

International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society

MEDIA ALERT

PHYSICIANS, LEGISLATORS AND PATIENT ADVOCATES TO DISCUSS LACK OF ACCESS TO CARE FOR CONNECTICUT LYME PATIENTS

HARTFORD, CT—Dec. 18, 2007 — Jason Bartlett, Connecticut State Representative for the 2 Assembly District (Bethel, Danbury, Redding) will be host a breakfast conference on Tuesday, December 18 to discuss the importance of access to care for Connecticut residents suffering from Lyme disease. Leading experts on the affects and treatment of chronic Lyme disease will join Mr. Bartlett to lead the discussion, including Dr. Daniel Cameron President of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) and Pat Smith, President of the Lyme Disease Association, the largest Lyme patient advocate group in the United States.

Access to adequate care for Lyme disease is one of the most serious issues facing the people of Connecticut. More than 34,000 Connecticut residents are diagnosed with Lyme disease every year and the number of cases is increasing. Because there are no accurate diagnostic tests for Lyme disease, many people are at risk of developing chronic Lyme, a high debilitating form of the disease.

The discussion on Tuesday will focus on the impact of Lyme disease on the people of Connecticut and the need to increase the number of doctors who understand the complexities of the disease and are trained to practice a new standard of care focused on improving patient quality of life.

This breakfast conference precedes a Lyme prevention forum being held by Connecticut legislators to educate their members. Later that day will be the final hearing on Dr. Charles Jones, a Connecticut doctor whose treatment of children with Lyme disease has thrust the access to care issue into the spotlight.

Members of the press are invited to attend the 9 am breakfast conference event in person.

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Event Details

- Where: Connecticut Legislative Office Building Private Dining Room- First Floor 300 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106
- When: Tuesday, December 18, 2007 9am— 10am