

Testimony: Support of HB 6200

I went for 2 years undiagnosed and thought I was going crazy. I was dizzy all the time, major anxiety, I would get up from bed and walk into the walls, I couldn't read a magazine because nothing registered, I couldn't concentrate on anything and don't know how I got through each day, I had heart palpitations, depression, headaches, neck aches, numb hands. I had large itchy, black & blue marks where I was bitten by the ticks and no doctors treated it or thought it was anything. Someone overheard me discussing my symptoms and suggested I had Lyme. I thank God for that occurrence and I went to Dr. Horowitz in Hyde Park, NY. He saved my life literally. I went on extended antibiotics and it took me a year to feel myself again. My regular doctors would have given me one dose of one type of antibiotic, suggested I see a psychiatrist, and take all sorts of inappropriate pills. As a result I am back to normal and so thankful I was one of the few that got the correct treatment for my problem.

I know so many with my problems and more people with initially undiagnosed Lyme that are spending their lives trying to get well and dealing with wrong medications. While our insurance companies and medical profession turn a blind eye to this major problem we are all suffering and major money is being spent on incorrect diagnoses. I want doctors to be educated and feel safe from the insurance companies so I can get local care instead of having to travel an hour and one half to find one of the few doctors that will treat this which is another burden on both a person's time and money.

Please help.

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