

Testimony in Support of HB 6200

This act concerning the use of long-term antibiotics for the treatment of lyme disease is absolutely crucial. I have suffered from lyme disease for 16 years now and it affects every minute of every day. As a professor and mother of two young girls, I'm as busy as can be. But everything is made more difficult by my persistent, chronic lyme symptoms. I suffer from joint aches and pains, stiffness, brain fog, and sleep disturbances just to name a few things. At my positive diagnosis 16 years ago, I was given three weeks of antibiotics and sent on my way. Indeed, the symptoms were alleviated by this short-term treatment, but within a year I was having flare-ups with excruciating headaches and debilitating exhaustion. Had I been initially treated with at least 3 months of antibiotics, my lyme may well have been sent into remission. As such, I urge the legislators to pass H.B. 6200 which will allow CT doctors the ability to treat lyme disease based on clinical judgement, suggest long-term treatment as necessary, and not fear losing their licenses.

Thank you for your help.

Best,
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