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Please support Bill H.B.6200.

I was treated in 2004, the same day I found a bulls-eye on my leg, with the standard 21 days of antibiotics as the IDSA guidelines state. At the time, I did not feel sick or sore from the bulls-eye so I didn't think anymore about it and relied on the IDSA guidelines to be accurately treating me for Lyme Disease.

Three months following the treatment I was not able to get out of bed. My body was so sore and weak that I did not have the strength to pick myself up or move. I went to many doctors in my area and none of them would help me.

In 2005, I finally found a Lyme literate doctor 99 miles from my home that has treated me aggressively with antibiotics for Lyme Disease and the many co-infections that I am infected with. I would not be here today if not for the care and concern of this fabulous doctor. After 3 years of treatment I am finally improving and hope to continue to do so.

The Lyme literate doctors are a positive solution for a wide spread disease that will eventually affect everyone in the world. Long term antibiotics may not be the whole solution as to how to treat Lyme Disease. Until more research is done to determine how else to treat these very ill patients, antibiotics is all there is for now. Please support the bill in order for these doctors to continue treating very sick people who require their help.

Sincerely,



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