

Dear Connecticut Legislators:

My name is Lisa Soloway, I am 50 years old and I live in Glastonbury, CT. Back in 1984 I had a long-term illness, which I described as the worst flu that would never go away. I was seen by an infectious disease specialist as well as being seen at UCONN Health Center and Lahey Clinic in Boston, MA. All the doctors could not determine what made me sick. I was unable to work and was bed ridden. Over 2 1/2 years I eventually became healthier, however, I did get sick more often every year with the flu and colds.

Three years ago, my left knee and right toe joints became so inflamed, that my knee had to be drained twice and I could not walk or teach fitness for a period of time. After seeing an orthopedic doctor and a rheumatologist, I met with an osteopath doctor at Origins of Health, formerly of Glastonbury, CT. Upon his intake of my health history, he suspected that I had Lyme disease in 1984. He sent my blood work to Igenix Lab in California. I had multiple positive and undetermined results so he treated me with Lyme disease. Interestingly enough, I was tested for Lyme disease three times by my PCP and Manchester Hospital due to a visit I made because my leg from the knee below was so swollen during this incident. I had joint pain and a pain in the heels of my feet for many years and after being treated with antibiotics for 20 months, my joints and heel pain are either gone or 90% improved. The unfortunate truth is that my insurance company will pay for the orthopedic and rheumatologist, but not the osteopath doctor who healed my symptoms.

I urge you to pass the HB 368 and to hold insurance companies accountable for more effective health care methods.

Thank you.

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