



The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
175 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Maria Cantwell and Chuck Grassley,

On behalf of Cancer Support Community Greater Philadelphia (CSCGP), I'm writing to inform you that we would like to offer our formal endorsement of the Lymphedema Treatment Act (S.1315/H.R.3630). Through my work at CSCGP, I facilitate an ongoing Lymphedema Networking Group, where I have met many cancer survivors affected by Lymphedema. These men and women have fought through so much in their cancer experiences. It is truly a shame that many of them also need to battle with their insurance providers to receive the care they need to manage their Lymphedema. Through our members sharing their experiences, we understand how compression garments can be greatly beneficial for Lymphedema management. We feel it is unacceptable for Medicare to not provide coverage for this service. Of course, it is also unfortunate that private insurance companies have also denied and/or limited coverage for compression garments. We fully support the Lymphedema Treatment Act and hope to see coverage improve for Lymphedema care.

It is CSCGP's mission to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community. We provide a comprehensive professional program of social and emotional support and education designed to enhance the mind, body, and spirit of people whose lives have been affected by cancer. We have found that Lymphedema is a part of the cancer journey for many of our members and will continue supporting them, as we hope you will too!

Sincerely,  
Courtney Connison, MSW, LSW