

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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