

April 30, 2010

The Honorable Larry Kissell
U. S. House of Representatives
512 Cannon HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kissell:

On behalf of **LIVESTRONG** I would like to thank you for introducing H.R. 4662, the Lymphedema Diagnosis and Treatment Cost Saving Act of 2010. **LIVESTRONG** supports this important piece of legislation.

LIVESTRONG unites people to fight cancer. We engage the public at large to pursue an agenda focused on preventing cancer, ensuring access to screening and care, improving the quality of life for people affected by cancer, and investing in needed research.

As you are aware, lymphedema is a condition in which localized fluid retention and tissue swelling result from a compromised lymphatic system. Lymphedema can present itself at any point in life, from birth through adulthood. This condition is a common complication from cancer treatment and can result in long term physical and psychosocial survivorship issues.

H.R. 4662 will improve the diagnosis and treatment of lymphedema under the Medicare Program. In addition, this bill will reduce the costs related to the treatment of lymphedema and its complications.

We applaud this legislation in its focus on helping stop lymphedema from taking control of people's lives after a cancer diagnosis. Thank you again for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,



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