

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

Dear Senator Cantwell,

On behalf of the Lymphology Association of North America (LANA), I am writing to inform you of LANA's support of S.518, The Lymphedema Treatment Act. When enacted, S.518 will improve the quality of care for Medicare beneficiaries who have lymphedema and related vascular disorders by mandating coverage for the full spectrum of medically necessary lymphedema treatment including compression garments and bandages. The LANA Board believes this legislation will reduce health infections and disabling limb swelling.

LANA is a lymphedema therapist certification board founded in 1999 with support from the American Cancer Society. LANA's mission is to promote standards for management of individuals with lymphedema.

The LANA Board thanks you for sponsoring S.518 and for the time you and staff have devoted to this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Heather Ferguson