

**Public Comment**  
**Anonymous**

Dear CFSAC Members:

I would like to start out by thanking all the doctors, researchers, advocates and CFSAC members who have been working very hard for us throughout the years. Once again thank you for not giving up on us like so many others have.

Every CFSAC meeting we bring up the need for more funding and still we don't have more money for research. , I would prefer to fundraise or get help from charitable foundations as other disease do. But we are too sick to organize fundraisers, march on Washington, etc... Unfortunately we have to rely on the government for help.

In my opinion we waste a lot of money on studies that get us no where. The study of Acupuncture to help me sleep means nothing to me. I want to know what is causing my disease!! That should be top priority!!

We need to get to the heart of what is causing our disease. Once we figure that out, we can start research on different types of treatments. That's why I'm putting all my money on the Chronic Fatigue Initiative. But a few hundred dollars from me isn't going to cut it.

We are so fortunate to have Dr. Hornig and Dr. Lipkin involved with CFS/ME. For our community to have these two brilliant virus hunters/researchers to be interested in CFS/ME is the chance we need for something big to happen. Don't let this great opportunity slip away because they can't get funding.

Thousands of us have asked our government officials for more money for research. I'm so sick of hearing the words **budget sequestration**. With all the brilliant minds on the CFSAC committee and other government agencies I'm sure there is money somewhere. I'd start looking in the hole that they pulled out a million dollars for the IOM contract. Or the hole they pulled out the money to fund a study to determine whether or not XMRV link Exists.

My question is, how do we go about putting a priority on funding the CHRONIC FATIGUE INITIATIVE? The priority would be finding the cause of our disease. And I'm not talking about private fundraising. We would need millions of dollars from the government, from that special hole they keep pulling money out of.

Thank you,  
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