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To Whom It may concern

I will be direct and to the point. My son has suffered and deteriorated with Lymes Disease for 11 long years since he was 8. Over that time he lost his short term memory and his fine motor skills. His liver enzymes were so elevated he could not stop itching and Yale physicians suggested he was a liver transplant candidate with a very poor prognosis. He had constant headaches and was fatigued, waking only about 2-3 hours a day. He had bone infections that no one could explain. My son hasn't grown since he was 12 and has lost 3 years of school. He has had 3 liver biopsies, multiple brain scans, cardiac workups, genetic workups and more.... We have seen over 23 physicians in CT and New York. Always he was treated with 2-3 weeks of antibiotics and sent home. No one,...no one would acknowledge that my son had chronic lymes. No one wanted to treat my son. Practitioners did a few blood tests and always said the titer was high due to prior infections. Blood tests as diagnosis don't work. Yet no one would even consider the diagnosis of Chronic Lymes for my son.

I was so grateful to learn from other parents of Dr Charles Jones and neurologist Amir Katz who have been treating Chris for 1.5 years now with antibiotics. Chris is finally improving tremendously. He is taking 3 classes in school and talking again. He remembers peoples names and can read again.

Before Dr Jones we saw over 23 doctors. None of whom would even consider the condition of chronic lymes!!!! I was unable to find treatment for my son as so many physicians are afraid of the licensing board and their colleagues and have openly told me so.

It is so incredibly alarming that the CT Department of Health has been grossly negligent in protecting residents and supporting physicians who treat those afflicted with this horrible disease. My insurance does not cover my medical costs and the board of medicine is wrongly hassling Dr Jones and others who try to help chronic lymes patients.

I know so very many many people in similar situations as mine. We support each other and honor those physicians who are brave enough to care for us and our children.

I implore you to do whatever is necessary to change this horrible and unnecessary plight for those who contracted lymes. It is so unnecessary and avoidable if only physicians would provide treatment when we seek it.

Thank you

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