

# CONGRESSMAN PALLONE SIDES WITH POWERFUL \$\$\$ INTERESTS AGAINST SICK PATIENTS

*Chair of House health subcommittee endorses "No treatment for chronic Lyme disease"*

## YOUR FAMILY COULD BE THE NEXT LYME VICTIMS!

★ **Tell Congressman Pallone - PUT THE LYME BILL UP FOR A HEARING NOW** ★

### Lyme Disease Facts:

- ➡ Reported Lyme cases have doubled in the US since 1990.
- ➡ Lyme disease can get in your brain, your heart, your muscles, your joints, your eyes, your skin – mimicking ALS, Multiple Sclerosis, Chronic Fatigue, Fibromyalgia, Lupus, and Alzheimers.
- ➡ There is now no accurate test for Lyme disease.
- ➡ Once the infection moves into the chronic stage there is NO KNOWN CURE.

### Congressman Pallone is preventing passage of HR 741 which would:

- Provide funding for research for an accurate test for Lyme disease as well as for a cure for chronic Lyme.
- Provide money for education in and prevention of Lyme disease and other illnesses carried by ticks.

### The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) that opposes this bill:

- Has published guidelines that say there is no such thing as chronic Lyme disease, permitting insurance companies to turn down patients' requests for treatment.

### The Attorney General of Connecticut has:

- After a year and a half investigation, just announced that financial conflicts of interest have led the IDSA - authors of these Lyme guidelines - to ignore evidence of chronic Lyme disease. **FOR MORE INFO - SEE REVERSE SIDE**

***Despite this, Pallone continues to side with the discredited IDSA and ignore the pleas of thousands of sick people who have called, written or protested for passage of HR 741.***

★ **PLEASE CALL TODAY** Let your leaders know that you need them to  
**PUT THE LYME BILL ON THE CALENDAR FOR A HEARING TODAY**  
***Not in a year or two. Not based on the IDSA's recommendations. TODAY.***

Call Rep. Frank Pallone  
Chair, House health subcommittee  
**(202) 225-4671**

Also call the Senate HELP committee  
about the Senate version of the Lyme bill: S 1708  
**(202) 224-5375**

**Excerpts from Connecticut Attorney General's Investigation of IDSA:**

"My office uncovered undisclosed financial interests held by several of the most powerful IDSA panelists. The IDSA's guideline panel improperly ignored or minimized consideration of alternative medical opinion and evidence regarding chronic Lyme disease, potentially raising serious questions about whether the recommendations reflected all relevant science."

"The IDSA's 2006 Lyme disease guideline panel undercut its credibility by allowing individuals with financial interests -- in drug companies, Lyme disease diagnostic tests, patents and consulting arrangements with insurance companies -- to exclude divergent medical evidence and opinion. In today's healthcare system, clinical practice guidelines have tremendous influence on the marketing of medical services and products, insurance reimbursements and treatment decisions. As a result, medical societies that publish such guidelines have a legal and moral duty to use exacting safeguards and scientific standards."

***For full text of the CT Attorney General's statement, go to***

***<http://tinyurl.com/6aqqaq>***

***or go to [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov) and enter "Lyme Disease IDSA investigation" in the search box***

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