

February 2, 2015

Dear Distinguished Members of the Committee on Children:

We are in full support of the Raised Bill #207; ***AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR A LYME DISEASE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM*** for the following reasons:

Many members of our family have had Lyme/Tick Borne disease and one continues to suffer from its effects over many years. It has adversely impacted her daily life and has made it very difficult to function normally.

We are acquainted with others who have continued to suffer from the debilitating effects of this disease over a very long time and are experiencing great difficulty in living.

We support community-based education as an important step in the effort to reduce the incidence of Lyme/Tick-Borne Diseases in CT and encourage early diagnosis.

We wish to support this Connecticut Dept. of Public Health effort as it is the first bill of its kind introduced to fund community-based prevention statewide for Lyme/Tick-Borne Diseases.

We will not be able to attend the public hearing to be held on February 5, 2015.

Very truly yours;

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