

Testimony

Robert Miller

Good Day, Mr. Chairman, members and ME/CFS patients, especially young patients. We apologize for those at home unable to watch today due to, well I do not know. I'm Robert Miller, an ME/CFS patient of 25 + years.

CFSAC members, We patients thank you for listening today and for your efforts to help this patient population. We wish NIH and CDC were as willing to help as most of you are. With that said, I do wish to thank the BWG for their research on XMRV. I pushed for the Lo & Alter paper to be released and requested for the Science to be followed, no matter what the outcome. So I thank Graham Simmons and the entire BWG.

I wish to address the video presented with President Obama first. I believe the President will do what he Promised, "that he would talk with NIH, see what they are currently doing and see what more they could be doing". It is amazing how the NIH responded to XMRV. They would not have done so if they believed ME/CFS was a psychological illness.

So NIH, I ask you to continue that same effort and solve this Puzzle. Norway is working on it, so should you. Giving \$600,000 which is 10% of annual NIH funding for ME/CFS to a study at Stony-Brook that will test the relative effectiveness of self-treatment models is what patients call living within your energy envelope, my charge is only 100K, I just saved you \$500,000 to address real research. That study hopes to show that the use of these programs will lessen fatigue, improve functioning, and save health care costs. Sorry, but this is wrong. A very poor approach to a very serious illness. Is the first line of treating cancer to use an active self treatment model, how about Lupus or MS, this is continuing to set this patient population Backwards to the 1980's.

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ICD coding that has been discussed for years : ACT NOW
President Obama enforce your Promise : ACT NOW

Thank you,

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