

Testimony

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A little about me: I am a 38-year-old woman, previously remarkably healthy, and was diagnosed with CFS in 2006. In 2008, I had to give up a budding and very fulfilling career teaching English to underprepared deaf college students, wasting a year and a half of work not to mention my entire graduate education. I have not earned any money since then and my husband has had to support us both. I keep a blog, <http://newly-nerfed.net>, that often covers CFS and XMRV research and other issues. I also write a lot about CFS and critical thinking, and have been on the radio show Skeptically Speaking to discuss it. All of this is from my bed. I was a competitive fencer before 2006; I don't know if I'll ever fence again. I would very, very much like to testify for you if there is any way to arrange it.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and for supporting us patients. We need all the advocacy we can get!