

## Tigard Holistic Health Clinic

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Dear Mr. Sennes,

I am writing to you to express my concern and encouragement for you to support SB916 . I have been treating patients for the last 13 years who are diagnosed with Chronic Lyme disease. It is of great concern to me that people in Oregon have such limited access to medical care and is forced to travel out of the state to obtain what should be easily accessible medical care in their local communities. In my opinion it is unethical for patients to be caught in a political war between doctors while they continue to suffer and struggle to get without proper medical care.

As a treating physician I have decided to treat these patients, even faced with the threat of losing my medical license if I do. I am indeed fortunate that I hold a license as a Naturopathic physician and as a consequence have a board that allows me to practice without the threat of losing my license if I choose to treat a patient diagnosis with Lyme disease. It is quite shocking that my allopathic peers do not share this same privilege and right to freely treat patients in need of medical care. That being said the lack of resource for specialist who is trained in treating Lyme disease in Portland where I practice, is a daily struggle I am challenged with in order to provide the best medical care for my patients. I am hopeful with the passing of this bill, more education will occur for medical doctors to raise the awareness of regarding chronic lyme disease. I am not able to testify on March 16, as I will be busy in my practice; however I am very willing to answer any questions you might have. Please do not hesitate to use me as a resource. 503-639-1712

Sincerely,

Dr. Stacey Raffety