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Honorable Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
Chair Senate Committee on Health Care

Dear Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson

As President of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS), I am writing in support of Oregon Senate Bill 916.

Senate Bill 916 is sponsored by the Oregon Legislative Assembly Committee on Health Care. The Bill directs the Oregon Medical Board and Oregon State Board of Nursing to permit professionals regulated by these boards to diagnose and treat Lyme disease in a manner consistent with the standard of care guidelines developed by ILADS.

ILADS is an international multidisciplinary medical society dedicated to the appropriate diagnosis and treatment of Lyme and associated diseases. ILADS strongly supports physicians, scientists, researchers and other healthcare professionals dedicated to advancing the standard of care for Lyme and associated diseases.

The ILADS guidelines were developed to advance the standard of care for individuals with Lyme disease. The ILADS guidelines align with the Institute of Medicine (IOM) goal of reducing the impact of chronic illness at the individual and national levels.

The ILADS guidelines underwent peer review and were published in the journal *Expert Review of Anti-infective Therapy* in August 2014. The guidelines are available [online](#).

ILADS adopted the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) system recommended by the IOM as the basis for evidence assessment and recommendations to ensure a transparent and trustworthy guideline development process. Doctors like myself are currently using the evidence-based ILADS guidelines with positive outcomes for their Lyme disease patients.

Please insure that these guidelines are implemented in Oregon. Support Senate Bill 916.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Cameron".

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