

Mautz, Johnny Senator

From: Christine Levine <christinelevine@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 7:35 PM
Subject: Please vote YES on HB1375/SB969 - Lyme Disease Treatment Coverage

Dear Legislators:

I am writing to ask you to support HB1375/SB969, which would require certain health insurance plans in Maryland to cover long-term antibiotic treatment for Lyme disease and related tick-borne illnesses when a physician determines it is medically necessary.

Lyme disease affects many families across Maryland, and treatment needs can vary widely from patient to patient. Decisions about the length of treatment should be made between patients and their healthcare providers, not limited by insurance company policies.

HB1375/SB969 would help ensure that individuals suffering from Lyme disease can continue receiving care when their doctor believes it is necessary.

My mother has suffered from chronic Lyme disease for nearly 40 years. The only treatment that has provided significant relief was, and continues to be, long-term antibiotic use.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the people of Maryland.

Sincerely,
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