



The National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association

Offering education and support to those suffering from Lyme and tick-borne diseases

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Major Summit on Tap for Lyme Organizations

LEADERS URGE UNITY – STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.

Washington, D.C., February 6, 2009. Leaders from top Lyme disease organizations across the country plan to assemble on **March 28, 2009**, at George Mason University near the nation's capital to hold an open discussion of their views and build unity in the Lyme community.

Lyme disease is one of the most misunderstood and controversial diseases in U.S. history, and cases are dramatically increasing many thousands each year. Lyme victims are seeking long overdue CHANGE--in testing and treatment that will improve their lives and research to cure this debilitating disease.

Lyme leaders and advocates plan a one-day forum to discuss their views and consider the need for Congressional action to accomplish goals that will serve Lyme and tick-borne disease victims.

SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- Understanding the Legislative Process and the Need for Hearings
- Recommending Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Goals and Objectives to the U.S. Congress
- Substantive Issues in Lyme Legislation and Congressional Solutions
- Participation in the IDSA Guidelines Review Process and Public Hearing
- Presenting a United Front

All Lyme organizations throughout the country are being invited. Groups and individuals are urged to share ideas and suggestions in advance and may find additional information at <http://www.natcaplyme.org/legforum>.

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