

PUBLIC HEARING: HB 6200

To the Public Health Committee:

I am writing to express my strong hope that the Conn. legislature will pass this bill which would protect doctors who treat clinically diagnosed Lyme patients. My daughter has struggled with Lyme for the past four years, often bed ridden and unable to make it to school. It took us two years to get a proper diagnosis after seeing her pediatrician multiple times and many appointments with specialists such as an endocrinologist, a neurologist, a rheumatologist, a neuro-ophthamologist and an allergist. We finally had to travel over an hour and a half from our home to be diagnosed and start treatment. My daughter slowly started responding to a long course of antibiotics when unfortunately the doctor who was treating her decided after much deliberation to stop his Lyme practice. We now have to travel over an hour and a half in another direction to be seen. It is a crime that on top of dealing with such a horrible disease it is so difficult to find doctors willing to treat patients with long term Lyme. Please pass this bill and protect the physicians who are making a difference for all the Lyme patients who are already suffering enough.

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