

Dear Rep Woods,

Please see my written public comment posted to the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group for the Oct 27th scheduled meeting.

I have been selected to provide a verbal public comment between 9:10 and 9:40 on that day.

Sincerely,

Carl Tuttle

TBDWG October 27, 2020 - Written Public Comment

<https://www.hhs.gov/ash/advisory-committees/tickbornedisease/meetings/2020-10-27/written-public-comments/index.html>

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Member of NH Governor Chris Sununu's HB490 Commission to Study Lyme Disease: <https://legiscan.com/NH/text/HB490/id/1962817>. As a member of the Governor's commission, the following inquiry was sent to TBDWG member Dr. Ben Beard with no response as of Oct 16, 2020.

Oct 7, 2020

Ben Beard, MS, Ph.D.

Deputy Director

Division of Vector-Borne Diseases

Member of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group

Dr. Beard,

On September 2, 2020 I copied you and the rest of the TBDWG members on an email sent to Dr. Eugene Shapiro regarding evidence of persistent Lyme infection after extensive antibiotic treatment. That letter was posted to the social media platform Change.org for your review: **Persistent infection a Religious Belief? WG Co-Chair Says Yes**

<https://www.change.org/p/the-us-senate-calling-for-a-congressional-investigation-of-the-cdc-idsa-and-aldf/u/27652172>

As you well know, Dr. Shapiro is a defendant in the Lisa Torrey vs IDSA racketeering

lawsuit in Texas District Court so how he was nominated to the Working Group is beyond belief. Let me remind you that the maximum penalty for a RICO violation is twenty years in jail. Dr. Shapiro refused to answer my question presented to him in that letter:

“Could you please explain your motivation for suppressing evidence of persistent infection after extensive antibiotic treatment and then claiming there is no evidence?”

The CDC’s refusal to acknowledge persistent infection has left hundreds of thousands (if not millions worldwide) in a debilitated state as the disease has been misclassified decades ago as a low-risk and non-urgent health threat. (Hard to catch and easily treated) Failure to recognize this pathogen as an antibiotic resistant/tolerant superbug leaves everyone in our state of New Hampshire vulnerable to its incapacitating outcome.

So now I will ask you Dr. Beard, “what is the motivation for suppressing evidence of persistent infection after extensive antibiotic treatment and then claiming there is no evidence?” As a member of the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group representing the US Centers for Disease Control, I respectfully request a response to this inquiry.

A copy of this email has been sent to the Chair and members of Governor Sununu’s HB490 Commission to Study Lyme Disease here in New Hampshire in which I too am a member. Members of this group have also received a copy of Lyme patient [redacted] 1991 positive culture report performed by the Centers for Disease Control in Fort Collins.

Please hit Reply-to-All with your response.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Tuttle

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