

Support the Lymphedema Treatment Bill

Some of you may know that the Medicare Lymphedema Treatment Bill was officially introduced to the House of Representatives on February 23, 2010 by Congressman Larry Kissel of North Carolina as [HR 4662](#). As of September 2010, this bill has 53 co-sponsors.



Heather Ferguson from North Carolina was instrumental in securing the coverage for treatment of Lymphedema in NC, and convinced Congressman Kissell to sponsor this bill. It shows what dedicated individuals can accomplish!

Below is a letter from Heather I received yesterday, asking those affected by lymphedema to help getting this bill passed by participating in the “Share Your Lymphedema Story” campaign.

Here is Heather’s letter:

Dear HR 4662 Supporters,

This update is devoted to announcing a new way in which you can help. We are launching the “Share Your Lymphedema Story” campaign! Complete information is below.

I am thrilled to be able to attend the National Lymphedema Conference taking place this week, and for those of you who will also be there I look forward to meeting you in person.

Please continue to write Congress asking members to cosponsor our bill and do let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Many thanks, Heather Ferguson

The Lymphedema “Share Your Story” Campaign

What will my letter be used for?

Your letter will be shared with members of Congress and other groups which we are seeking support from for HR 4662.

How to participate

Send to: Stories@LymphedemaTreatmentAct.org

Subject Line: My Lymphedema Story

Format: Please place the following at the top of your letter

Name

Complete Address

Email Address

Length: That is up to you but we suggest that you try to not exceed one typed page.

Suggested Content:

- Is your lymphedema primary or secondary?
- What is the cause, if known?
- If the result of cancer please specify what kind of cancer.
- The age of onset.
- The length of time before you were diagnosed.
- The length of time until you were able to begin treatment.
- Have you ever had a problem accessing treatment or finding a qualified doctor or therapist?
- Has your insurance ever denied coverage for any portion of your treatment?
- Have you ever had to go without treatment due to lack of insurance coverage?
- If yes, what were the consequences?
- How has lymphedema impacted your life?
- What would this legislation mean to you if passed and how would it improve your quality of life?