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My name is Melissa Savoie. I am writing this to help inform people that there are other forms of medical treatment that can and do work.

Recently I came to Dr. Swanback on the recommendation of my cousin. I have been using Western medicine for treatment for the last 11 years. At the time that I came to Dr. Swanback I had reached a point in my treatment where nothing seemed to be progressing. I was feeling that my options had run out. My diagnosis were Chronic Lyme Disease, MS, Diabetes, and a severe foot ulcer with underlying infection. I have had the ulcer on my foot since January 13, 2009 and was getting ready to under go another surgery. The infections present were Strep-B, Staph, and MRSA. My doctors were talking about amputation. I had decided that amputation was not an option for me. I did have the surgery and a bone in my foot was removed. I started acupuncture with Dr. Swanback and a daily herbal treatment. I was advised by her to remove wheat, dairy products, caffeine and various other products from my diet. My digestive system was almost at a standstill. I immediately removed these products from my diet and continued with treatment through Dr. Swanback. My other doctors put me on a IV antibiotic every day for the next six weeks. During this past six weeks, I believe through the care of Dr. Swanback, I have begun to really heal. After the first week of treatment I did not require my pain medication. Something that I have

been using for 10 years due to joint pain from the Lyme Disease. I have had to use only ½ a tab twice since I started treatment. One of the symptoms that I have experienced is chronic fatigue. Although I still have this problem it is less frequent and I am confident that as I continue treatment this will become less and less. My foot ulcer is healing better than it has in the past and I believe the change in my diet, combined with the herbs and acupuncture are the reason for this. Recently I have seen my infectious disease doctor be surprised at the amount of healing in just one week that has occurred. My blood sugar continues to be slightly elevated but by no means has it shown the numbers that were consistent when I started treatment with Dr. Swanback. Just last week we got my blood work and urinalysis back and I was surprised when Dr. Swanback indicated that I had not vitamin D to speak of in my panel and low B vitamins as well. Mainly because I use a good vitamin complex and minerals every morning. Never has my vitamin levels and electrolyte levels been addressed by any of my other doctors. I wonder why it would not be an issue. I believe that there are other medical paths besides just antibiotic, pain medication, medication for depression, and chemicals for this and that. I am not a wealthy person and I know that my insurance has paid thousands of dollars over the last ten years to treat my illnesses. Nothing that Dr. Swanback is doing is covered under insurance which is unfortunate because it is certainly more economical in the long run than what I have been paying only not to feel better. I will continue with Dr. Swanback and her treatments as

long as I can because she is healing my body completely not just  
treating my symptoms.