

More support needed to combat Lyme disease

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To the editor:

I appreciate Jack Clarke's article ("Massachusetts needs a plan for climate change," July 23) explaining the need for both climate change mitigation (cutting emissions) and adaptation (protecting us, our buildings, and our environment) from rising seas and "storms on steroids." In particular, I liked reading that my state representative, Frank Smizik, was one of the sponsors of a bill that will authorize Massachusetts' government to plan how we can best adapt to our changing climate.

In a similar vein, readers should know that on June 4, U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., co-sponsored legislation with U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., to strengthen efforts to prevent and treat Lyme disease, which is becoming more prevalent. Several more Democratic senators from our region have signed on as co-sponsors of this legislation, but none from Massachusetts, and no Republicans.

Readers should please ask Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey about co-sponsoring this legislation for improved treatment of Lyme disease. They could also ask friends and relatives in states with Republican senators to co-sponsor the bill.

It's time we worked together on all the ways our health, wealth and well-being will be impacted by climate change.

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