



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

The Honorable Todd Young
400 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

August 22, 2019

Dear Senators Cantwell & Young,

On behalf of the National Lymphedema Network (NLN), I am writing to inform you that our organization endorses S.518, the Lymphedema Treatment Act.

Since 1988, the NLN has provided information, support, and guidance to patients, caregivers, advocates, and clinicians throughout the United States. We maintain a toll-free hotline for patients, as well as a network of certified lymphedema therapists whose credentials we review annually. The NLN also hosts annual international conferences and publishes newsletters read by both healthcare professionals and patients alike. Our most sought-after service continues to be the Garment Program.

Created by lymphedema patient Marilyn Westbrook and her husband shortly before her death in 2007, the fund helps patients in financial need get the garments they desperately need. Through this program and in collaboration with generous support from our industry partners, the NLN is able to provide many patients with proper compression garments. Yet thousands of patients remain without proper garments.

On behalf of our patients, we thank you immensely for your support of the Lymphedema Treatment Act and look forward to the day when all patients with lymphedema have access to proper treatment and can be provided with medically necessary compression garments.

Sincerely,

Jeannette N. Zucker (Aug 30, 2019)

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