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Dear Friends,

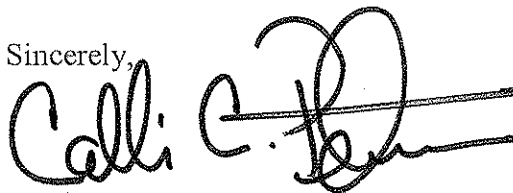
Thank you for your invitation to the Continuing Medical Education Conference. While I am unable to attend, know that you have my gratitude for your efforts to research and treat Lyme disease.

As co-chair of the Congressional Lyme Disease Caucus, I understand the need to fund research and educate people about the condition. In March, I led a letter with my Caucus co-chair Representative Chris Smith requesting that funds be included in the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP) to research tick-borne diseases in FY17. Representative Smith and I also urged appropriators to add Committee report language that establishes a "Tick-Borne Advisory Committee," intensifies research efforts at the National Institutes of Health, and organizes Lyme Disease physician education programs at the Center for Disease Control.

In the coming year, please be assured that I will continue to represent the voices within the Lyme disease community.

Once again, thank you for inviting me to be with you today. I look forward to continuing our work into the years to come.

Sincerely,



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