

# Rep. Smith Introduces Lyme Bill in House

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** 2/4/15: Continuing the fight to better assist patients and families impacted by Lyme disease, Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ) announced the re-introduction of his bipartisan bill HR 665 to establish a federal Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee to better deliver results for those living with this debilitating illness. HR 665 is now in the Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee.

**“Lyme disease has been particularly devastating in New Jersey, where it is estimated that over 59,000 individuals have reported cases of Lyme over the past 15 years,”** Smith said. According to recent data, 95 percent of Lyme disease cases were reported from 14 states, and New Jersey was fourth highest.

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