

Testimony

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October 9th 2009, this was the day we the invisible, sick, bedridden, ignored and forgotten people of this planet became visible again. This day was the start of an awakening to the world that we are still here. We are still sick, we have been for years. Yet only a few knew until this day that we even still exist. We give thanks first to these scientists, who have made the discovery of a new human retrovirus XMRV, and its possible connection to CFS, as well as discovering other MLV retroviruses. Could these retroviruses be the reason for our suffering? Could they infect others and cause even more human suffering? These are the questions that need to be answered. We need more funding into the CFSAC as well as funding from the NIH into R01 research grants. We need to have CFS moved back to the NIAID from Women's Health. This disease is not just affecting women. We need clinical trials and the suffering needs to end. I have been ill for 15 years. I have missed a lot of my life. I am now a grandmother but cannot run and play with my beautiful granddaughter. I can barely sit for one hour to play a card game with her. She doesn't understand why her Grandma is so tired. I am only 49. If this retrovirus is contagious what does that mean for her, or my son, or the rest of my family? Could I have unknowingly passed this on to them? The thought of them suffering as I have would break my heart. I do not ask for these things to cure my own suffering. I ask in the name of my family. This request is for Dustin and Dezaræ and my other family members. Thank you

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