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Re: **CFSAC Meeting Testimony for Record**
Attn: **Dr. Wanda Jones**
From: Nancy McGrory Richardson, Education & Outreach Director

TESTIMONY given by Nancy McGrory Richardson

We at Hemispherx would like to acknowledge the Whittemore Peterson Institute for their extraordinary & exciting work.

As long time colleagues with Dr. Peterson, we applaud his dedication. Hemispherx is committed to assisting in continued research and have collected samples from CFS patients over a long period of time through our Ampligen® studies. We believe they will contribute enormously to the data set.

In addition, we have recently submitted a preliminary study design to Dr. Toni Whistler at the CDC for a Longitudinal Gene Expression study in CFS patients. Let me assure you we understand the overwhelming concerns of researchers, advocacy groups and patients with the CDC particularly with definition and population. Outside researchers will be invited to comment on the study design and participate in the study itself. Certainly, one of the recommended endpoints is XMRV gag sequences. (see powerpoint)

Lastly, I will provide some top line data from the recent Rheumatology conference looking at CFS diagnosis, referral patterns, and knowledge of the awareness campaign and educational materials. (see powerpoint).