

Mitt Romney Supports Lyme Focus

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The letter indicates as president, he would work to ensure that government agencies work with patients, researchers, and doctors, to ensure all scientific viewpoints are heard. That appears to be a reference to a Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee that is contained within HR 2557, a bill introduced by Congressman Smith and co-sponsored by Congressman Wolfe. ([Click here for information on the Lyme Bill](#)) That committee has been a focus of past bills also introduced by Mr. Smith and supported by Mr. Wolf.

Congressman Smith also recently called for support for such a committee at the July 17, 2012 hearing in the Africa, Global Health and Human Rights Subcommittee hearing in Washington, DC, where the global implications of Lyme were also presented. Mr. Wolf was present at that hearing. [Click here to view DC Lyme Hearing](#)

Smith and Wolfe have partnered on several Lyme initiatives including the passage of language on chronic Lyme and funding in the 2010 HHS Appropriations bill and other activities related to Lyme patients getting diagnosed and treated and Lyme research funding.

The letter stated it was Paid for by Romney for President Inc.

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