

Tyler was athletic, young and bright . He went off to college got vaccinations from the school nurse..he felt ill got mono EBV CMV and has been house bound for the last 8 years. Drs at first told him he needed counseling...he was not depressed he is sick. As I gathered all the 8 years of past Drs and tests and bills for medicines that were supposed to have bought him back to health add the loss of 8 years of a young person's life...gathered them once again to show the Social Security Adm that there is indeed proof of disability 8 years of it...I cannot believe my eyes and ears when I read that the CDC and others had funds for studies and misused them..that my son was one of many that was ignored because of a lack of understanding and very little humanity. If XMRV has indeed entered the blood supply as these people slowly show signs...it will start with the stomach...look like the flu..go on to be the longest nightmare you could ever imagine. And most of them will suffer alone without drs without friends and loved ones as they will not be believed because they cannot prove their illness. This is wrong . These sick people should not be ignored. Open up your hearts and minds...if there is research to fund... fund it...if there are people to fire... fire them...if there is any hope for a future for these CFS sufferers please tell them...I see the thought in the eyes of my son...alone with no friends not able to work let alone stand for very long at a time...we eat dinner and he asks " will I be sick for the rest of my life?" If it's money you need ask for it..it will surely be cheaper to treat a diseased group of 1 million than to fix an economy where 30% of the working population has come down with a new virus and cannot work.The big picture is getting bigger every day..undiagnosed retroviruses do not go away they spread. I see from the online community of CFS folks that a storm is brewing...it may be up to the healthy caretakers of these sufferers to do the fighting...I continue to fight for my son's right to be as healthy as yours.

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