

## Testimony

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9/11 has a different meaning for me. It was the last day I swam laps for exercise. I miss it so much.

I came down with an upper respiratory infection that didn't go away as usual. And it had a different feel. I knew I didn't want to know what it was as I was afraid. Gravity seemed to have an extra pull on my body. It didn't seem to access the food I was giving it.

For several years I have told people I have AIDS lite and now the scientific news is reflecting that. Before my illness I gave over a gallon of blood to my local blood bank. Now that's scary for everyone involved.

I don't work now, can't exercise, attend church or see friends on a regular basis.

I am the rare patient who was diagnosed early by my excellent internist and could afford to fly to specialists who documented my disability for SSI. It's as if I'm in heart failure when I stand still.

Please fund centers of excellence for this at places like the University of Miami, Stanford, and the University of Utah to study this patient population. Study their patients and the patients of Peterson, Lapp, Cheney. The screening work has already been done and paid for.

Fund the basic science now. The positive studies are happening for a reason.

Fund the WPI and bet on a winning operation.

Don't let people like me give more blood!

Sincerely,

Anne E. Daniel