

Dear Sirs,

My 18-year-old son is a victim of the Lyme Disease Denials. He has been symptomatic for three and a half years with Lyme and very serious Bartonellosis. It took 18 months to finally get a physician to say what the first (of a dozen) doctors thought: this really is Lyme Disease.

He went on daily IV antibiotics in October 2007. He has had to defer enrollment at UConn which is holding for him a full-tuition scholarship and place in their Honors Program.

In January 2009, his doctor had to abruptly suspend treatment for all HealthNet patients on IV for Lyme Disease. In the three weeks that he has been off IV, he has regressed so much that he will probably not be able to take advantage of the opportunities that UConn has offered.

While it is heartbreaking to watch a brilliant child with an IQ in the 99%ile unable to function well enough to get an education or even the most basic employment, I realize that this is about dollars and cents for the insurance companies. In the long run, however, I'm afraid that the cost to them will actually be higher because of denial of treatment. I am absolutely certain the cost to the government will be.

I urge you to take action now. It may be too late for my child; it may not be too late for yours.

Sincerely,

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