

## **Public Comment**

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To whom it may concern.

I have been sick with ME for 4.5 years now and I have written testimonies for most of these years.

The NIH funding for ME has gone from 6 million to 5 million.

We are being told that there is no money.

However budget for cancer and HIV/AIDS and other “more sexy” diseases have gone up.

This leads to much disease inequalities. Patients with ME are left behind, 30 years after epidemics, and in 2013 we are left in the dark: no clinical trials, no centers for excellence, no treatment standards, no biomarkers. We are still in the dark about case definition, and so are researchers. We need strong leadership from CFSAC and we need 10 folds funding allocation for ME at the NIH. HIV/AIDS and cancer research gets 1000 times the funding of ME- what would be relinquishing a few millions from these portfolios and allocating it to ME research?

We are, year after year, looking for crumbs left over.

The neglect speaks volumes. We are unworthy citizens.