

Mautz, Johnny Senator

From: Pamela Mann <momof8manns@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 7:49 AM
To: Pamela Mann
Subject: Please vote YES on HB1375/SB969 - Lyme Disease Treatment Coverage

Dear Maryland Legislator,

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.

This is deeply personal to myself and my family. Three of my children and I have been diagnosed with Lyme disease and one or more of its co-illnesses. We found out about it because my then 16 year old son developed acute-onset neurological symptoms and tried to take his own life. We are thankful that he was not successful and that we found an excellent doctor who is treating all of us. The cost is tremendous though, since the treatment is not covered by insurance.

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.

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

Sincerely,
Pamela Mann
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