4439 or via email at: arbobml@health.state.ny.us

We appreciate your consideration and understanding during this transition.

Sincerely,



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