

Testimony
Wayne A. Burroughs, Ph.D.

Dear Dr. Jones:

I am writing in support of increased funding for CFS research. My wife, Karen, was first diagnosed with CFS in 1994. Since that time she has progressively lost her ability to exercise (she was a personal fitness trainer in excellent physical condition herself), to climb stairs, to travel, to shop for groceries or clothing for more than an hour at a time, and to play actively with her two young grandchildren. In short, her life has not been anywhere near normal for the past sixteen years.

We need more basic scientific, peer reviewed research to firmly establish and elucidate the role of the family of XMRV viruses in this disease. As I am sure you are aware, recent research in this area has been promising and has provided a source of hope for those of us affected by this disease. We also need more accurate education of current medical doctors who generally seem to be at a loss for information about CFS. My wife and I are facilitating the visit of Dr. Nancy Klimas to the Orlando area in November to present talks at two major hospitals during grand rounds to physicians and nurses to further their education on CFS.

There are now an estimated seventeen million people worldwide who suffer from this disease, including our thirty-nine year old son (disabled from the Air Force). Please help these people.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Burroughs, Ph.D.