

I wish to have the following testimony placed in the record. I will not be able to attend the meeting.

To the members of the CSFAC:

I am writing to support (1) the continuation of the CSFAC and an enlargement of its role and activities, such as (2) four meetings a year and (3) Congressional hearings on the status of CFS research. I would especially like to request (4) video live-streaming of the meetings.

The plight of the ME/CFS community has never been more desperate. There is a disaster coming if the plight of persons with CFS is not recognized as an emergency. There are so many who have had this illness 20 to 30 years or longer and are very debilitated. They are going to begin dying in large numbers. What's more, an already high suicide rate is likely to go up because medical authorities continue to delay, stall, or ignore the plight of those whose lives have become unbearable with no end in sight.

God help us all.

Very truly yours,

Vickie Taylor