

To: Neighbors in Congressman Frank Pallone's District
From: Lyme Disease Sufferers Protesting in your Neighborhood

Lyme disease sufferers from across the northeast U.S. have traveled to your neighborhood today (May 7th) to demand Rep. Frank Pallone (Chairman of the House Health subcommittee) schedule a Congressional hearing for our Lyme disease bill.

The New Jersey shore has been an endemic area for Lyme disease for years. In 2006, New Jersey ranked 3rd in reported cases in the U.S., and Monmouth County ranked 2nd in the state.

The current test for Lyme disease is only 40 to 60% accurate and left undetected for too long, Lyme can become chronic. Why is Congressman Pallone allowing Monmouth County residents to live unaware of these risks? Why is he not fighting harder to provide research money to address this epidemic?

Despite increasing outcry from Lyme patients, and 106 bill co-sponsors in Congress, the Lyme bill is not yet scheduled for a hearing and is on the verge of dying again.

URGENT! Please convince Rep. Pallone to schedule a hearing for the Lyme Bill

Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education, and Research Act of 2007 -- HR 741

Please don't let our bill die for the 10th year in a row!!! Time is running out!

For info about the bill go to www.LymeDiseaseAssociation.org and click "Legislation" on top menu.

ACTION: CALL CONGRESSMAN PALLONE NOW! at (732) 571-1140
or stop by at 504 Broadway, Long Branch

Sample Phone Blurb: Polite but firm please

I'm a constituent of Congressman Pallone and I'm calling to let you know that I want the Lyme bill scheduled for a hearing in committee today. We have waited 10 years for Lyme legislation and we want it placed as a priority NOW. Thank you. (Leave your name, address, contact info)

THANK YOU FROM LYME PATIENTS EVERYWHERE!

The Lyme & Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education & Research Act of 2007 (HR 741/S 1708) authorizes \$100 million for tick-borne diseases research over several years. Goals include improving diagnostic testing & outcomes research, enhancing public health surveillance systems, and improving public education to prevent new cases of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. It would also create an advisory committee on Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

More info about the protest: www.LymeRights.org

More info about Lyme & tick-borne diseases: www.LymeDiseaseAssociation.org

Help spread the word! This flyer can be downloaded at www.LymeRights.org/longbranchflyer.pdf