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Dear Senator Blumenthal,

Please take a moment to read the following letter addressed to the editor of the Lancet Infectious Diseases.

John McConnell Editor
The Lancet Infectious Diseases
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Dear Editor McConnell,

I received the following deplorable patient experiences regarding Dr Paul Auwaerter who was interviewed on [Dr Phil's Chronic Lyme disease special](#) and lead author of the Lancet article: **[Antiscience and ethical concerns associated with advocacy of Lyme disease](#)**

These stories were sent to me from a Maryland Lyme support group. Please take a moment to read about these horrible experiences.

Patient experiences:

Fortunately, some patients who go to the Infectious Disease Department at Johns Hopkins find groups like ours. It is absolutely AMAZING to hear some of their stories. Case in point is my own niece, whose mother was asked to leave the room so Dr. Auwaerter could interrogate her, trying to get her to admit that her loving brother was secretly beating her and that was the cause for her abdominal and muscle pain (she had Lyme, Bartonella and Babesia). Needless to say, my sister made quite a "to do" over that one, and she never left her teenage daughter's room again.

Or how about the mother of four who had two CDC-positive Western Blots, and had such terrible brain fog that she came up to a stop light one day while driving her four children and couldn't remember if red meant "go" or "stop".

Dr. Auwaerter took her positive blood tests and tossed them aside saying, "Oh, we don't pay attention to those". His diagnosis?....Are you ready for this one?.....He said this very intelligent, very "with it" mother was "stuck between being an adult and a child" and that all her problems would go away once she reached menopause.

Or how about the guy with seven positive bands on a Western Blot test who showed me a letter from this office that said he should not be treated for Lyme

disease as the test was definitely a "false positive" since "no one tests positive for seven bands".

This latest report from this so-called "specialist" just makes me want to work harder and harder to reach more and more people with the truth. Congratulations to all the advocacy groups, scientists and researchers, and all the doctors willing to treat Lyme disease! We're truly making a difference in peoples' lives!

Carl Tuttle's comment:

Auwaerter has absolutely no fear of being exposed and continues relentlessly to insist that Lyme patients are all delusional. How can hundreds of thousands of sick patients across the nation imagine a fictitious disease including [Senator Chris Harris from Texas](#) who was prescribed 17mo of antibiotics for his delusions?

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The Tuttle family was featured on New Hampshire Chronicle's "Living with Lyme" with the program archived on their site in six small segments for viewing on the computer [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#), [Part 4](#), [Part 5](#), [Part 6](#)