



May 19, 2026

*The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201*

Protect Medicaid Access for People with ME/CFS and Long COVID.

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

We are writing on behalf of #MEAction representing people living with myalgic encephalomyelitis / chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) and Long COVID: communities fighting every day for survival, dignity, and access to care.

Your decision about who qualifies as medically frail will directly determine whether Americans with ME/CFS and Long COVID are able to access essential healthcare. For Americans living with these diseases, being required to work beyond our limits can trigger a systemic worsening of symptoms and further hinder our ability to carry out daily activities.

We urge you to act informatively and decisively: people with the serious or complex medical conditions of ME/CFS (G93.32) and Long COVID (U09.9) must be recognized as medically frail and exempt from work requirements. Access to care, treatments, and knowledgeable medical providers is vital to preserving and improving our ability to contribute to society.

Facts on ME/CFS and Long COVID

- **Prevalence:** ME/CFS is an infection-associated chronic illness in which onset is associated with infection up to 80% of the time. Accordingly, ME/CFS cases have surged after COVID-19.
- **Disability:** Approximately 75% of ME/CFS patients are unable to work, and 25% are housebound or bedbound and have significant difficulty carrying out activities of everyday living (ADLs). Disability rates for Long COVID are also high, with both groups experiencing persistent cognitive, mobility, and independent living challenges.
- **Caregivers:** If a family member loses Medicaid, the caregiver faces increased financial burdens from direct care costs and indirect expenses, including missed work and a significant toll on their own financial security and well-being.

Many Americans with ME/CFS and Long COVID rely on Medicaid for access to medical care. Forcing work requirements on our communities will make us more disabled in the long term – and, ultimately, require more federal spending on supporting people living with these highly debilitating diseases.

Secretary Kennedy, please stand with Americans fighting to live with ME/CFS and Long COVID. Protect our access to healthcare. Our survival depends on your decision.

You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you below.

Thank you,
Laurie Jones
Executive Director
The #MEAction Network

1. Ben HsuBorger (ZIP code: 53711)

2. Holly Latham (ZIP code: 38305)

3. Kamilla Kaardal (ZIP code: 414 72)

4. stacy abrams (ZIP code: 75082)

5. Paul Luke (ZIP code: BS13 7EN)

6. Susan Beers (ZIP code: 55116)

7. Lian van Berkel (ZIP code: 5109 SJ)

8. carol barash (ZIP code: 02103)

Stop crushing the lives of people who are in peril

9. Amelia Edgeland (ZIP code: 87901)

10. Norma Cook Everist (ZIP code: 50401)

11. Cara Laine (ZIP code: 93428)

12. Eileen Philips (ZIP code: 33446)

13. Elizabeth Babcock (ZIP code: 15342)

There are people with these conditions who can barely walk around within their own homes let alone work or do anything else normal in life. Denying them access to Medicaid is inhumane.

14. Sharon Flockhart (ZIP code: E1 3AB)

15. Josie Jestis (ZIP code: 27616)

16. Thomas Jones (ZIP code: 20852)

17. Michelle Kraut (ZIP code: 28801)

18. Lesley Bode (ZIP code: 55379)

19. Deborah Riley (ZIP code: CH62 4UU)

20. Joe Cassels (ZIP code: IP17 1BE)

21. Nelu Mbingu (ZIP code: 9000)

The humane thing to do

22. Elizabeth Chuter (ZIP code: GU34 1QS)

23. Jen Kropinak (ZIP code: 15146)

24. Nina Olf (ZIP code: 02445)

Immoral to take money from the disabled so that the uber rich can get even richer. This is sick and cruel.

25. Susan Cournoyer (ZIP code: 02723)

26. Stephanie Forbes (ZIP code: 94564)

27. Ann Jacobs (ZIP code: EX164FG)

28. Beryl Kitney (ZIP code: PL24 2LN)

As a sufferer for 40 years I know how vital recognition and help ME/CFS deserves . It's a disgrace how often this illness gets ignored and even dismissed as fictional!

29. Patricia Woods (ZIP code: 01746)

30. Malaina Poore (ZIP code: 22732)

I was able to work an additional 10 years part time before becoming fully disabled. I lived on what I could make in 20 hours a week and while it was poverty, I was grateful to still be engaged. I was blessed to have Medicaid through that time. I was trying so hard to hang in and return to full time work. Because there is no cure or even good treatments for this truly disabling condition I now spend most of my life in bed. I receive SSDI so it is not me today that I am concerned for. There was a long period of shock and denial before I applied for SSDI. My issues are both cognitive and physical. I needed help. There are so many people in this position.

31. J. A. Cooper (ZIP code: 08055)

If you have Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Immune Deficiency Syndrome OR Long Covid, on your very best day you might have 3 or 4 hours upright. Then you, body and brain, will CRASH. I lost my Federal job. I lost my house. I lost my health. Work requirement? You wouldn't want me, I can't sit up for very long, plus the constant brainfog means I'll screw up simple tasks. After 31 years, and many good doctors, I am still medically frail. And always trying to get well. And so are the others with these illnesses. Did you know that for a long time Multiple Sclerosis was

not considered real? ME/CFIDS/CFS is just as severe or even more severe.
Thank you for your time.

32. Susan Maddox (*ZIP code: 31204*)

People with CFS/ME and Long Covid are unable to work and need Medicaid

33. Janis Maslyk (*ZIP code: 91604*)

34. Adrian Schlesinger (*ZIP code: 28401*)

35. Jolie Barra (*ZIP code: 12491*)

PEM (post exertional malaise) is real! This is why a work requirement will not work for us!

36. Sarah Nuckolls (*ZIP code: 98014*)

37. Laurie Wilson (*ZIP code: 14850*)

38. Katalin Horvath (*ZIP code: DT6 5HH*)

People with ME/CFS are frail, and this need to be recognised.

39. Michael Riley (*ZIP code: NN128PP*)

40. Thomas Hanlon (*ZIP code: 55123*)

Please help us with this condition. People are suffering and need help.

41. Helgafavier@gmail.com Favier (*ZIP code: 4615 EG Bergen op Zoom*)

Please give people with ME/CFS and Long Covid the healthcare they need. They are medically frail.

Helga Favier

42. Andrea Petry (*ZIP code: 67240*)

43. Angi Skilbeck (*ZIP code: YO23 3YX*)

44. Scott Henderson (*ZIP code: 45242*)

My illness has roughly cost the feral govt over \$94000 in taxes

45. Amy Wiemers (*ZIP code: 14847*)

For many of us with ME, this change would require an absolute impossibility.

46. Julie Burgess (*ZIP code: 48104*)

47. Nancy Juskowich (*ZIP code: 15301*)

48. Susan Thomas (ZIP code: 87104)

49. Irene O'Shea (ZIP code:)

As someone who has been ill with ME/CFS for over 20yrs, I can confirm that people with this severely debilitating illness ARE DEFINITELY "MEDICALLY FRAIL".

50. Jackson Barnett (ZIP code: 42303)

No, you don't know what it's like. It's being normal human experience.

51. Ronald Okoro (ZIP code: Cayo)

52. Lori Hansen (ZIP code: 92127)

53. Wendy Macias (ZIP code: 22042)

54. Jane Shiyah (ZIP code: 01267)

55. D Lopez (ZIP code: 19425)

56. Bill Fusfield (ZIP code: 15208)

57. Mick JOLLY (ZIP code: 44230)

58. P sreenivasa Chakravarty (ZIP code: 517502)

ME/cfs needs recognition in medical system.

59. Heather Sherwood (ZIP code: 72042)

ME is no joke....It makes simple things like standing or muscle strength impossible or short.

60. Annette Martinez (ZIP code: 78749)

61. Allison Bliton (ZIP code: 48823)

62. Debra Adams (ZIP code: 98110)

63. Lisa Geiszler (ZIP code: 95242)

ME & Long Covid are debilitating illnesses that worsen with physical or cognitive activity.

64. Aria Jarsocrak (ZIP code: 17112)

65. Nathan Schatz (ZIP code: 08540)

66. Deborah Purtell (ZIP code: sk42ja)

67. D Mitchell (*ZIP code: B30 2RE*)

68. Rachel Fettig (*ZIP code: 55411*)

69. Bruce Donald (*ZIP code: 01890*)

70. Brenda Christiansen (*ZIP code: 80538*)

71. Rose Anderson (*ZIP code: LS7 4JW*)

I'm not in the US myself, but I have dear friends who are, and I'm very worried for them.

72. Carol Bloxsome (*ZIP code: HR6 8JU*)

73. Rhonda Anderson (*ZIP code: 30252*)

Long COVID, Chronic Fatigue and ME patients are “medically frail”.

Please keep them from attempting to meet work standards for healthy people.

They become more symptomatic and will cause permanent damage to their health if they push themselves. These are scientifically proven facts of PEM. Thank you

74. Penny Philcox (*ZIP code: S47AA*)

75. Andrea M (*ZIP code: 1218*)

76. Diane Boar (*ZIP code: 10023-7810*)

77. Gail Boncquet (*ZIP code: B46 1SN*)

78. Beverly Weiss (*ZIP code: 94588*)

79. Leslie Holland (*ZIP code: 14621*)

80. Marijke Bloks (*ZIP code: 5611 PT*)

81. Kelsey Smolen (*ZIP code: 19341*)

Energy limiting diseases with post exertional malaise or post exertional symptom exacerbation like ME/CFS or Long Covid make it impossible to consistently work. A patient may be able to meet the requirements one week, but not the next, if even at all, depending of severity of the condition. Trying to ignore symptoms and push through could lead to a permanent worsening of disability and quality of life, requiring more care and more medical costs in the long run.

82. Giada Da Ros (*ZIP code: 33170*)

83. Eileen Rosenbloom (*ZIP code: 96766*)

84. Bonnie Gorman RN (ZIP code: 02169)

85. Yvonne Groen (ZIP code: 91361)

86. Emily Fraser (ZIP code: 94619)

87. Holly Latham (ZIP code: 38305)

88. mitzi unger (ZIP code: 06488)

89. Elizabeth Denlinger (ZIP code: 10040)

Have some compassion, Mr Kennedy.

90. Beryl Ford (ZIP code: Wn49dq)

91. Hilary Gardiner (ZIP code: 02746)

92. Maschelle Mashburn (ZIP code: 98632)

93. Louise Highleyman (ZIP code: 98225)

Forced work will only make me sicker and require more healthcare resources. Please protect patients with ME/CFS and Long Covid.

94. Adrienne Evans (ZIP code: 78723)

95. Marie Josenby (ZIP code: 45336)

96. benniejo meadows (ZIP code: 32404)

97. Stian Bekkvik (ZIP code: 4817)

98. Elaine Charles (ZIP code: WF2 0BT)

99. Robert Jacobs (ZIP code: 29492)

Patients with ME/CFS who are disabled must continue to have access to Medicaid services without a work requirement. Please don't propagate the errors of the past by continuing discrimination against this terrible disease.

100. Louise Caldicott (ZIP code: SW19 8QD)

101. John Moore (ZIP code: 18447)

Please help!

102. Carol Head (ZIP code: 90034)

We must protect Medicaid for Americans with the chronic condition.

103. Maria Moores (ZIP code: R0G1G0)

People with ME/CFS are extremely medically frail in that the nature of their disability means that working will cause significant harm, potentially even leading to their death (by homelessness, starvation, or the disease progression inevitably brought about by the exertion required to work 80 hours a month) for the more severely ill. Loss of Medicaid for those who try to protect their health is inhuman and would constitute cruel and unusual punishment for the simple crime of being ill to work.

104. Angela Linford (ZIP code: 84108-1501)

105. Marie-Claire Kranzbühler (ZIP code: 42111)

Lives depend on Medicaid.

106. Christina Emanuel (ZIP code: 91411)

Major symptoms of ME include overwhelming fatigue and lack of mental focus which makes any job virtually impossible. Additionally, overexertion causes worsening of the illness which doesn't improve by a night's rest. They just get sicker.

107. Sarah Richards (ZIP code: CT20 1EL)

108. Lora Adams (ZIP code: 98270)

109. Lisa m Fera (ZIP code: 60441)

110. Karin Barry (ZIP code: 06870)

This is a travesty that not enough is done to aid those suffering with ME. Please, just do the right thing.

111. Joanne Capper (ZIP code: 22312)

For many with ME, the fatigue is so profound that it would be impossible to work. Mine was less severe, but I often fell asleep in meetings and was sometimes incoherent due to the brain fog. It is really unreasonable to demand that all persons with ME be required to work.

112. Tijn Lathouwers (ZIP code: 1000)

113. Bo Pitsker (ZIP code: 94132)

It is hard to believe that ME/CFS and Long Covid patients still have to justify their disability. Please acknowledge that these patients are justifiably "medically frail" and should receive Medicaid benefits.

114. Elizabeth Warren (ZIP code: 02885)

I have lost my livelihood because of my initial disease and then ME/CFS. I also lost my marriage due to this chronic illness. When my spousal support runs out, I will qualify for Medicaid. There is no way in the world that I will be able to keep up with the wasteful paperwork required to prove that I cannot

work STILL. Talk about waste, fraud, and abuse - these rules are a perfect example of government waste and abuse.

115. Joy Thomsen (*ZIP code: 2100*)

116. Joe Galliani (*ZIP code: 90277*)

117. Lynne Westphal (*ZIP code: 53593*)

ME/CFS, long covid and related post-infectious diseases are beyond debilitating. When a disease, like ME/CFS does, makes you plan if/how/when to brush your teeth you are definitely freakin' frail.

118. Janis Hall (*ZIP code: 05301*)

I am able to work only 12-14 hours per week now. At other times it has been less. If I lose Medicaid, my condition will worsen. If do more, my condition will worsen. Either way, I'd be able to work even less. Please do not force me to make myself even sicker in order to qualify for Medicaid.

119. Kristin Krathwohl (*ZIP code: 60185*)

120. Kristi Hanna (*ZIP code: 60565*)

121. Sarah Early (*ZIP code: BH19 2DY*)

122. Julie Salamon (*ZIP code: 94805*)

123. Kathrin Herrmann (*ZIP code: 8037*)

124. Sheila Nolan (*ZIP code: 03826*)

People with ME/CFS and Long COVID have significant health needs that limit their ability to work and also result in high medical care expenses. Many people with ME/CFS and Long COVID are unable to work. We need to protect their access to Medicaid.

125. Catherine C (*ZIP code: 22202*)

126. Susan Clarke (*ZIP code: ST5 2EU*)

127. Honora-Bright Aere (*ZIP code: 97326-9702*)

Those of us who have worked hard all our lives only to find ourselves with extremely delicate health as we age now find ourselves in desperate need of health help.

128. Christine Kenworthy (*ZIP code: LU5 4DG*)

129. Katherine Newbegin (*ZIP code: 11216*)

130. Sheri Schuler (*ZIP code: 58504*)

131. Debra Cable (ZIP code: 12443)

132. Lara Niederhauser (ZIP code: 84124)

133. Anna Oller Adam (ZIP code: 01630 France)

134. Gunther De Bock (ZIP code: 9200)

135. Xiangyan Yang (ZIP code: 1075 SR)

136. Eileen Coppel (ZIP code: 60051)

137. Elaine Foster (ZIP code: lo221eg)

138. DEBORAH SNOW (ZIP code: 32751)

139. Michelle Whitney (ZIP code: 21286)

140. Anne M Derosie (ZIP code: 14860)

America belongs to Americans, not billionaires. "Promoting the General Welfare" is a right and an obligation that we have to each other. Stop attacking people who can't fight back. How dare you say that you represent the American people. You don't.

141. Shannon Collins (ZIP code: 37075)

142. Sarah Utter (ZIP code: 55437)

143. Lanee Barra (ZIP code: 12498)

144. Lee Madden (ZIP code: 37072)

145. Nancy Peterson (ZIP code: 02885)

146. Sasha Lagano (ZIP code: 33460)

147. Ann McDonald (ZIP code: 63017)

People with ME/CFS and Long COVID are absolutely Medically Frail. I have had ME/CFS since 2017 and am unable to work at all. Please add these diseases to the list of Medically Frail.

148. Rudy Perpich (ZIP code: 55305)

149. Lisa Stone (ZIP code: OX17 2DN)

As the mother of an adult with ME/CFS who is trying to survive and work when she is able, she is

definitely 'medically frail' and she is doing so much better now that in her wheelchair-bound twenties ... a cancer doctor who became a ME/CFS specialist was recently quoted to say he was shocked by how much greater the long-term suffering of patients he was witnessing now - yet they get none of the sympathy or support of cancer sufferers.

150. Juliet Hattersley (ZIP code: 94564)

ME/CFS and Long COVID are debilitating conditions. Their causes are unknown, there are not a lot of treatments for them, and there are no cures.

I have had ME/CFS since I was 19 years old. It has taken so much from me. Many of my brother and sister sufferers have even less money than I do and rely on Medicaid. Recognition of these two conditions would help them eke out a bit of a life worth living.

151. Linda Grassia (ZIP code: 10589)

People with Long COVID, ME/CFS, and other chronic illnesses that prevent people from working need their health care. With no income, Medicaid is a lifeline. These are progressive illnesses, with flares and new symptoms that increase disability over time. Access to medical care and mental health care are critical for people whose lives become smaller and are often suffering in isolation. These are true disabilities and people should not be abandoned due to being struck by these illnesses.

152. Yulia Greyman (ZIP code: 11229)

153. Kyla Milne (ZIP code: B3L 3E5)

154. Paul Kehle (ZIP code: 14847)

155. Lauren Bedrosian (ZIP code: 01545)

156. Karen Winston (ZIP code: 05753)

157. Lauren Myers (ZIP code: BN3 1NA)

158. Jan Gallagher (ZIP code: 55116)

I have ME/CFS. My work was freelance editing. Because of brain fog and physical fatigue, I can't work even an hour a day. I'm lucky—I was already on Medicare before I got sick. The vast majority of ME/CFS patients are younger than I am. For many, a work requirement is effectively cancellation of coverage. Please certify patients with ME/CFS, long COVID, fibromyalgia, and other complex chronic illnesses as medically frail so they can continue to receive healthcare.

159. Timbre Livesay (ZIP code: 30328)

160. Sam Stettiner (ZIP code: 10026)

161. aerik woodams (ZIP code: L8M1C8)

162. Karel Titus (ZIP code: 14860)

This is a heinous act to deprive folks of health insurance/Medicaid when they are suffering from diseases that have already devastated their lives. Who are you to take away the last bit of humanity that these folks have? And Congress is at fault as well but you can do something about the situation. If Jack were here, he would have your hide for such heinous acts!

163. Gela Barnes (ZIP code: 27332)

164. Linda Tannenbaum (ZIP code: 91301)

165. Lisa Zaret (ZIP code: 45230)

Please protect some of our most vulnerable people Those with long covid and ME/CFS.
Thank you!!

166. Sue Bawale (ZIP code: 92107)

167. Rebecca Taylor (ZIP code: S12 3HH)

168. M. Bradley (ZIP code: 47601)

169. Cory Anderson-Sweeney (ZIP code: 30032)

170. Jennifer Sneider (ZIP code: 90292)

171. Tracy Waechter (ZIP code: 85742)

172. Jeanne-Marie Vaidie (ZIP code: 37350)

173. Liane Gouin (ZIP code: 33334)

174. Dorothy Norris-Elye (ZIP code: R3G 2G1)

This is pointlessly cruel...

175. Esther Prenter (ZIP code: 1400)

176. Thomas Bassey (ZIP code: 90814)

My wife has ME/CFS and I am lucky to have benefited from Medicaid access while I was finishing my Graduate Studies while my wife suffered from ME/CFS.

So many in community do not have a working partner and rely on Medicaid for healthcare support. Please recognize those who are suffering from this silencing disease as it prohibits folks from getting jobs to access healthcare.

Medicaid is critical for our survival!

177. Pam Ardizzone (ZIP code: 02806)

178. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 94602*)

179. Gordon Ross (*ZIP code: 02472*)

180. pamela lutz (*ZIP code: 47331*)

181. Luc Van de Velden (*ZIP code: 1083*)

182. Becky Gillespie (*ZIP code: 95959*)

I live with ME/CFS and know how debilitating this illness is. I'm only able to function because I have a large support network and can financially afford to NOT work.

However, the vast majority of people with ME/CFS do not have these supports or financial independence. I know first hand how unpredictable this illness is, and that unpredictability does not allow you to work consistently - even on a part-time basis - working making the illness even worse.

We need to protect Medicaid access for people living with ME/CFS and Long Covid. You can't make people healthy again if they don't have the support they need when living with these illnesses.

Sincerely,
Becky Gillespie
Person living with ME/CFS

183. bobbi ausubel (*ZIP code: 94595*)

184. Catherine Kilgore (*ZIP code: 85616*)

185. Tina Bluestein (*ZIP code: 91504*)

186. Kelly Becker (*ZIP code: 08534*)

187. Annie Evans (*ZIP code: 94109*)

188. David Mason (*ZIP code: 84103-3823*)

189. TAMMIE PAGE (*ZIP code: 32129-7529*)

190. Karen Kennedy (*ZIP code: 99203*)

191. Sandra Jacobson (*ZIP code: 94901*)

192. Kate Hawkins (*ZIP code: 92586*)

Please help, signing from bed!

193. Christine Jamieson (*ZIP code: 20002*)

194. Sarah Parker (*ZIP code: 27606*)

195. Linda McColl (*ZIP code: KY15 7RQ*)

It is a disgrace how people with m.e are treated . I have had it for 31 years and have hundreds of negative experiences. I thought the bad old days of ignorance were coming to an end. It seems that is not the case. Shame on you .

196. Mary Gessert (*ZIP code: 32456*)

197. Brianne Whitcraft (*ZIP code: 55406*)

198. Patricia Janecek (*ZIP code: 82520*)

I have ME/CFS!!! And, Medicaid!!

199. Lorraine McMullin (*ZIP code: 12054-1811*)

200. Csaba Molnár (*ZIP code: 1062*)

!!!

201. John Mitchell jr (*ZIP code: 72744*)

I went to the grocery store yesterday and had two and a half things to do. I could only remember one until I waited and looked around the store until I remembered what i was there for. Fuck you and all you live for.

202. Anita Tovey (*ZIP code: BS22 8QA*)

203. Mary Wakefield (*ZIP code: BS31DS*)

204. Karan Haygood Walsh (*ZIP code: 93637*)

205. Stephen Nathan (*ZIP code: 90402*)

206. Joicy Becker-Richards (*ZIP code: 08550*)

207. Erin Roediger (*ZIP code: 85701*)

208. Megan Davies (*ZIP code: LE12 6QT*)

209. Deborah Lickey (*ZIP code: 23113*)

There are millions of people who are not only suffering from ME/CFS but unable to work. I see people in my support group that have lost their homes because of the medical bills. This illness creates a health situation that restricts many people from being able to work, so medical insurance is not an option. Please research the profound debilitation this illness creates.

210. Sonia Montufar (ZIP code: 33327)

211. Karyn Neue (ZIP code: 92624)

212. Lorraine Ellis (ZIP code: NP4 5BU)

213. Barbara Wilson (ZIP code: 91001)

214. Cindy Gleason (ZIP code: 92660)

Please don't abandon the many million of Long Covid & ME/CFS patients who rely on Medicaid for help with medical expenses. Thank you.

215. Philippa Lowther (ZIP code: EX4 8LG)

216. Mary Barker (ZIP code: 78633)

217. Linda Walley (ZIP code: V5K1N4)

218. Vesna Bilic (ZIP code: OX16 3TY)

219. Leanne-Claire Civiletti (ZIP code: 94601)

Hard enough so locate a physician that takes medicaid let alone a physician that can help ...

220. Dawn Stenback (ZIP code: 29485)

221. Randall Stenback (ZIP code: 29485)

222. Jill Cocuzza (ZIP code: 85143)

This is such a harmful act, it disgusts me. This proves yet again, they flat out don't care, or have no interest in understanding the disease.

223. Carolyn Hanes (ZIP code: 33434)

I fully support protecting Medicaid for people with ME/CFS and Long COVID.

224. Joanne Hildenbrand (ZIP code: 15044)

225. Kristina Henson (ZIP code: 45011)

226. Ashley Roll (ZIP code: V5E 3G9)

These illnesses are causing great daily suffering, aid is critical!

227. Jeri Roth (ZIP code: 83221)

Please don't let me be forgotten!

228. Debra Bradshaw (ZIP code: 84087)

Mr. Kennedy, I have appreciated all the work that you have done to improve our health system. One thing that has been overlooked for the 42 years I have had ME/CFS is our care. Lack of funds directed for research and denial by the CDC of how sick patients are. We have been neglected. We've lost jobs due to illness and our lack of available finance resources have put some of us into the Medicaid system, through no fault of our own. Please protect Medicaid for ME/CFS and Long Covid. If we had had proper research 40 years ago, we would've had treatments that would've enabled us to keep working and keep our insurance. Overall, we've had very little funding directed towards research for us that we desperately need.

229. Gwen Fournier (ZIP code: 02114-2343)

230. Anja Kamp (ZIP code: 29549)

231. Laurie Jones (ZIP code: 28803)

232. Janet Vargas (ZIP code: 95062)

I was diagnosed in 1989. M.E. has taken any kind of a normal life away from me. I had Hope's and dreams like most people do. My life is nothing more than homebound sickness. Please help by keeping up with the research Grant's and helping The Millions Missing.

233. Line (ZIP code: 1386 norway)

234. Stephan Oberg (ZIP code: 13100)

235. Lisa Kehle (ZIP code: 43209)

Please recognize folks living with ME/CFS and long covid as "medically frail" so that their access to medicaid is protected. My sister in law is bedridden with ME -- a formerly active and productive member of society, now confined to a life that has shrunken to an unrecognizable state. Please be compassionate.

236. Rem Cutler (ZIP code: 23112)

Disabled people deserve protection too.

237. Mary Palmer (ZIP code: 84526)

238. Sara Atkinson (ZIP code: NE2 4AP)

239. Amy Siniscalchi (ZIP code: 10567)

240. Margaret Budar-Danoff (ZIP code: 21045)

241. Ariel Nazryan (ZIP code: 90039)

242. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 94122)

243. Annie Lyman (*ZIP code: 98203*)

244. Nancy Commella (*ZIP code: 15101*)

245. Nancy Brown (*ZIP code: 54661*)

246. Arlene Baskin (*ZIP code: 21046*)
Fight the Fight

247. Meghan Garvey (*ZIP code: 14425*)

248. Lurdes López Aduriz (*ZIP code: 20100*)

249. David Young (*ZIP code: 22815*)

250. Regina Verow (*ZIP code: 21114*)

251. Jo Hemley (*ZIP code: WR14 2BZ*)

252. Misty Miller (*ZIP code: 29615*)

ME and Long Covid are greatly exacerbated by activity and exertion. Post exertional malaise is torture and these work requirements will result in much worsened conditions for those of us with these illnesses. Please consider the damage this will do.

253. Elana Levin (*ZIP code: 11232*)

People with mecfs and long covid are usually too sick to work. Denying them healthcare and forcing them to go to work is dangerous. I've seen how sick folks can get— you do not want them performing labor.

254. Christina Yesenofski (*ZIP code: 19061*)

Please protect patients with ME/CFS, this disease is often more disabling than cancer or kidney failure. We can barely get out of bed or leave our homes.

255. Caroline Kern (*ZIP code: 15224*)

256. Christine Horn (*ZIP code: 21044-2216*)

257. Erin Gallagher (*ZIP code: 21009*)

258. Jean Joklik (*ZIP code: 21044*)

259. Lane Stewart (*ZIP code: 70005*)

260. Amy Torres (*ZIP code: 02474*)

261. Johanna Cannon (*ZIP code: 03823*)

262. James Aldrich-Moodie (*ZIP code: 14617*)

263. Colette Aragon (*ZIP code: M9W 3Z6*)

This is a truly disabling condition, but so misunderstood. Many will not be able to support themselves if they do not have access to medical care.

264. Claire Edwards (*ZIP code: NR30 4LZ*)

265. Julia McCready (*ZIP code: 21045*)

266. Wilhelmina Jenkins (*ZIP code: 30310*)

267. Selina Clare (*ZIP code: 8013*)

268. Erica Eaton (*ZIP code: 14620*)

269. E R (*ZIP code: 44062*)

270. Martha Davis (*ZIP code: 53072*)

271. Caitlin Wall (*ZIP code: 95472*)

The NIH and CDC have been sidelining ME/CFS for decades. And just when we were FINALLY getting the recognition we need, funds have been cut, research stalled, scientists fired by the current administration. Our community needs recognition and safety provided by this government and the current administration. Or we will all die. Slow, horrible, and undignified deaths.

272. Lisa Wolcott (*ZIP code: 32605*)

273. Brittany Smith (*ZIP code: 29445*)

274. Shannon Del Negro (*ZIP code: 08804*)

275. Deb Cannon (*ZIP code: 43224*)

Please protect those with ME/CFS

276. Sara Johnson (*ZIP code: 90026*)

It's impossible by definition for people with ME/CFS to work due to PEM, which is a core diagnostic criteria. Disabled people by definition can't do the "work" this mandate requires. They meet the definition of "medically frail". Please use your position to meaningfully and actually help people with ME/CFS, Long Covid, and post-covid vaccine related chronic illnesses and symptoms.

277. Adam Farris (*ZIP code: 05458*)

278. D Finkelstein (ZIP code: V6J 5E7)

For me , it was trying to work while I was ill that has left me almost totally home bound

279. Catherine Carr (ZIP code: 80909)

The bullying needs to stop! People with on-going serious health issues should not have one more battle to fight! None of us knows how long our personal health will prevail. Do the right thing - and make it a habit__

280. Lotta Jansson (ZIP code: 76142)

281. Sarah Cox (ZIP code: 3039)

I live RFJ Jr and was so happy when he was elected HHS secretary. I thought he was going to to such good work and right so many wrongs. This is so disappointing. I never realised he was so ignorant and uncaring towards ME/ CFS and long covid. Insert here, the largest collection of profanities you can think of _

282. Joanne Elms (ZIP code: PL15 9EF)

283. Oscar Huygens (ZIP code: 59601)

People with ME/CFS and Long COVID are "medically frail". Please protect their access to Medicaid.

284. Amy Hinze Pifer (ZIP code: 61821)

285. Christina Gleason (ZIP code: 12065)

As someone who is only able to work for 1 hour per week with ME/CFS, Long COVID, and Sjogren's disease, I would never be able to meet a work requirement. That's the entire reason I was awarded SSDI benefits. Disabled people should not have to worry about losing access to important benefits due to our inability to work, and we need the administration to stop leaning into its "the cruelty is the point" tendencies. Protect me and my fellow chronically ill people as medically frail...despite the fact that that term is icky.

286. Marianne Vanhauwaert (ZIP code: 9620)

287. Hi kaufmann (ZIP code: 98053)

Please don't pass this. These rules won't just put me in hospital but in the grave

288. Cindy Megiddo (ZIP code: 11375)

Everybody should try living with ME/CFS to understand how incapacitating it is.

289. Rosalind Newman (ZIP code: 22311)

I have had ME/CFS for many years now. It began 30 years ago when it was diagnosed as fibromyalgia. I had to take early retirement, which as a middle-aged single woman would have been disastrous for me. Luckily for me my employers had great insurance coverage. There was no way I could have continued working in any way, let alone for 80 hours a week. That is a cruel and unusual punishment for those who can hardly get out of bed in the morning.

290. Michele Stormer (ZIP code: 11220)

This of us with ME/CFS and Long Covid have few treatments and no cure making resources like Medicaid crucial to not just our health and wellbeing but to our ability to remain housed, fed, and alive. Please ensure it is there for our community.

291. Chantel Kent (ZIP code: 2282)

292. Carol (ZIP code: 30030)

293. Rebecca Freed (ZIP code: 02155)

294. Kari Merner (ZIP code: 98223)

295. Lucy Sait (ZIP code: NR11 8RE)

296. Josephine Maguire (ZIP code: BT36 6ET)

297. Michelle Strausbaugh (ZIP code: 97205)

I spent two years waiting for the Social Security Administration to decide that I was too ill to work. During that time, my only income was \$135/month in SNAP benefits and was utterly dependent on Medicaid. I am deeply concerned about what happens to people during the lengthy time required for their disability cases to adjudicated. Will a letter from a doctor be enough?

298. Perry Norton (ZIP code: 93110)

299. Ruby Sinreich (ZIP code: 27707)

300. Jack Barton (ZIP code: 48021)

301. Judith Stormer (ZIP code: 11220)

People with those afflictions CANNOT work
GOVERNMENT should govern when needed

302. KELLY MARINE (ZIP code: 21234)

i'm so tired. just so, so tired

303. Stacey Gilbert (ZIP code: ST4 3AG)

304. Cecilia Löfberg (ZIP code: 73834)

305. Steven Pfaffenberger (ZIP code: 45640)

306. Elana Burack (ZIP code: 29708)

307. Kai Parmenter (ZIP code: 96148)

ME/CFS husband in studies to be the worst disease that you can get as far as quality life, I was turned down life-saving surgeries multiple times because the surgeons felt that I was not medically stable enough to survive a surgery because of my ME, if that doesn't prove the ME makes you medically frail that I don't know what does.

To even be considered for a diagnosis you have to have lost 50% of your functional capacity and that's still only considered mild. 25% of people with ME are too weak to leave their homes and of those many are too weak to even leave their beds. Do bedbound and couch bound people not count as medically frail?

308. Claire Haiken (ZIP code: 95060)

Please protect people severely disabled with ME/CFS and long covid.

309. Raechel Barrett (ZIP code: 99212)

310. Justin Bajema (ZIP code: 98264)

311. Theresa Dettloff (ZIP code: 90802)

312. Angela Harris (ZIP code: FY85HF)

313. Belinda Nickeas (ZIP code: 3530)

314. Sonia Hassan (ZIP code: 60007)

All Medicaid services need to be available for Long Covid sufferers w/o any extra restrictions or eligibility requirements

315. Robin Durham (ZIP code: 14612)

316. Alexis Misko (ZIP code: 43105)

317. Brian Schiazza (ZIP code: 11220)

Enough taking away the lives of people who are truly sick. RELIEVE these people.

318. Suzanne Bright (ZIP code: NE28 9AE)

319. carol rosskam (ZIP code: 02492)

I've had ME/CFS since 1978. I've worked, completed a Master's degree, but now am physically unable to work anymore due to CFS worsening after covid. It's absolutely necessary that we with ME/CFS and long COVID be recognized as "medically frail" so our access to Medicaid is protected. We are NOT lazy we WANT to contribute but are too ill to do so. Please protect and support us.

320. Sarahjane Evans-Hall (ZIP code: BN68RD)

321. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: WF27HZ)

322. Shelia Hood (ZIP code: 64134)

323. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: WF27HZ)

324. Tim Kovacs (ZIP code: V8W4A2)

325. Kimberly Flowers (ZIP code: 33040)

Please do not doom people who already struggle with health difficulties with burdensome red tape!

326. Gabi Lewis (ZIP code: BN16 2DQ)

327. Rycki Goodwin (ZIP code: 93001)

328. Robert Berger (ZIP code: 30739)

329. April Coppini (ZIP code: 97218)

No one wants to be sick and disabled. Definitely not my oldest child. We need to make things easier for them, not harder

330. Pauline Raymond (ZIP code: 44118)

331. Cathrine Teigen (ZIP code: 2365)

332. Sandra Cotnoir (ZIP code: 02886)

Thank you for your advocacy on this matter. This is an uphill battle with an administration that cultivates cruelty at every turn. Resistance is the means to succeed.

333. Emily Craven (ZIP code: 96150)

As an Myalgic Encephalomyelitis patient I have 2 functional hours per day, which is much better than when I had zero. I now have these 2 hours because I had access to specialists that most do not, and my aging parents were able to care for me, allowing me to rest.

I now use these 2 hours to schedule and attend medical appointments, prepare food, do laundry and cleaning, bathe and do Physical Therapy exercises. If I exceed these 2 hours, I have fewer in the following days. If I exceed them for too many days, the number of functional hours I have per day drops indefinitely.

In 2023 I had 3 hours per day, before a confluence of housing disaster and ill family members forced me to exceed my capacity for weeks. 2 years of judicious pacing (the only intervention/management for this disease) has still not brought back the third hour. I am precariously at my limit just doing the absolute most basic tasks of living.

My parents are too old to care for me when work requirements necessitate exceeding the 2 daily functional hours and I lose them entirely. Who will bring me food when a phone call to the doctor

depletes my strength such that I cannot walk to the kitchen for days?

334. Kim Gilmore (*ZIP code: 4500*)

335. Heather (*ZIP code: 92127*)

People with long covid and ME/CFS are medically frail. These new conditions will kill people. Stop this inhumane treatment of the poor and disabled

336. Carol Froese (*ZIP code: 92009*)

337. Claudia Carrera (*ZIP code: 02169*)

I'm too sick and medically frail to write a longer comment. I already struggle to manage my existing benefit recertification burden. Don't take away health care from those who need it most.

338. Andrew Cawdell (*ZIP code: LE12 5DB*)

With "moderate" ME it can be v difficult just to get to out of bed. Any exertion makes symptoms worse. Even "mild" ME requires careful management. Forcing ME patients to work is barbaric.

339. Bright Limm (*ZIP code: 11435*)

340. Tessa Cremer (*ZIP code: 57107*)

341. Lori Madeira (*ZIP code: 93003*)

342. Destiny Brown (*ZIP code: 80525*)

343. Nancy Branch (*ZIP code: 18092*)

344. LONA Collins (*ZIP code: 59873*)

When I came down with this insidious disease, the first sign was I could not stand on my feet working in Customer service.

I would come home in tears! ____

I had to transfer to a refrigerated computer clerk, where Fibromyalgia began to wear me down from the ammonia gas refrigerant air which was very toxic to my immune system, working 12-14 hour Shift's. At age 29, in such a toxic environment! I could no longer work full time. The pain was my enemy. I began having a mirid of symptoms mentally. Whereas, the migraines, short term memory, pain and cognitive decline rendered me incapable of working full-time.

I found a part-time job as a medical receptionist?

As you can guess, this was the last time I could sustain any employment.

If it hadn't been for my Mother I would have been homeless & helpless. I wanted to end the Pain. It took another 5 years going from Doctor to doctor who couldn't give me a definitive answer to the bucket list of the many symptoms I have had to endure...

35 years later there is still no definitive test to give patients the care and need for these patients to be eligible for Medicaid/ Medicare to have the many challenges facing patients.

The bureaucratic system is in disrepair! it seems those who need the help the most, are facing their

demise of homelessness, starvation and our children who will surely bare the cost of a third world country...

My heart is breaking for those who deserve better. It needs to be fixed now! Our Lives matter! In good conscious of the American People.

Instead of taking from the poor & the rich taking from the low income people. To fix the mess Congress has created!!

Respectfully,
Miss Collins

345. Samuel Rhodehamel (*ZIP code: 94653*)

346. Julie Faust (*ZIP code: 83815*)

347. Jeannie Le Mesurier (*ZIP code: CV5 8ES*)

348. Annie Downer (*ZIP code: 59057*)

349. Sarah Glaubman (*ZIP code: 94611-5932*)

350. Heather Shellehamer (*ZIP code: 17501*)

Please protect some of the most vulnerable people in society - many of us. are barely surviving as is!

351. Kara Clifton (*ZIP code: 84129*)

352. Casey Hunter (*ZIP code: AB45 1GJ*)

353. Karmen Berger (*ZIP code: 95519*)

354. I Hurd (*ZIP code: 17331*)

355. Kathryn Perelman (*ZIP code: 23185*)

356. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 06355*)

357. Melissa Moeller (*ZIP code: 98374*)

358. Margaret Rayburn (*ZIP code: 48033*)

359. Alicia Montgomery (*ZIP code: 77598*)

360. Tatianna Hatzopoulos (*ZIP code: 2038*)

361. Roland Flowers (*ZIP code: 33040*)

362. Heather Elisabeth (ZIP code: 05301)

363. Sara Habein (ZIP code: 59405)

364. Rowan Wild (ZIP code: EX18 7QJ)

365. Stephy Richards (ZIP code: 03603)

366. Tessie Finkelstein (ZIP code: V6M 4B5)

367. Kaycee Felton-Lui (ZIP code: 90027)

368. Rara Nel (ZIP code: 4810)

369. Orenda Maitri (ZIP code: 92101)

This will greatly harm people with all chronic medical conditions, as well as parents, and caregivers of "medically frail" people.

370. Marcia Bean (ZIP code: 10801)

371. Caroline Blumer (ZIP code: SL5 9QB)

372. Georgia Christenson (ZIP code: 11040)

373. Tina Ann (ZIP code: 94924-0265)

374. Harry Burger (ZIP code: 11729)

As someone suffering from Long COVID for close to 4 years, I can assure you that whatever your Newspeak term for dividing who needs & deserves more support from the government, we're on that side of the line.

Especially since many failures of government public health policy since 2020 are responsible for increased infection rates & insufficient research on a cure. Funding for that ought to be at LEAST as high as for HIV research, if not 10X higher because we already HAVE some mature, effective treatments for HIV & COVID is so much more contagious.

This problem will only get worse as time since first infection & number of re-infections grows, especially for those infected during their developmental years.

Nonmasking is violence.

375. Jennifer Roberts (ZIP code: 75605)

376. Glenn Tucker (ZIP code: 48105)

377. ANDREA DEBEZA (ZIP code: 1897)

378. Misha BearWoman (ZIP code: 86334)

379. Damen Chew (ZIP code: 25414)

380. Keith Carley (ZIP code: 60440)

381. Des Lean-Fore (ZIP code: 2211)

382. Elizabeth Bonnah (ZIP code: 08540)

383. Nicole Hall hewett (ZIP code: 03770)

384. Katie Amodio (ZIP code: 59923)

I am a senior citizen with ME since 1997. I am fortunate to have a supportive spouse and receive Medicare benefits. If not for him I'd be on Medicaid. I know far too many people who are less fortunate than I who are dependent on Medicaid for any kind of healthcare. If they were to lose it they will die.

385. Gene Wiemers (ZIP code: 04530)

This debilitating condition obviously should be recognized.

386. Angus Mackay (ZIP code: 9012)

387. Patricia Colbert (ZIP code: 16101)

Overexertion can cause permanent, irreversible damage. People will become severely disabled if they do not rest as ordered by their medical doctors.

388. Megan Fluker (ZIP code: 20011)

389. Kimbrah Gonzalez (ZIP code: 92115)

390. Lynn Preis (ZIP code: 55110)

391. Lisette Hulsebosch (ZIP code: 7611 BV)

392. Chanelle Coppel (ZIP code: 85205)

I have had ME/CFS for over 20 years and have not needed Medicaid ONLY because my husband can work and provide us with insurance. If anything happens to him, I would be unable to work. I'm completely bed bound. I would desperately need Medicaid and no work requirement. Working would literally kill me.

393. Stephanie Wright (ZIP code: 04551)

394. Dorothy Fee (ZIP code: 13820)

395. Karen Waitz (*ZIP code: 75071*)

396. Laurel Bertrand (*ZIP code: 85749*)

397. Andrew Hunt (*ZIP code: Hp43z*)

398. Anne Lister (*ZIP code: 90631*)

399. james schmitz (*ZIP code: 15207*)

400. Dawn Holt (*ZIP code: 33314*)

401. Julia Sotelo (*ZIP code: 52806*)

402. Nora Helfand (*ZIP code: 97140*)

403. Denise Bertrand (*ZIP code: 21034*)

404. Rowan Adara (*ZIP code: 96761*)

ME/CFS and long Covid are debilitating diseases. I have ME/CFS and I lost my career. Working is not possible with these illnesses. All exertion makes us worse, and will push us into a permanently worse stage of the illness, where we will need more medical care and caregiving help later on. If we are required to work, we will crash and burn and you will end up paying out more money. Working is contraindicated with these illnesses. People on Medicaid are usually disabled. Disabled people can't work. It's not a choice to be disabled or to not work. We can't do it. So no, you can't force us to work. This plan won't work. This is a serious illness.

405. Janet Smith (*ZIP code: 02184*)

Please help those with ME/CFS or long COVID. I know from first hand experience that they need help. I was denied short term and long term disability years ago. 23 years later I still suffer and am dysfunctional! If you haven't lived it, you can't understand the challenges.

406. JD Davids (*ZIP code: 11218*)

407. Elizabeth Ohlmann (*ZIP code: 97007*)

ME patients deserve support

408. Amber Frame (*ZIP code: 85711*)

409. Sara Seifert (*ZIP code: 14886*)

410. Sharon Park (*ZIP code: 94610*)

411. Philip Barber (*ZIP code: 75165*)

412. Deb Arbuckle (*ZIP code: 94501*)

Don't cut off those who need it the most!

413. Tracy Foote (*ZIP code: 10023*)

414. Marvin Goldstein (*ZIP code: 20877*)

415. Carole Blumenkrantz (*ZIP code: 12155*)

416. Bethany Stephenson (*ZIP code: 2800*)

417. Stefania Tottolo (*ZIP code: 31050*)

418. Kira Fisher (*ZIP code: 94618*)

These are serious illnesses, where overexerting risks making us much sicker, often for ever. Please help keep us safe.

419. Maia Nelson (*ZIP code: 98406*)

420. Mary Ryan (*ZIP code: B295NX*)

Under researched, underfunded and vulnerable people are suffering

421. Rachel Wineinger (*ZIP code: 62095*)

422. Mark Camenzind (*ZIP code: 94583*)

423. Andrea Zoller (*ZIP code: 15144*)

424. Miranda Proietti-Nelson (*ZIP code: 14527*)

425. S Beckley (*ZIP code: 80014*)

426. Phoebe Neill-Wilkins (*ZIP code: 2018*)

427. Violet Affleck (*ZIP code: 90049*)

428. Tamesin Eldredge (*ZIP code: 44236*)

429. Lili Byers (*ZIP code: 94117*)

430. Dee Madsen (*ZIP code: 90601*)

431. Liz Crow (*ZIP code: BS16 2AG*)

432. Catherine Romatowski (ZIP code: 22101)

433. Lisa Sciandra (ZIP code: 94501)

434. Nicola Bindon (ZIP code: BS48 1TE)

435. Jessica Summers (ZIP code: 23235)

436. Arlen Daza (ZIP code: 11365)

437. Cynthia Millard (ZIP code: 15314)

438. Kevin Howley (ZIP code: 47401)

MAHA is a sick joke.

#MedicareForAll

439. Elizabeth Ryan (ZIP code: 2046)

440. Nichole Auden (ZIP code: 93001)

441. Eric Herhuth (ZIP code: 70125)

442. Natasha Germany (ZIP code: 73071)

443. Linda Silberman (ZIP code: 11372)

444. Eileen O'Mahony (ZIP code:)

People with M.E./CFS are very ill people and have spent years trying to get their illness recognised.

445. Sharon Kennedy (ZIP code: 83686)

446. Sharoldine Sisneros (ZIP code: 96744)

447. Patricia Voydanoff (ZIP code: 45459)

448. Carey Yerger (ZIP code: 34205)

I've been suffering with ME/CFS & Long Covid for 5 1/2 years and still can not get approved for Medicaid or SSDI... So thanks to ya'll, you can add one more to the number of homeless people. Yep, that's me, homeless, lost my apartment due to inability to work and pay my bills. I worked as a Nurse and got sick with Covid while caring for Covid Patients and I can't get help for myself! Something majorly messed up with this scenario. Nurses mean nothing to the government until it's one of their family members or themselves!!! This is a great big F you to all of us Nurses who didn't stop working during COVID to keep our own families safe from getting the virus, when we very well

could have and apparently should have...

449. Katrina Oliver (*ZIP code: 30540*)

450. Blythe Anne Battram (*ZIP code: 47710*)

451. Alicia Brissette (*ZIP code: 04530*)

452. Justin Brissette (*ZIP code: 04530*)

453. Chris Johnson (*ZIP code: 55345*)

454. heidi menera norgaard (*ZIP code: 95961*)

I am a person with ME and it has permanently disabled me. I cannot work or even do household chores. I am housebound and mostly bedbound.

455. R G (*ZIP code: 2077*)

456. Bruce Norgaard (*ZIP code: 95961*)

I am the parent of a person with ME. It has permanently disabled my daughter. She cannot work or even do household chores. She is housebound and mostly bedbound.

457. Suzy Norgaard (*ZIP code: 95961*)

I am the parent of a person with ME. It has permanently disabled my daughter. She cannot work or even do household chores. She is housebound and mostly bedbound.

458. Carly Goldberg (*ZIP code: 19096*)

459. Matthew Caffrey (*ZIP code: 85016*)

460. Scott Menor (*ZIP code: 91601*)

461. Kelsey Shields (*ZIP code: 97404*)

462. Melanie Johnson (*ZIP code: 54636*)

463. Gise;a Morales-Barreto (*ZIP code: 02465*)

464. Lynsey Stepan (*ZIP code: 98662*)

I have something that resembles ME/CFS, so this issue means a great deal to me.

465. Jerry steiner (*ZIP code: 21034*)

466. Anah M (ZIP code: 60134)

People that have ME/CFS, Long COVID, POTS, etc, have a very reduced quality of life and functioning, some are severe and bedbound. The majority are unable to work, and need Medicaid and healthcare.

467. Catherine Meyer (ZIP code: 94611)

Keep Medicaid for ME/CFS and Long Covid patients!

468. Kaye-Ailsa Rowan (ZIP code: 95112)

I have ME/CFS. I do work part-time (currently about 60 hours/month, with significant accommodations). Trying to work 80 hours/month would (has in the past) caused the illness to get worsen significantly. My ME/CFS status is considered "mild". Many people with ME/CFS and Long COVID are much sicker and unable to work at all.

Making it harder to get Medicaid and Medicare for anyone who is disabled is inhumane. Whether someone is capable of working should be decided between them and their medical care team, not the government. Access to medical care and insurance should not be determined based on whether people are able to work. Forcing people into situations that worsen a disabling condition is not only bad for the individual but also for the country and the economy overall.

469. Marilyn Neiswanger (ZIP code: 36353)

470. Ezra Spier (ZIP code: 94609)

As someone with Long COVID, when I was at my sickest there was no possible way I would have been able to work without significantly harming my health. Please ensure these new rules do not harm the health of some of the most vulnerable Americans, including those with Long COVID and ME/CFS.

471. Debra Neiswanger (ZIP code: 44904)

472. Clinton Lawrence (ZIP code: 95618)

My wife, Amy, has had ME/CFS since 2010. There is no way she could work any hours, let alone 80 hours per month. This is simply something ME/CFS patients cannot do with harming their condition. Please make sure ME/CFS patients are considered Medically Frail.

473. Emmie Hayes (ZIP code: 91340)

474. Lila Guterman (ZIP code: 20010)

475. Mary Ann Sabia (ZIP code: 02465)

476. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 10038)

477. Megan Yociss (ZIP code: 75080)

478. Rachel Graves (ZIP code: 98405-2122)

479. Darby Kennedy (*ZIP code: 30101*)

People diagnosed with ME/CFS will lose access to necessary care, and potentially die if they lose Medicaid or are forced to meet the 80 hour work requirement. These people are not lazy. They are sick with a disease the government has ignored for far too long. Please acknowledge their reality by exempting ME/CFS patients from that requirement.

480. Nancy Ellman (*ZIP code: 06437*)

481. Emily Holland (*ZIP code: 55422*)

482. Ab Mack (*ZIP code: 12020*)

483. Laura Tanner (*ZIP code: 36345*)

484. Emmanuelle Play (*ZIP code: 69290*)

485. Nicholas Elizabeth Faby (*ZIP code: 94706*)

486. Anna Almazan-osmundson (*ZIP code: 50010*)

487. Odile Play (*ZIP code: 69290*)

488. Tonia Belanger (*ZIP code: 01930*)

Please recognize people with ME/CFS and Long COVID as “medically frail” so that their access to Medicaid is protected.

489. M Lynch (*ZIP code: 05443*)

490. Alice Neiswanger (*ZIP code: 32825*)

491. Forrest Neiswanger (*ZIP code: 32825*)

492. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 34450*)

493. AJ Cho (*ZIP code: 94579-1963*)

494. Bryn McCabe-Kelly (*ZIP code: 87106*)

495. Lauren Forrest (*ZIP code: 32743*)

496. Jennifer Dupuis (*ZIP code: 48170*)

497. Deborah Shore (*ZIP code: 18040*)

498. Maurice Hogue (ZIP code: 63301)

I know several people who have endured Covid only to develop "long Covid". Some of them were dedicated, hard workers that can no longer work and are disabled. They need any possible help.

499. Cynthis Keener (ZIP code: 30560)

500. J Danielle Gillan (ZIP code: 32828)

Protect the innocent life and treat the disabling illness to help us be productive citizens. I was not meant to be ill.

501. Elizabeth More (ZIP code: 02478)

Please, this is so important.

502. Cindy Coppel (ZIP code: 85142)

503. Andrea Neiswanger-Gibson (ZIP code: 44904)

504. Michael Shannon (ZIP code: 19035)

505. Emily Johnson (ZIP code: 52336)

506. Jennifer Jayroe (ZIP code: 80219-3706)

Medicaid is critical to the care of millions of vulnerable people.

507. Melissa Millbourn (ZIP code: 45356)

508. elle s. (ZIP code: 90026)

509. Suzanne Romatowski (ZIP code: 22101)

People with ME cannot meet work requirements, Medicaid must make an exception for this disease.

510. Julie Rehmeyer (ZIP code: 87506)

511. Elizabeth DAngelo (ZIP code: 32174)

512. Leah Kell (ZIP code: 32940)

513. Corey March (ZIP code: 94127)

514. Jason Solganick (ZIP code: 10520)

515. Mark Donohue (ZIP code: 98026)

516. SARAH KRONZER (ZIP code: 92284)

517. Lori DeMoss (ZIP code: 75050)

518. Jamie Lee (ZIP code: 77365)

519. Elizabeth Milo (ZIP code: 98133)

520. K Liberty (ZIP code: 98274)

521. Elizabeth Clarke (ZIP code: 98512)

522. Skyler Takacs (ZIP code: 06478)

523. Laura Zatz (ZIP code: 20005)

524. Jana Spallholz (ZIP code: 77379)

525. Megan Hooker (ZIP code: 86004)

526. Felicia Muzquiz (ZIP code: 93704)

The cruelty of this administration is beyond comprehension.

527. Isabel Williams (ZIP code: 05301)

528. Julia Bazar (ZIP code: 94705)

529. Kelly Washburn (ZIP code: 1240-)

530. Sissy Clark (ZIP code: 77354)

531. Jody britt Britt (ZIP code: 90028)

Disabled and elderly Americans need full access to Medicaid bc WE CANT WORK!! STOP STARVING AND MURDERING AMERICANS!!

532. Stephanie Pritchard (ZIP code: 22611)

To: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary, Health and Human Services

From: Stephanie Sorese

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

We are writing on behalf of #MEAction and the undersigned organizations representing people living with myalgic encephalomyelitis / chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) and Long COVID: communities fighting every day for survival, dignity, and access to care.

Your decision about who qualifies as medically frail will directly determine whether Americans with ME/CFS and Long COVID are able to access essential healthcare. For Americans living with these diseases, being required to work beyond our limits can trigger a systemic worsening of symptoms and further hinder our ability to carry out daily activities.

We urge you to act informatively and decisively: people with ME/CFS and Long COVID must be recognized as medically frail and exempt from work requirements. Access to care, treatments, and knowledgeable medical providers is vital to preserving and improving our ability to contribute to society.

We also urge you to grant States, demonstrating good faith efforts, the flexibility needed to implement safeguards in a way that protects medically frail populations like ours, before requiring them to move forward with work requirements.

Facts on ME/CFS and Long COVID:

- Prevalence: ME/CFS is an infection-associated chronic illness in which onset is associated with infection up to 80% of the time. Accordingly, ME/CFS cases have surged after COVID-19.

- Disability: Approximately 75% of ME/CFS patients are unable to work, and 25% are housebound or bedbound and have significant difficulty carrying out activities of everyday living (ADLs). Disability rates for Long COVID are also high, with both groups experiencing persistent cognitive, mobility, and independent living challenges.

- Caregivers: If a family member loses Medicaid, the caregiver faces increased financial burdens from direct care costs and indirect expenses, including missed work and a significant toll on their own financial security and well-being.

Many Americans with ME/CFS and Long COVID rely on Medicaid for access to medical care. Forcing work requirements on our communities will make us more disabled in the long term – and, ultimately, require more federal spending on supporting people living with these highly debilitating diseases.

Secretary Kennedy, please stand with Americans fighting to live with ME/CFS and Long COVID. Protect our access to healthcare. Our survival depends on your decision.

533. Tori Miller (*ZIP code: 30341*)

534. Bonnie Mayer (*ZIP code: 33176*)

People with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Myalgic Encephalomyitis and Long Covid are sick, weak and frail. I am also short of breath with activity which means it is hard to grocery shop, do self-care and meet my needs. You MUST protect access to Medicaid. We deserve care.

535. Emily Raffety (*ZIP code: 64118*)

536. Christopher Liebttag-Miller (*ZIP code: 46617*)

537. Callie Farr (*ZIP code: 57701*)

538. Laurel Krahn (*ZIP code: 55409*)

539. Ben Butler (*ZIP code: 30309*)

540. Stephanie Mass (*ZIP code: 22151*)

541. Mary Dimmock (*ZIP code: 06385*)

542. Sarah Young (*ZIP code: 52404*)

543. Frances McBride (*ZIP code: 98512*)

No cuts to Medicaid. Many people will suffer or die without it. Take money from billionaires instead.

544. John Mishanski (*ZIP code: 95125*)

545. Ellen Walker (*ZIP code: 01845*)

546. Elizabeth Patterson (*ZIP code: 17331-3231*)

547. Allison Kirkegaard (*ZIP code: 90404*)

548. Ann Mansolino (*ZIP code: 92861*)

549. Rev. Liz Weber (*ZIP code: 40204*)

550. Dawnell Cook (*ZIP code: 81401*)

My daughter has been diagnosed with ME after having Covid. She is bedbound and uses an electric wheelchair to get to the bathroom. She is definitely medically, fragile and relies on Medicaid for healthcare needs.

551. Jodi Center (*ZIP code: 24503*)

552. Elyse Hasenberg (*ZIP code: 90092*)

553. Katy Liljeholm (*ZIP code: 97206-3651*)

554. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 11238*)

555. Sage Wiess (*ZIP code: 77651*)

556. Faith McCloud (*ZIP code: 98683*)

557. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 95120*)

Forcing people to work with these disabling medical conditions by threatening to revoke their Medicaid is directly harmful to their already frail state.

558. Eavan Kay (*ZIP code: 4501*)

559. Elizabeth Peacock (*ZIP code: 33823*)

560. Nicole Greene (*ZIP code: 55403*)

561. McKenna Smith (*ZIP code: 45872*)

562. Maia Rose (*ZIP code: 2605*)

563. Tania Pivawer (*ZIP code: 33437*)

Healthcare is a basic human right

564. Ramon Leos (*ZIP code: 89108*)

565. Sidney Marshall (*ZIP code: 97214*)

566. Daniel Ramirez (*ZIP code: 95472*)

As the spouse of a moderate

567. Rachel Nussbaum (*ZIP code: 06510*)

ME is a debilitating condition, and forcing people who have it to work will further harm and kill millions of people. Everyone with ME deserves healthcare via Medicaid!

568. Amy Engebretson (*ZIP code: 55105*)

569. greg dzingeleski (*ZIP code: 21228*)

570. Michelle Nolan (*ZIP code: 02150*)

ME/CFS and Long COVID are not simple fatigue; they are complex, multi-system neuroimmune diseases with profound, documented physiological abnormalities. Their core symptoms directly impede the ability to engage in consistent work or other community engagement activities.

Mandating work, education, or community service (80 hours/month or more) forces these individuals to repeatedly push past their limits, which is scientifically proven to worsen their disease, increase long-term disability, and prevent any chance of partial recovery.

Forcing the sick to lose access to essential health coverage is counter to the program's purpose. It also increases the long-term societal cost by driving temporary or partial disability into permanent, more severe disability and potentially shifting a person from Medicaid into the more expensive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program.

571. Sig Lugus (*ZIP code: M5A 0M4*)

572. Margaret Phillips (*ZIP code: 05346*)

People with ME/CFS and Long COVID are “medically frail.” Most cannot work at all, never mind half-time. (80 hours per month = 20h/week.) Please protect their Medicaid access by recognizing their frailty (by recognizing them as "Medically Frail". Thank you.

573. Leslie Barnes (*ZIP code: 20901*)

Please look at the relatively new medical evidence that shows physical activity for many patients with ME/CFS, a multi-system illness, can cause permanent loss of function and define these individuals or permit their doctors to define them as “medically frail” & exempt from the new work requirement so that they can access the lifesaving healthcare.

574. Susan Morrison (*ZIP code: 49008*)

575. Elayne Candiotte (*ZIP code: 11714*)

576. Kim Jace (*ZIP code: 32168*)

Making the chronically ill work is just cruel. Let them survive.

577. Michael Sydnor (*ZIP code: 50322*)

I had to retire because I have Long Covid. Working made my condition so bad that I stumbled into door frames, could not stand, and made it impossible to write, speak, or gesture. Requiring people with these conditions to work will cause them to become more disabled and frail. Protect their Medicaid access so this does not happen.

578. Mamie Holst (*ZIP code: 33901*)

579. Amber Elstad (*ZIP code: 98683*)

580. Sarah Barringer (*ZIP code: 02144*)

581. Daniel Neiswanger (*ZIP code: 32601*)

Use your power for good Mr. Kennedy.

582. Bridgett Monville (*ZIP code: 53185*)

583. Christine Erben (*ZIP code: 07747*)

ME/CFS ist schon schlimm genug ohne dass man uns Steine in den Weg legt. Dann macht es doch nicht noch schlimmer!

584. Diana Waldron (*ZIP code: 32223*)

585. Wendy Kloiber (*ZIP code: 54806*)

586. Marcia Sanchez (*ZIP code: 94131*)

587. Susan Power Susan Power (*ZIP code: 96007*)

588. Sophia David (ZIP code: 95675)

I have ME/CFS triggered by a COVID infection in July 2023. I'm 95% bedridden and require daily care.

589. Julie Diamond (ZIP code: 18104)

Thinking of you, Tina!

590. Howard bloom (ZIP code: 11215)

591. Dawn Prince Steinken (ZIP code: 98372)

592. Elizabeth Fry (ZIP code: 15206)

593. Monica Rangne (ZIP code: 10009)

594. Jill Hansen Hansen (ZIP code: 57108)

595. Matthea Marquart (ZIP code: 10027)

596. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 14623)

597. Keri Alley (ZIP code: 04401)

598. Amy Hutton (ZIP code: 59840)

Please protect our access to healthcare! We already have so little care and treatment, not to mention one of the lowest quality of life of any illness.

599. Jeff Tsuruoka (ZIP code: 21044)

600. Carol Smith (ZIP code: 54935)

601. Leigh Bryan (ZIP code: 78666)

602. Giselle Malenchek (ZIP code: 11237)

603. Vanessa Keeslar (ZIP code: 92028)

Please count ME/CFS and long covid survivors as medically frail when the new Medicaid work rules take effect. We as a disabled population cannot survive without access to Medicaid. Thank you.

604. Leona Horne (ZIP code: 94559)

Long Covid and ME/CFS patients are frequently unable to bear the strain -physically or cognitively - of full-time or part-time work without further damaging their stamina and health. Please recognize them as "medically frail."

605. Rhiannon Purves (ZIP code: 6012)

606. PATRICIA WHITE (ZIP code: 15009-1612)

607. Danny Cuff (ZIP code: 02062)

608. Leah McLeroy (ZIP code: 78757)

I demand that you recognize people with ME/CFS and Long COVID as "medically frail" because this will protect their access to lifesaving medicaid

609. Maria Mealla (ZIP code: 78748)

610. Debbie Sephton (ZIP code: 86327)

People with ME are not able to work, even though there is nothing more we would love to do!!

611. Emily Schnipper (ZIP code: 97206)

612. Jessica Kaplan (ZIP code: 60035)

Please take the time to understand how badly people are suffering and desperately need help. We don't want to be sick. Pushing our bodies when we can't makes is severely worse!

613. Peggy Munson (ZIP code: 01027)

614. Amy Neises (ZIP code: 97201)

615. Debbie Tenenbaum (ZIP code: 94703)

616. Caroline Christian (ZIP code: 89519)

617. Kayleigh Sephton (ZIP code: 91502)

618. Jason Fitzgerald (ZIP code: 48197)

619. Victoria Baer (ZIP code: 99206)

620. Diana Cosma (ZIP code: 100492)

621. Cynthia Uribe (ZIP code: 92024)

Moderate me/cfs and I can't manage 80 hrs a month working in my home caring for myself.

622. Shilla Nassi (ZIP code: 90232)

People with ME/CFS and Long Covid can be permanently harmed, if they exert themselves beyond their bodies' capacity. That's what happened to me. I went through medical training (I have an MD and a PhD), without knowing I had ME/CFS (I thought I just got tired easily). I was forced to stop and

eventually became bedridden.

623. Sondra Haarberg (*ZIP code: 75033*)

People with chronic illnesses like ME/CFS, POTS, MCAS and EDS for example, are unable to work let alone 80 hours a month. I do well to take care of myself and make it through my days. The idea that this administration thinks otherwise is insanity.

624. Lia Pas (*ZIP code: S7H 0H3*)

625. Peter Romatowski (*ZIP code: 22101*)

626. Lacinda Hummel (*ZIP code: 60625*)

627. Rachel Smith (*ZIP code: 84128*)

628. Anamaria Taylor (*ZIP code: 95409*)

629. Bridget Collins (*ZIP code: 20850*)

630. Andy Hyman (*ZIP code: 91604*)

631. Linda Cipolla (*ZIP code: 94582*)

I might look healthy to a casual observer but I am medically frail. The system has failed me repeatedly.

Dear RFK Jr.:

I've been drug and alcohol free, sugar, dairy and grain free, meditated and worked out every day, spent thousands on supplements and still only got sicker. This is an actual medical disease with multi-systemic consequences that the medical community largely ignores.

I am constantly precarious and frail.

632. Lucy Claros (*ZIP code: 98848*)

633. Daniel Hallin (*ZIP code: 92104*)

634. Karen Klausner (*ZIP code: 38555*)

635. Bill Jackson (*ZIP code: 64118*)

636. John Rokas (*ZIP code: 48021-4008*)

637. Peltz Katia (*ZIP code: 90210*)

638. Gloria Nuno (*ZIP code: 91505*)

639. Lake Bassage (*ZIP code: 63111*)

640. Devyn Molina (*ZIP code: 77573*)

641. Tina Homan (*ZIP code: 62254*)

642. Al Shap (*ZIP code: 93013*)

This is unreasonable for those of us that become fractions of the people we were prior to becoming ill. Even if some of us are able to work a few hours a day, increasing hours sets us back dramatically.

643. Madeleine Nikirk (*ZIP code: 87102*)

644. Angela Aislabie (*ZIP code: DL12 9Px*)

645. Melissa Chappel (*ZIP code: V1A 2X7*)

646. Crystal Baker (*ZIP code: 38372*)

647. Colleen Milligan (*ZIP code: 92127*)

648. Helen Bushnell (*ZIP code: 80031*)

Forcing chronically ill people to look for work is cruel.

649. Elja Ruben (*ZIP code: 9711CL*)

650. Linda Akin (*ZIP code: 98273*)

651. Linda Sarkar (*ZIP code: T1S3V8*)

652. Elizabeth Bell (*ZIP code: BH10 6DU*)

653. Kelly Van Der Meiren (*ZIP code: 2920*)

654. Teresa Elliott (*ZIP code: CV34 6AY*)

655. M L (*ZIP code: 45242*)

656. Philippa Taylor (*ZIP code: HP20 2UU*)

657. Susan Blair-Jordan (*ZIP code: CO2 8QU*)

658. Natalie Degrauel (ZIP code: 90292)

659. Paul Vonasek (ZIP code: 28803)

660. Kathryn Mullins (ZIP code: 93619)

661. Julie Moore (ZIP code: IP333BN)

662. christine Norman (ZIP code: DE55 2AQ)

663. Margaret O'Rathaille (ZIP code:)

664. Philip Hoover (ZIP code: 94941)

665. Jack Holt (ZIP code: 85249)

666. Cassie Hanson (ZIP code: 48062)

667. IVAN AUGUSTIN (ZIP code: 10000)

668. Alex Harder (ZIP code: 42111)

669. Hannah Moore (ZIP code: CF5 1PD)

670. Gemma Pace (ZIP code: HU17 9JU)

671. Cathy Scheller (ZIP code: 47630)

ME/CFS can be a devastating illness for some. There are varying degrees of the illness just like cancers. Don't punish the already medically punished frail persons with ME/CFS. This illness is torture. I know. I have it!

672. Christine Berry (ZIP code: CV12 9QB)

It's disgraceful targeting vulnerable disabled people.

673. Sarah Friedel (ZIP code: 13066)

674. Karen Sonnet (ZIP code: 22041)

675. Leah Williams (ZIP code: 02140)

Work requirements will be devastating to people with ME/CFS and Long COVID, making them sicker and causing permanent harm. Please designate them as medically frail.

676. Jayne Walker (ZIP code: NE26 1QR)

677. Sydne Stone (ZIP code: 22932)

My husband has ME/CFS which prevents him from walking, answering emails and other daily living tasks. Please protect medical care!

678. Aaron Stratton (ZIP code: 62301)

679. Leah Cromer (ZIP code: 05602)

680. Maria Malaguti (ZIP code: 01060)

681. Karen Kidston-Morris (ZIP code: 4054)

In Australia, my daughter with CFS/ME gets highly subsidised health care and meds and when she hits a yearly limit it is even more highly subsidised. As well as this, she gets disability support which helps her buy equipment she needs including a wheel chair. It pays for weekly visits from a physio and a cleaner and assistance with paying for transport. We feel such gratitude for living in a country which cares for its sick and disabled so well.

682. Timothy Sullivan (ZIP code: 32548)

Huge issue for these unfortunate people.

683. LeAnne Napolillo (ZIP code: 77379)

684. Galen Warden (ZIP code: 29902)

Less golf trips. More lives saved!

685. Solveig Sæther (ZIP code: 92627)

686. J L (ZIP code: 05488)

687. Diana Boyd (ZIP code: 87020)

688. Martha Gandelman (ZIP code: 06268)

689. Wade McCall (ZIP code: 37188)

690. Jennifer Reame (ZIP code: 48301)

691. Kent Ing Olsen (ZIP code: 1664)

692. Karen Scott (ZIP code: 95616)

693. Jo Claire Mitchell (ZIP code: 30082)

694. Karen Boyett (ZIP code: 80538)

695. Rachel Puckett (*ZIP code: 30024*)

696. Kira Signer-Romero (*ZIP code: 02905*)

It's galling to have an invisible disability, and there aren't jobs for people with them anyway. How are we supposed to work if we can't get out of bed?

697. Rebecca Hicks (*ZIP code: 77303*)

698. Sami Jaber (*ZIP code: SW11 5HN*)

Kindly, I'm asking HHS Secretary to recognize people with ME/CFS and Long COVID as "medically frail" so that their access to Medicaid is protected.

699. Stella Bloom (*ZIP code: 92111*)

700. Joshua Jensen (*ZIP code: 76133*)

701. Hannah Collantes (*ZIP code: 33314*)

702. Adrian Maddox (*ZIP code: 76133*)

703. Dan Becks (*ZIP code: 98201*)

704. Nancy Wood (*ZIP code: 65202*)

People with ME will get worse - a lot worse - when they push themselves beyond what their bodies can produce the energy for. I have pushed myself through 38 years with ME; now housebound and getting worse every decade.

705. Emily Yosmanovich (*ZIP code: 22101*)

Please help those with ME and Long Covid. Medically frail individuals cannot be required to work in order to receive the care they need.

706. Leili Anassori (*ZIP code: 33196*)

707. Connie Fletcher (*ZIP code: 23606*)

708. Annette Klapstein (*ZIP code: 11237*)

709. Victoria Beltz (*ZIP code: 32536*)

710. Rachel Weiner (*ZIP code: 21701*)

People with MEcfs have a worse quality of life than people with most cancers, HIV/AIDS, MS, COPD, and many more. It is essential to support these medically-frail people so they can recover enough to rejoin society.

711. Taliet Gerretsen (ZIP code: 14850)

712. Caitlin Burlett (ZIP code: 05301)

713. Burke Treidler (ZIP code: 94530)

714. Lydia Clarke (ZIP code: SP8 4GY)

715. Mark Wallace (ZIP code: 20151)

716. JULIET HEADRICK (ZIP code: 11204)

I cannot work. Period. This law will kill me.

717. Laurel Sanders (ZIP code: 56721)

718. Michelle Lewis (ZIP code: 98506)

719. Nicole Lopez-Jantzen (ZIP code: 11377)

720. Nicole Cox (ZIP code: 94301)

721. Tess Hillier (ZIP code: SN15 2RA)

722. Jennifer Thies (ZIP code: 23004-2072)

It's a full time job taking care of myself. If it weren't for my supportive spouse and our good insurance I'd be much more frail. Taking care of ourselves is the job for people with disabilities.

723. Hannah Harder-Chancellor (ZIP code: 53073)

Please also recognize how frail many with long term vaccine reactions are. Some of us also got me/cfs from vaccine reactions combined with other debilitating neurological, arthritic, or immunological adverse responses. Many also got unpredictable cardiac dysautonomias. And even those who can partially work, for many consistent work weeks of even half time hours, particularly in person or set hours remain a far reaching impossibility

724. Jamila Martin (ZIP code: 48212)

725. Marni Silverman (ZIP code: 20852)

726. David O'Connor (ZIP code: 27614)

727. Scarlett Unruh (ZIP code: 45872)

ME/CFS & Long Covid patients already face enough, they need access to healthcare

728. Paula Tedder (ZIP code: 77385)

729. Christina Steiger (ZIP code: 97333)

Many/most patients with ME/CFS and long covid are too medically frail to work. In some cases they may be considered ambulatory but that doesn't mean that they are able to consistently show up for even limited work hours without repercussions.

730. Charles Gibson (ZIP code: 05301)

I am a white male with 55 years of work experience starting with carrying newspapers. I hold degrees in electrical engineering and information assurance. I founded two technical services companies. I personally know 3 persons diagnosed with ME/CFS. They are, when able, hard-working, intelligent, and even ambitious. But ME/CFS robs them of significant portions of their lives. They are not slacking, not joking, and they don't need ignorant advice. They need a break - please include them in the medically-frail category, and protect their Medicaid!

731. Kaylah Walters (ZIP code: 97402)

732. Sara Anderson (ZIP code: 30176)

ME/CFS and Long Covid is debilitating and chronic without treatment options. We must support the most fragile and frail of us—and people with long COVID and chronic fatigue are frail and fragile.

733. Anne Vaidya (ZIP code: B13 9DS)

734. Kim Hansen (ZIP code: 97520)

735. Kestral Bossard-Kruger (ZIP code: 05301)

736. Joanne hildenbrand (ZIP code: 15044)

737. Chelsea Thatcher (ZIP code: 84084)

I am medically frail, diagnosed with ME/CFS, and cannot afford to lose my Medicaid!

738. Elizabeth Emerson (ZIP code: 96067)

Please protect the Medicaid status of MS, ME, chronic fatigue and other vulnerable patients who cannot work.

739. James Zoller (ZIP code: 15044)

740. Irene Dunlop (ZIP code: 97132)

741. Summer Rudolph (ZIP code: 97132)

742. Elizabeth Johnson (ZIP code: 60201)

743. Deborah Brandon (ZIP code: 87106)

744. Nancy Fons (ZIP code: 33174)

745. Carol Lucking (*ZIP code: 80907*)

746. Jenny Richards (*ZIP code: M19 2WG*)

747. Nicole Clifton (*ZIP code: 84129*)

748. Catherine Ashenfelter (*ZIP code: ME17 1TB*)

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

Thank you for the work you have done in setting a standard for good science. Please can you do everything you can to ensure that ME/CFS sufferers receive Medicaid and are assessed as 'medically frail' due to their illness. ME/CFS is described as 'more debilitating than most diseases', in the medical booklet 'International Consensus Primer for Medical Practitioners' page 27, published in 2012 (Drs. Carruthers and van de Sande)

ME/CFS sufferers would not be able to work 80 hours a month. It wouldn't even be an option. If they were forced to even try this, their health would immediately deteriorate to a horrific level of pain and disability.

749. Ruth Braham (*ZIP code: LS7 4RP*)

750. Kevin Milam (*ZIP code: 98117*)

Protect Medicaid access for disabled people, including people with ME/CFS and Long COVID!

751. Debbie Weiss Cochran (*ZIP code: 15132*)

I have MECFS that left me entirely unable to work 5 months after having a mild Covid infection. During the 2 years that it took to obtain my diagnosis and the almost 3 year process of getting SSDI, having access to Medicaid was essential not only for myself but for my family as I was the primary income earner.

752. John Bonneville (*ZIP code: HD5 8TG*)

753. Rosemary Kaufman (*ZIP code: 11218*)

754. Nicole Phillips (*ZIP code: 80023*)

Working even 10 hours a week would destroy my ability to have a functional life with ME.

755. Heather Escontrias (*ZIP code: 15557*)

756. Brynn Moulton (*ZIP code: 27587*)

757. angela krebeck (*ZIP code: 28763*)

Please understand and research and find compassion and treatments for people with CFS/ME. This is an important Disease to focus on.

758. Carolyn Betz (*ZIP code: 55125*)

759. Elizabeth Falzon (*ZIP code: 10009*)

760. Devin Gamble (*ZIP code: 21224*)

761. Hope Soliz (*ZIP code: 78209*)

762. Zelda Sherwood (*ZIP code: 80209*)

763. Joan L Ratliff (*ZIP code: 52577*)

764. Debbie Claros (*ZIP code: 70435*)

765. Susan Anderson (*ZIP code: 97504-4227*)

766. Paul Osmundson (*ZIP code: 50010*)

767. Nikki Burkart Nikki Burkart (*ZIP code: 43558*)

Dr's and even family members don't understand this VERY REAL disease.
Do NOT make these people suffer even more!!!!

768. Michelle Van Elsacker (*ZIP code: 48706*)

769. Elaine Cowley (*ZIP code: 78648*)

770. Stephanie Torsch (*ZIP code: 73069*)

771. Hannah Kenner (*ZIP code: 97005*)

772. Amelia McNamara (*ZIP code: 55407*)

I care for my disabled sibling, who has long covid. At only 34 years old they are unable to leave bed for any reason, read, look at screens, listen to music, or do any of the things they used to do before they became ill. Before covid, they worked a full time job, had a master's degree, worked out, and volunteered. If it was possible for them to work now, they would. But their condition means that any exertion gives them Post Exertional Malaise (PEM), temporarily or permanently worsening their condition. Please consider people with these conditions to be medically frail.

773. Adriane Tillman (*ZIP code: 94501-5514*)

774. Liz Burlingame (*ZIP code: 30041*)

I'm a person with ME since 1991. Disabled and mostly confined to bed for the past 34 years. Can you imagine? Please. Help.

775. MARTY STEPHENSON (*ZIP code: 28443*)

776. Laura Bernas (ZIP code: 70118)

777. Aparna Ramen (ZIP code: 55447)

778. Shannon Walsh (ZIP code: 97202)

779. Ashley Hamilton (ZIP code: 30041)

780. Lacey Fox (ZIP code: 97132)

781. MaryLou Scott (ZIP code: 89048)

I live in a rural area that has literally no support or services for CFS. I have had 3 doctors in a matter of 2 years.

Our system is severely broken. I thought RFK was into fighting chronic diseases, yet he's closed several studies and grants. It's hard enough managing the disease, let alone fighting for basic care!! Thank You for all you do.

782. M.A Armenta (ZIP code: 85706)

783. Tana Triepke (ZIP code: 58301)

This is a debilitating disease that makes you so vulnerable and not able to work. People need quality healthcare. I know people who have lost their life savings and are now homeless because of this disease. This is why we have safety nets.

784. Sonja Shield (ZIP code: 10460)

785. Marie Kramer (ZIP code: 98121)

786. Karen Smith (ZIP code: 47403)

787. Isabelle Headrick (ZIP code: 78722-1518)

788. Belinda Crawley (ZIP code: BN3 1HE)

789. Joan Tabb waisbein (ZIP code: 95404)

790. Sheila Messer (ZIP code: 95405)

Many of us are critically chronically ill and under supported. Please do not remove access to needed care. People will die.

791. Steve Sherwood (ZIP code: 97132)

792. Tara Severns (ZIP code: 96749)

793. Philip Ritz (*ZIP code: 15205*)

794. Susan Loeffler (*ZIP code: 30345*)

Please do not deny Medicaid to people with ME/CFS. As a sufferer I can tell you that his illness is serious and debilitating. Do not consign ME sufferers to even more suffering and potentially death.

795. Adrian Cosma (*ZIP code: 100492*)

796. Jennifer Collet (*ZIP code: 07302*)

797. Jessica Grossman (*ZIP code: 97266*)

798. Mo Greenwood (*ZIP code: 96003*)

799. Karen Adelman (*ZIP code: 95010*)

800. Patricia Merkle (*ZIP code: 43214*)

801. Martha Atkinson (*ZIP code: 99181*)

Please protect me! I am almost completely bedbound with severe ME/CFS.

Thank you.

802. Jennider Leson (*ZIP code: 30340*)

803. Jo Booms (*ZIP code: 81004*)

804. Jeannette DeBartolomeo (*ZIP code: 17321*)

805. Marian Twitchell (*ZIP code: 83204*)

This is not a game. People need medical care. Do the right thing.

806. Mark Stewart (*ZIP code: 20910*)

807. Taryn Urban (*ZIP code: 19125*)

808. Taylor Dunn (*ZIP code: 48346*)

809. Maria Nadia Michael (*ZIP code: 10009*)

810. Amelia Magjik (*ZIP code: 16134*)

811. Janaki Silva (*ZIP code: 94530*)

812. Patricia Armbrust (*ZIP code: 21054*)

813. David Gamble (*ZIP code: 21224*)

814. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 28714*)

815. Melinda Maxwell (*ZIP code: 28792*)

816. Catherine Suter (*ZIP code: 98502*)

817. Gabriela Woellner (*ZIP code: 11226*)

818. Dominique Ridley (*ZIP code: 95436*)

819. Sarah Cockrell (*ZIP code: G744QR*)

ME/CFS is one of the most debilitating illnesses in the whole world – people are dying from this illness all over the place and there are millions and millions of us affected – we are literally intolerant to all exertion – cognitive and physical – therefore any work requirement will make our illness worse and could possibly even risk our lives. Please do not ignore that ME/CFS patients are frail.

820. Kristen Davis (*ZIP code: 40205*)

821. Arthur Mirin (*ZIP code: 94551*)

822. Alex Allen (*ZIP code: T5K 2W3*)

823. Blayne Wessels (*ZIP code: 55340*)

824. Stephanie Ellis (*ZIP code: 12486*)

825. Ellie O'Callaghan (*ZIP code: SP1 3GY*)

826. Meagan Bojarski (*ZIP code: 30043*)

827. Yann Kull (*ZIP code: 94530*)

828. Elizabeth Vyas (*ZIP code: 20001*)

Signing as a long COVID and ME/CFS patient

829. Stacy Myers (*ZIP code: 46204*)

Please protect Medicaid for ME/CFS and long COVID! There are over 3.3M ADULTS are affected by ME/CFS and 20M Americans have Long COVID! And that's just those who have been diagnosed! We need funding for research. These conditions are a living Hell!

830. Sonya Greenawalt (ZIP code: 06484)

831. Elisabeth (ZIP code: 78201)

832. Rhea Weiss (ZIP code: 21214)

833. Joseph Davis (ZIP code: 27052)

834. Pam Shank (ZIP code: 30188)

835. Wendy Caveny (ZIP code: 03110)

836. Elaine Hickling (ZIP code: SA71 5DD)

837. Stephanie Price (ZIP code: 03053)

Without care I couldn't survive. I also could not work. Some people cannot work without help but staffing issues get in the way and although they have been approved they cannot find staff or have to constantly search for staff and fight for basic needs. If the system was more efficient and we got everything we needed, some people may be able to work but that's not the reality. Many cannot access the medical care needed to improve their conditions. Many states lack providers and treatment for a the Marriott of common and rare conditions. Oftentimes Medicaid will not cover or will make it too complicated for specialty practitioners to take on patients with Medicaid. Many are going private pay. Holistic wellness services are not covered either. Access to IV treatments are limited. Certain PT, OT isn't covered. Often times transportation is another issue. Especially for those with mobility challenges or life threatening environmental/chemical allergies/reactions. Rural areas have poor access to transport and cities still do for folks with illnesses listed above. There are so many barriers, we do not need more. We need the system fo be more robust. We need ways to adapt to work or treatments, care and research on healing from these diseases or at least living a fulfilling life. This is an unorganized argument as I'm typing this fast as I still have to do my infusion order and oxygen orders today. There's no time when there's no energy. Thank you.

838. Margaret Dodge (ZIP code: 90028)

839. Jennifer Graham (ZIP code: 97132)

840. Mary Thomas (ZIP code: 20012)

841. Pamela Davis (ZIP code: 27052)

842. Jenni Bearden (ZIP code: 29414)

843. Elizabeth Weaver (ZIP code: 30316)

844. Amy York (ZIP code: 46060)

845. Deanna Boudreau (ZIP code: 75036)

846. Shannon Toeller (ZIP code: 37363)

847. Rachel Masters (ZIP code: So535bl)

848. Emerald Kaitryn (ZIP code: 98059)

849. Angela Linamen (ZIP code: 98011)

850. Tracy Smith (ZIP code: 97132)

851. Tim Kearney (ZIP code: 15237)

852. Britta Gustavson (ZIP code: 74120)

853. Meghan McCoy (ZIP code: 03079)

854. Sheila Roberts (ZIP code: 55426)

855. Jeanine Davis (ZIP code: 53066)

856. Donald Fraser (ZIP code: 20132)

857. Brandi Klepfer (ZIP code: 75455)

as an able-bodied American with family suffering from chronic illnesses, specifically severe ME/CFS, I have witnessed what any attempt at working does to a person with ME/CFS. It is medically devastating. Please include ME/CFS in the “medically frail” definition so that my family members can be protected and continue to receive the benefits they so desperately need, without having to “prove” anything.

858. Jen Taylor (ZIP code: 21742)

I do not need or use medicaid at the moment - but because I have severely debilitating ME/CFs and POTs, if something happened to my husband as caregiver and breadwinner, I would be on the street or dead without government support.

859. Donna Cinelli (ZIP code: 12491)

860. Jes Gordon (ZIP code: 30032)

We need you to acknowledge the people with ME/CFS & Long COVID as exemptions for the “medically frail!” We need immediate attention on this!!!

861. Gayle Brees (ZIP code: 37042)

862. Erin Sandera (ZIP code: 30534)

People with me/cfs are barely able to function much less work!! Do your jobs and find a cure!!

863. Deborah Averette (ZIP code: 38305)

Please protect those with ME and Long Covid. 75% of us can no longer leave the house or work.

864. Matthew Bertrand (ZIP code: 02090)

865. Bridget Brian (ZIP code: 46237)

866. Katie Goodman (ZIP code: 98607)

867. Emily Montaperto (ZIP code: 23102)

868. Michelle Mosher (ZIP code: 20901)

869. Devon Johnson (ZIP code: 05777)

870. Kelly Keck (ZIP code: 20659)

871. Kathryn Cervi (ZIP code: 21228)

872. Emily Richey-Stavrand (ZIP code: 20653)

873. Hollie Z. (ZIP code: 01201)

874. Courtney Barry (ZIP code: 92054)

875. Elizabeth b Burlingame (ZIP code: 30041)

876. Joseph Jaggi (ZIP code: 16508)

877. ROSE-MARIE CERVONE, BSN, RN (ZIP code: 01803)

878. Nancy Tierney (ZIP code: 20165)

879. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 02472)

880. Shelley Carlson (ZIP code: 70113)

881. John Seibel (ZIP code: 77388)

882. rj addison (*ZIP code: 4802*)

883. Kamilah Konrad (*ZIP code: 30318*)

884. beth yaeger (*ZIP code: 08753*)

885. Catherine Stern (*ZIP code: 10027*)

886. Anne Thiel (*ZIP code: 46526*)

Working 80 hours a month would disable me. I'd love to be able to work 80 hours a month but I'm not physically capable.

887. Joseph Martin (*ZIP code: 20008*)

A vitally important issue. ME/CFS has been identified and it's a debilitating symptoms, with no source for the illness (related to other post-inflammatory diseases that do not have enough research funding to determine the causal elements), such as Lyme disease.

888. Rachel Benoit (*ZIP code: 60302*)

889. Christy Czerwien (*ZIP code: 79407*)

890. Sonja Totten-Harris (*ZIP code: 94601*)

Please consider this bill, exempting people with ME and severe long COVID from the work requirements.

891. Joseph Eastman (*ZIP code: 55709*)

892. Roma Sarkar (*ZIP code: T1S3V8*)

893. Hallie Schiff (*ZIP code: 19146*)

894. Amanda POrick (*ZIP code: 60187*)

895. Allison Galloup (*ZIP code: 30506*)

896. Traci Robinson (*ZIP code: 74037*)

897. Erin Monahan (*ZIP code: 55021*)

898. Janet Quiles (*ZIP code: 95616*)

899. Jane Pannell RN (*ZIP code: 94109*)

900. Bernadette Sullivan (*ZIP code: 80109*)

This is a devastating illness, causing severe fatigue with no cure. Please help the millions of people who are suffering.

901. Tricia Maduke (*ZIP code: 90250*)

902. Tammy Brookfield (*ZIP code: 97070*)

903. Mindy Frazer (*ZIP code: 29455*)

904. Lisa Perkins (*ZIP code: 44720*)

905. Brittany Prentice (*ZIP code: 85224*)

906. Linda Corey (*ZIP code: 54701*)

907. Christine Sellers (*ZIP code: 30317*)

908. Suzanne Short (*ZIP code: 37743*)

909. Lisa Kurtz (*ZIP code: 44438*)

910. NICOLE Clary (*ZIP code: 99301*)

911. Elke Martinez (*ZIP code: 80501*)

912. Cathy Beederman (*ZIP code: 95008*)

913. Carl Waitz (*ZIP code: 78258*)

914. Christy Crisman (*ZIP code: 97223*)

We need to care for the vulnerable

915. Madison Sterner (*ZIP code: 23221*)

916. Barbara Short (*ZIP code: 90731-6126*)

917. Shannon Golden (*ZIP code: 92673*)

I had to stop working years ago. Luckily, I was able to afford to not be on SSD. I could have used it for sure, but I just couldn't get myself to jump through the hoops and continue to try to prove to everyone I am not well.

918. Barbara Anderson Barbara Anderson (*ZIP code: 98513*)

I have a family member affected by this, and it truly debilitating. We need to have a government that works for the people, including health outcomes.

919. Alida Gowan (*ZIP code: 99201*)

920. Robert John Riglietti (*ZIP code: 91423*)

921. Danielle Chutintranond (*ZIP code: 60612*)

922. Karen Stevens (*ZIP code: ME138EG*)

923. Ann-Marie Reddy Mara (*ZIP code: 01040*)

Leaving home and going to workplaces full of chemicals will only make people with this disease sicker. If these folks could work 80 hours a month, they would already be doing so. People with Invisible illnesses need protection from this harsh requirement.

924. Madison Burton (*ZIP code: 32258*)

Help the MILLIONS Missing.

925. Olivia Chiu (*ZIP code: 77082*)

926. Gabrielle Shepard (*ZIP code: 28806*)

I have ME/CFS and long covid and I am too sick to work for years now and rely on Medicaid. Please do leave me to die without this. It's cruel and terrifying.

927. Nicole Baricevic (*ZIP code: 27360*)

928. Philip Fileri (*ZIP code: 96743*)

929. Steven E. Rice (*ZIP code: 97132*)

930. Nuha Rice (*ZIP code: 97132*)

931. M. Valdes (*ZIP code: 10065*)

932. Tuva Maria Martinussen (*ZIP code: 4326*)

933. Lisa New (*ZIP code: 4301*)

934. Tida Nelson (*ZIP code: 21209*)

935. Jackie Peters (*ZIP code: 11218*)

936. Linda Warwick (*ZIP code: CW12 4PH*)

937. Millissa Therrien (*ZIP code: 84047*)

RFK is absolutely unqualified to be making these decisions. Anyone trying to deny, and gaslight these patients, is a sick person.

938. paul pope (*ZIP code: EX14 9TQ*)

939. Marg Evans (*ZIP code: 22980*)

940. Laura Mack (*ZIP code: 98221*)

I have been housebound, and frequently bedbound, for more than 9 years with severe ME/CFS. My doctor describes my condition as "medically fragile."

941. Susan Taylor/brown (*ZIP code: 14424*)

942. Theresa Westerlund (*ZIP code: 55428*)

943. Amy Weisman (*ZIP code: 11365*)

As someone who suffers with Long COVID and ME/CFS, it is crucial that I have continued coverage.

944. Sarah Fulton (*ZIP code: G46 6HR*)

945. Elizabeth McClelland (*ZIP code: 84120*)

Please. Disabled life is so hard and we've already lost so much.

946. Julie Laite (*ZIP code: 58103*)

947. July Hazard (*ZIP code: 95564*)

948. Karyn Adams (*ZIP code: 4066*)

949. Edward Nolan (*ZIP code: 21228*)

950. Colleen Schneider (*ZIP code: 55376*)

951. Ellen White (*ZIP code: 72758*)

952. Graham Martin (*ZIP code: KW15 1JH*)

953. Brandy Schantz (*ZIP code: 22314*)

954. Cayce Salvino (*ZIP code: 13630*)

955. Dean Westerlund (*ZIP code: 55428*)

956. Katie Feather (*ZIP code: 14850*)

957. Charlotte Green (*ZIP code: BA2 2BU*)

958. Anil van der Zee (*ZIP code: 1016*)

959. Krista Ripley (*ZIP code: 02176*)

960. Lisa Rensink (*ZIP code: 8022CL*)

961. Deb McCarten (*ZIP code: L20 3NX*)

962. Katie Gasemy (*ZIP code: 21144*)
People with ME/CFS are FREAKIN FRAIL. PERIOD.

963. Damon Shawhan (*ZIP code: 27892*)

964. Margarita Pulgar (*ZIP code: 53207*)

965. Kaye McGehee, MN, RN (*ZIP code: 83832*)

966. Sandra Reinacher (*ZIP code: 34481*)
Please recognize ME/Chronic fatigue as medically frail.

967. Gabrielle Bush (*ZIP code: 47909*)

968. Jus bowde (*ZIP code: 2088*)

969. Beth Becker (*ZIP code: 14559-9741*)

970. Jeanine Fernandez (*ZIP code: 91706*)

971. Heather Jones (*ZIP code: 30507*)
We cannot leave anyone out who needs medical coverage just because we don't understand their illness.

972. Tina Buechel (*ZIP code: 53049*)

973. Linda Vega (*ZIP code: 32940*)

974. Michael Gomez (*ZIP code: 78751*)

975. Joanne Webb (ZIP code: 53189)

976. Susan Taylor (ZIP code: AB22 8XF)

977. Elizabeth Ferguson (ZIP code: 11215)

978. Kate Skiba Walker (ZIP code: 27609)

979. Greta Vanzant (ZIP code: 90805)

980. Teri Cutting (ZIP code: 33510)

981. Erika Newell (ZIP code: 75035)

982. Rhidian Williams (ZIP code: DE4 5GQ)

983. Mel White (ZIP code: 20745)

984. Jocelyn Peterson (ZIP code: 78665)

The denial needs to stop. The true, science-backed, and compassionate behavior needs to start.

985. Donlan ElizaBeth (ZIP code: 19014)

986. Bianca Castaneda (ZIP code: 30291)

987. Marn Davis (ZIP code: 86336-5205)

988. Janet Horwitz (ZIP code: 19102)

989. Kristi Woods (ZIP code: 04330)

I am a person living with ME/CFS for over 15 years. I got worse following a COVID infection which led me to become unable to work and many times bedbound by this diagnosis. Pushing through symptoms to do things like even basic chores can make me bed bound for days and unable to tend to chores. Work requirements don't work for this diagnosis until we have actual treatments to address the underlying cause. Work requirements are extremely harmful for this community, ME/CFS and long COVID patients need to be exempt from work requirements with Medicaid.

990. Paula Harper (ZIP code: 14420)

There are too many people who are unable to work and yet are waiting for years to get approved for disability. Those people need Healthcare too

991. Jessica Kaushansky (ZIP code: 15101)

992. Robin Gillis (ZIP code: 30032)

993. Nate Kaushansky (*ZIP code: 15101*)

994. Michael McFadden (*ZIP code: 90038*)

995. Jillian Sauls Wailgum (*ZIP code: 32732*)

996. Nancy Sambogna (*ZIP code: 07650*)

997. Paula King (*ZIP code: 84084*)

998. Sally Jones (*ZIP code: 98112*)

999. Rebekah Cole (*ZIP code: 30458*)

1000. Matt Lazell-Fairman (*ZIP code: 06385*)

1001. Litsa Dremousis (*ZIP code: 98103*)

People with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis aka "ME/CFS" and people with Long Covid are not only medically frail, but many are so ill that working twenty hours a week could cause permanent and irreversible physical harm or, in some cases, even death. A mountain of research from Stanford, Harvard, Mt. Sinai, Cornell, et al corroborates this.

1002. Di Martinson (*ZIP code: 55435*)

This requirement will be more Costly for the healthcare system! Do research on Myalgic Encephalitis, you'll find your mistake; as studies show pushing physical activities worsens symptoms for days called PEM.

1003. Evelyn Walpus (*ZIP code: 92675*)

1004. Lisa Walker (*ZIP code: 19038*)

I have ME/CFS and Long Covid as a result of a Covid infection. I have lost my whole life, including a career I loved, my home, and my independence. If I could work, it would me everything to me. I cannot. Please recognize us as medically frail so that our access to needed resources is protected. We have no other options.

1005. Cole Glosser (*ZIP code: 78759*)

1006. Caitlin Clineff (*ZIP code: 27713*)

1007. Stacy Cooper (*ZIP code: 04043*)

1008. Mina Madani (*ZIP code: 12401*)

1009. Timothy Wasnock Wasnock (*ZIP code: 14626*)

1010. Christine Miller (ZIP code: 47304)

1011. Alexis Rutledge (ZIP code: 94605)

1012. Nancy Ramsdal (ZIP code: 80501)

25 years with no help and no understanding. This population needs protections! We would love to work, if we were able to!

1013. Toni Small (ZIP code: 89108)

1014. Michelle DuBois (ZIP code: 89511)

1015. Teresa Teliszcak (ZIP code: 32814)

1016. Lisa New (ZIP code: 3000)

1017. Holly Kroschel (ZIP code: 57006)

My son has ME/CFS. We are struggling to get approval for disability. I have to fill out all of the paperwork as it is because it would be too much for him. For people with ME/CFS and Long Covid already on Medicaid and disability, it would be dangerous for them to try to work the 80 hours. They need to be considered medically frail because trying to work could make them even sicker. Please consider putting them on the medically frail list to keep them from getting worse.

Thanks.

1018. George Halleck (ZIP code: 47396)

1019. Claire Spain (ZIP code: 22015)

1020. Carol Wall (ZIP code: 94928)

My daughter has ME/CFS and Eagle Syndrome. It's been hard for recognition from doctors until recently. She cannot work as the shortest activity wears her out and she "crashes". Please be an advocate for her!

1021. Grace Miller (ZIP code: 52338)

It would be impossible for someone with even mild ME to work 80 hours a week. With mild ME you've had to reduce your activity by 50% and can only do one thing. For moderate and severe ME patients that would be an unimaginable requirement. 80 hrs a week is already two times that of the average working person. It would also increase the burden on healthcare. More people with ME would worsen either because they can no longer access the medical care they need or they will worsen trying to meet these requirements. Not including ME/CFS patients under the medically frail category would harm millions of americans, which would not promote their wellbeing or improvement.

1022. Sarah King (ZIP code: 23805)

1023. Bracha Sacks-stern (ZIP code: 11552)

1024. Chad Detwiler (*ZIP code: 02066*)

1025. Roberta Klotz (*ZIP code: 08759*)

1026. Catherine Robinson (*ZIP code: DL11 7JA*)

Signing as an American citizen, despite living in UK with English husband. I've been desperately ill for decades with m.e., and know from experience the extreme physically debilitating reality of this invisible, chronic, disease.

1027. Kim-Loi Mergenthaler (*ZIP code: 05408*)

1028. Lisa Schicht (*ZIP code: 61874*)

1029. Mary A Kindel (*ZIP code: 45236*)

1030. Michael Dunn (*ZIP code: 48348*)

1031. Aidan Kroschel (*ZIP code: 57006*)

1032. Melanie Woods (*ZIP code: 03108*)

1033. Matri Lamb (*ZIP code: 97202*)

1034. shay welch (*ZIP code: 30317*)

1035. Jessica Bryant (*ZIP code: 92117*)

1036. DS George-Jones (*ZIP code: 30281*)

I have Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, Long Covid, spinal issues that cause excruciating pain, and many comorbidities.

But you would never know that if you saw me.

I would much rather work. Everyone I know with these illnesses would rather work.

Adding a work requirement to get Medicaid - an already inhumane process - would cause an unjust burden and potentially deaths to people who currently qualify for Medicaid.

Do not do it. Please.

1037. Keena Pratt (*ZIP code: 29461*)

1038. Kristen Sheppard-Bridges (*ZIP code: 04605*)

1039. Therese Russo (*ZIP code: 29572*)

1040. Tzuria Falkenberg (ZIP code: 02130)

1041. Jacqueline Hinton (ZIP code: 93840)

We should be ashamed of our health system as it is being run now by Trump and RFK-

1042. Sarah Nelson (ZIP code: 37042)

More of us will die without your help.

1043. Nicole Bedera (ZIP code: 55406)

1044. Laura Laderman (ZIP code: 10044)

1045. April Thompson (ZIP code: 20010)

1046. Michelle Dyck (ZIP code: M6H 1W2)

1047. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 01702)

1048. Jessica Boettiger (ZIP code: 90292)

1049. Jenny Boettiger (ZIP code: 98166)

1050. Sue Klaus (ZIP code: 60428)

Please recognize people with ME/CFS and Long COVID as “medically frail” so that their access to Medicaid is protected.

1051. Susan Timewell-Jeffs (ZIP code: M4C 4W1)

1052. Nanci Noble (ZIP code: 34748)

It is very important to understand the ramifications of these diseases. With Long Covid, I suffer from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Post Exertional Malaise. Some days I am so fatigued, short of breath and experiencing an elevated heart rate that I can barely make it to the rest room, adjacent to my bedroom.

1053. Shannon Monaco (ZIP code: 95403)

1054. Liz Fuller (ZIP code: V6S2M8)

1055. Cara Copeland (ZIP code: 97132)

1056. Lisa Markwart (ZIP code: 60804)

1057. james Limbach (ZIP code: 94619)

This will lead to sick people collapsing and relapsing more often. The point of these public services and public funding is to support people when they can't work.

1058. Mary Stagg (*ZIP code: 84118*)

1059. Laura Scheinoha (*ZIP code: 55902*)

1060. Ann gauer (*ZIP code: 87109-2505*)

1061. Genevieve Guzmán (*ZIP code: 91604*)

1062. Rita Jacobs (*ZIP code: 95401*)

Until ME, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, began my daughter was energetic and athletic. Now, at 45, she uses a cane or wheelchair and is in constant pain. Some days she can barely drive her kids to school. ME is a progressive illness and most people with it can NOT work! Please categorize ME and Long Covid as frail illnesses. Unless a cure is found these illnesses will continue to disable people and often kill them. Most victims CANNOT work.

1063. Lisa Brayton (*ZIP code: 21061*)

1064. Janet Turner (*ZIP code: 94930*)

1065. Lillith Rau (*ZIP code: 32567*)

1066. Karl Dallas (*ZIP code: 48813*)

We all need this protection, No way I could do 80 hours after being disabled 14 yrs. 10 maybe.

1067. Elisabeth Schubach (*ZIP code: 81825*)

1068. Elizabeth Conlon (*ZIP code: 02132*)

Protect Medicaid Access for People with ME/CFS and Long COVID! Protect people and their health!!!

1069. Makensie Colvin (*ZIP code: 32218*)

1070. Faith Leonard (*ZIP code: 17737*)

1071. Dineo (*ZIP code: 23116*)

1072. Alice Rothlisberger (*ZIP code: 08755*)

The impact of ME/CFS has been devastating in my own life and the lives of so many others. Every little extra bit of effort or stress can send me into a terrible flare up that has me in bed for days and feeling like I am dying!

1073. Andrew Londrow (*ZIP code: 32570*)

1074. Dominica Campbell (ZIP code: 23060)

1075. Jordan Burton (ZIP code: 32114)

Pass it on

1076. Susan Beal (ZIP code: 32952)

1077. Ann Forbes (ZIP code: 14618)

1078. Zachary Goadhouse (ZIP code: 22932)

1079. Victoria gatherar (ZIP code: NE7 7EJ)

1080. Chatiqua Perdue (ZIP code: 45424)

1081. Jessica Parker (ZIP code: 01027)

1082. Sandra Bohrer (ZIP code: 07039)

1083. Jodi Thomas (ZIP code: 06415)

These conditions are debilitating and there is no current treatment. Many people got long Covid from the vaccine itself, as well as the virus.

1084. Rachel Lightfoot (ZIP code: 65203)

1085. Jennifer Keen (ZIP code: 17345)

I have been suffering from CFS/ME for 22 years since I was 26. One MILLION people in the US have this and most can't work. SSDI is my only income and I will be homeless if you pull my Medicaid. MILLIONS of people all over the world have this and have better medical coverage than the US.

1086. Sarah Jagdmann (ZIP code: 01970)

1087. AMANDA MORRIS (ZIP code: 12522)

Long covid left me bedbound and need the use of an electric wheelchair. I am 38 years old please protect medicaid for all the people suffering from this terrible illness

1088. Juliet O'Brien (ZIP code: 01462)

You have stated commitment to citizens with Long Covid and chronic illness, please protect these incredibly vulnerable individuals. This is a critical situation that will lead to devastating effects for countless families and individuals if it is not corrected. Thank you in advance for doing the right thing.

1089. Robbi Patterson (ZIP code: 98072)

1090. Amanda Mele (ZIP code: 20852)

1091. Nicole Melton (ZIP code: 22015)

Please protect our loved ones from this forced and very subjective Medicaid modification. Our loved ones are critically ill and need support and protection against furthering their very fragile condition. Forcing people with ME/Long Covid to work with surely be to their detriment. Thank you.

1092. Kelly Hartsfield (ZIP code: 32726)

1093. Kaitlyn Hines (ZIP code: 22015)

1094. Sara Cash (ZIP code: 97324)

1095. Shanklin Sharon (ZIP code: 94947)

1096. Erika Beanblossom (ZIP code: 92315)

1097. Jarod Glatz (ZIP code: 30602-4712)

As someone with multiple invisible diseases, it is of utmost importance to protect those in our society who suffer invisibly because they often can not get the help they need.

1098. Megan Rossman (ZIP code: 73102)

1099. Melinda Lipscomb (ZIP code: 21237)

1100. Teresa Rashall (ZIP code: 77346)

1101. Yvonne Miller (ZIP code: AB15 9ST)

1102. Therese Fimian (ZIP code: 22180)

1103. killian davis (ZIP code: 28205)

1104. Susan Stewart (ZIP code: 47304)

Those with ME are definitely medically frail.

1105. Emily Paul (ZIP code: 20010)

1106. Jane Taylor (ZIP code: 01379)

I am a disabled woman who is housebound and unable to work. I live with multiple highly debilitating illnesses including myalgic encephalomyelitis. I have been unable to work since 2013 and although I am receiving SSDI and Medicare I also am a Medicaid recipient. Without the coverage through my state Medicaid program, MassHealth, I will no longer be able to afford the healthcare and medications that keep me alive and that allow me to have enough functionality to stay in my home. As it is, I am already housebound because I don't have the help that I need due to our failing social services and the dismantling of social services by this administration. Because I don't have the help I need I cannot pace as my conditions require and my health has deteriorated. I have severe cognitive and physical

limitations so not only can I not work but any new Medicaid rules that require having to prove my disability and having to prove that I cannot work, create a massive burden for me and for millions of Americans who live with “invisible” disability and illnesses.

1107. Leah Moses (*ZIP code: 01098-9585*)

1108. Lisa Wolf (*ZIP code: 02148*)

1109. Ruth Smith (*ZIP code: 50010*)

I retired at 62 forfeiting many benefits because of my ME/CFS. I could not work. Science has shown this to be a heritable illness which is exacerbated by activity and now my daughter is suffering from it. She is nearly bed bound. Please include ME/CFS as a frail medical condition when medically necessary.

1110. Ann Beauchamp (*ZIP code: 33498*)

1111. Laura Mansfield (*ZIP code: 44303*)

1112. Sanaa Ali-Virani (*ZIP code: 10044*)

1113. Ann Shaw (*ZIP code: 34655*)

Robert F Kennedy simply cannot be trusted to decide and define what constitutes a disability! He is not an expert, physician or trained in any way. From intractable migraine, MS, CFS, Long Covid, POTS... there are many conditions a non physician would even be familiar with. People who are disabled have already gone through tons of exams and documenting.

1114. Becky Moore (*ZIP code: 98366*)

Some of us don't get to live the life we wanted or had. You know this RFK. Do your diligence and fight like it was your life or those close to you. If you are who you so proudly insist then create a world that matters. We did not ask for this, one of the most lonely journeys to face

1115. Sherry Ledford (*ZIP code: 30263*)

1116. Erica Mena (*ZIP code: 02062*)

1117. Rob M (*ZIP code: 22015*)

1118. Matina Nicholson (*ZIP code: 21921*)

1119. Claire Chennells (*ZIP code: PO4 0JA*)

1120. Crystal Robinson (*ZIP code: 61821*)

More bureaucratic hoops to jump through will not make people healthier! Though they will cause people to lose support that they are entitled to, which I suspect is the whole point.

1121. Stephanie Baker (ZIP code: 21218)

1122. Joyce Eslinger (ZIP code: 98424)

I've had ME for over 30 years, and even at my mildest stages, I haven't been able to work outside the home. It's too exhausting, and would worsen symptoms.

1123. Michael Alexander (ZIP code: 10704)

1124. Jodi Osborne (ZIP code: 55125)

I am bedbound with severe Myalgic Encephalomyelitis . I would never be able to meet the 20 hour work requirement. I cannot even feed myself.

1125. London Osborne (ZIP code: 55125)

1126. Alice Langner (ZIP code: 08096)

These folks are not able to work. Please have mercy.

1127. Grace Robertson (ZIP code: 12203)

1128. David Clark (ZIP code: 98686-1810)

1129. David Clark (ZIP code: 98686)

1130. Lucinda Stremme (ZIP code: 80229)

1131. Jeanne Cashman (ZIP code: 01505)

When you become a doctor, RFK Jr., I will trust & believe you. But, you are making policy changes, based not on science but your stupidity and conspiracy theories, and those policies are hurting people.

1132. Robin Guzman (ZIP code: 91604)

Please recognize people with ME/CFS and long COVID as "medically frail" so that their access to Medicaid is protected. Thank you.

1133. Michele Williams (ZIP code: 24175)

Please, learn more about energy limiting conditions. If people with ME/CFS and Long Covid can work, they do. The harder they push, the more damage they cause themselves. Please read the research and respond accordingly.

1134. Amy Rogers (ZIP code: 92673)

1135. Kelly Brock (ZIP code: 93433)

1136. Dorothy Smith (ZIP code: 43214)

ME/CFS is a complex, body-wide condition. Sufferers are not "just tired." They wake up unrested and

suffer from memory problems, pain, body-wide inflammation, and much more. They never know how they feel from one day to the next, or from one hour to the next. Pushing too hard makes doing anything the next day and even several days after that impossible. Pushing for too hard, too long, makes a person house bound and then bed bound. It is a lose-lose medical condition for all sufferers. They lose not only independence, family, and friends, but also their income, hobbies, and control of their bodies.

1137. David Sutton (*ZIP code: 55427*)

1138. Sally Willoughby (*ZIP code: 44310*)

1139. Vicki Small (*ZIP code: 47725*)

1140. Alicia Fiori (*ZIP code: 04240*)

1141. Rebecca Ahmadi (*ZIP code: 95959*)

1142. Viveka Jagadeesan (*ZIP code: 94606*)

1143. Sheri Lee (*ZIP code: 95843*)

I have ME/CFS and Long COVID and can barely function daily and they are still finding things wrong with me. There is no way I could hold any job.

1144. Marnie Lattof (*ZIP code: 60181*)

1145. Joelle Holland (*ZIP code: 0216*)

1146. Jennifer Chernay (*ZIP code: 92104*)

Every illness is special and Individual. There is no way to fit everyone into the same box. And this suggestion is trying to do that with out understanding what true suffering is, and how deeply it's already affecting the lives of others. Why add more shame and trauma?

1147. Deborah Chilcoat (*ZIP code: 33881*)

Please save our Medicaid!

1148. Judith Boggs (*ZIP code: 28716*)

1149. Angela Green (*ZIP code: 87016*)

I have severe ME/CFS and am bedridden. There's no way I would meet the new work requirement. This is devastating to our community.

1150. Kate Hutchinson (*ZIP code: 4036*)

1151. Tom Green (*ZIP code: 87016*)

1152. Melissa Sigman (*ZIP code: 44122*)

1153. Lisa Lipshires (*ZIP code: 01022*)

1154. Stephanie Howes (*ZIP code: 01826*)

1155. Dennis Bushey (*ZIP code: 01007*)

1156. Eric Burnham (*ZIP code: 32570*)

1157. Andrea Grom (*ZIP code: 12871*)

1158. Emily O Kimm (*ZIP code: 20194*)

This requirement will make people sicker, which may be more expensive for the country. You care about money at least, right?

1159. Zachary Mall (*ZIP code: 89109*)

1160. Malin Wikström (*ZIP code: 47142*)

1161. Tina Gill Wikström (*ZIP code: 471 42*)

1162. Jennifer Briscoe (*ZIP code: CO16 8EN*)

1163. Kimberly Lyon (*ZIP code: 81521*)

1164. Katherine Polys (*ZIP code: 24060*)

1165. Terri Day (*ZIP code: 27526*)

I have had ME/CFS since I was in my 20s I am now 55. There are no "traditional" doctors that are knowledgeable about us therefore we are under treated and in turn we ARE medical fragile.

1166. Heidi Beneduci (*ZIP code: 24012*)

1167. Matilda Wikström (*ZIP code: 471 42*)

1168. Angelica Shilling (*ZIP code: 21076*)

1169. Deborah Layne (*ZIP code: 97070*)

This cruelty needs to stop.

1170. Greta Matzner-Gore (*ZIP code: 55057*)

1171. Brian Buckbee (ZIP code: 59801-1846)

People without ME/CFS who think they understand what the word "fatigue" means in the context of our illness rarely do. I hope they can find a way to think beyond language and build the imaginative capacity to fully understand this illness.

1172. Kevin Cox (ZIP code: 94301)

1173. Julia Fontius (ZIP code: 21465)

1174. Carmen Dworsky (ZIP code: 43402)

The disease burden of these illnesses is as great or greater than other diseases on the approved list such as diabetes and epilepsy. We need access to care.

1175. Mandi Holmes (ZIP code: 90042)

1176. Jennifer Smith (ZIP code: 33328)

1177. Audre Wirtanen (ZIP code: 11237)

1178. Jennifer Maganty (ZIP code: 97211)

1179. Brit Wilson (ZIP code: 84074)

1180. Lauryn Mayer (ZIP code: 15301)

1181. Doug Frizzell (ZIP code: 37421)

1182. Christy Milichichi (ZIP code: 97756)

1183. Céline Coet (ZIP code: 80200)

I am french and I want that American people are safe ___

1184. Emma Martino (ZIP code: 19006)

1185. Margot Armbruster (ZIP code: 53122)

1186. Debbie Helmold (ZIP code: 98674)

1187. Alicia Remy (ZIP code: 70115)

1188. Johanna Gelbspan (ZIP code: 19104)

1189. Jo Hutchins (ZIP code: 50010)

1190. Joseph Petty (*ZIP code: 98108*)

1191. Robin Mckee-York (*ZIP code: 10033*)

1192. Coralyn Yeaman (*ZIP code: 3564*)

1193. Caroline Montreuil (*ZIP code: 30341*)

1194. Ruairidh McBride (*ZIP code: 15205-2027*)

1195. James (*ZIP code: TN2 5BG*)

1196. Sarah Hernandez (*ZIP code: 91362*)

1197. Mark Jensen (*ZIP code: 3000*)

M.E by its very nature is likely to cause deterioration in any patient forced to do activities beyond a certain limit (for some this may include working 1 hour a day, for another this may include having a shower, for another, this maybe talking). It is also an illness with huge variations, not just in the populations, but within individuals. So while person A might be able to work 2 hours a day on day 1, it maybe 1/2 on day 2, it maybe 1 hour on day 3. If forced to work beyond these amounts it will be reduced on subsequent days for up to months.

Apart from the suffering this will cause on top of the untold suffering already going on this would not only cause extra short term damage to productivity, but a much greater damage to the long term economy, as those able to work several hours a week will be likely be reduced to zero.

The best return on investment in the medium to long terms would be to research those with post viral illnesses such as M.E. Forcing them to work beyond their means would be shortsighted, cruel and quite likely to be damaging to those who, with good research, could become productive members of society, paying back more than tenfold that invested in them, should the government have the wisdom and will to do so.

1198. Brenda Brenda Austin (*ZIP code: 78729*)

Long Covid & ME/CFS should absolutely be considered a frailty!
Thank you.

1199. Anna Tidwell (*ZIP code: 37931*)

1200. Radu Gocan (*ZIP code: 400523*)

1201. Jennifer Ethridge (*ZIP code: 68108*)

1202. Erica Hayes (*ZIP code: 16123*)

1203. Penny Hassack (*ZIP code: AL1 4LQ*)

1204. Ruth Twyman (*ZIP code: 15001*)

1205. Hart Webb (*ZIP code: 01060*)

1206. Karin Brysens (*ZIP code: 1980*)

1207. Michelle Remu (*ZIP code: 22153*)

1208. James Ampe (*ZIP code: 02474*)

1209. Lily Carley (*ZIP code: 15221*)

1210. Casey Ramsey (*ZIP code: 75025*)

Chronic fatigue is a debilitating condition that needs more research. Medicaid needs protect those who have CFS/ME, Chronic Fatigue, unspecified and fibromyalgia.

1211. Brenda Neet (*ZIP code: 97504*)

1212. Heather Chavez (*ZIP code: 54410*)

1213. Jessica Woods (*ZIP code: 04102*)

1214. Patricia Becker (*ZIP code: 14020*)

This is ridiculous. These people are too sick to work and you would take this away?! I am disgusted with all of you!

1215. Allison Hagen (*ZIP code: 55372*)

1216. Becky Hagen (*ZIP code: 55372*)

1217. Lydia McNeary, MD (*ZIP code: 24014*)

1218. Richard Hagen (*ZIP code: 55372*)

1219. B. Greene (*ZIP code: 97217*)

1220. Debra Howell (*ZIP code: 94903*)

1221. Kelsey Coleman-Stark (*ZIP code: 97209*)

1222. Loralyn Sardella (*ZIP code: M4M 1G3*)

1223. Leah Stagnone (*ZIP code: 03052*)

1224. Marie Couture (ZIP code: 32129)

1225. Vicki Tschan (ZIP code: 97132)

Find your heart and give compassion to those in need.

1226. Vicki Nevins (ZIP code: 11215)

People on disability are on disability because they cannot work. It's time to stop pretending that long Covid and ME/CFS don't exist.

1227. Justine (ZIP code: 94610)

1228. Melanie Guite (ZIP code: 92504)

1229. Daniel Taylor (ZIP code: 28327)

If citizens with ME/CFS or long COVID like me are forced to work 80 hours a month to qualify for Medicaid, even though the majority of us cannot physically do that, you will be inflicting severe and cruel suffering on potentially millions of your fellow citizens. Making this population of citizens jump through hoops to prove medical necessity for working less than 80 hours will only make things worse, as the simplest of tasks exacerbate the symptoms and complications those of us experiencing these illnesses deal with. Please reconsider this for the sake of the health of millions of Americans. I support much of what this administration has done for the health of Americans, but please address this issue ASAP. If not for Medicaid, I would likely be dead or far worse off right now as I'd be unable to afford essential healthcare through no fault of my own. This is the case for most of us with these conditions.

1230. Ellie Gilmour (ZIP code: Eh47 8bl)

1231. Jennifer Lunden (ZIP code: 04101)

I have ME/CFS. When I was first devastatingly ill, the welfare office required me to do "Workfare." It made me worse. People with chronic illnesses MUST be exempt from work requirements. Making someone with ME/CFS work for their healthcare risks triggering a relapse that makes them more disabled, and more expensive to care for.

1232. Emily Chaney (ZIP code: 01906)

1233. Jacqueline Ferreira (ZIP code: 02114)

Please protect the very sick suffering from ME/CFS and Long Covid.

1234. CORAL BOHNE (ZIP code: 99515)

85% of people with ME/CFS can never work full-time again. And we try part-time and fail too.

1235. Beverly Wallace (ZIP code: 27565)

Having had Myalgic Encephalomyelitis for about 24 years and being unable to continue working for a living, it would be impossible for most people with ME/CFS or Long Covid to work 80 hours per month, especially with consistency enough to hold a job. Passing this requirement would add an undue burden and hardship on these medically fragile individuals.

1236. Dakota Chase (*ZIP code: 94117*)

1237. Thor Johnson (*ZIP code: 98033*)

1238. June Sass (*ZIP code: 02135*)

I have long covid and I'm unable to work. If I end up on medicaid, I need to know that I will be supported

1239. Marika Burke (*ZIP code: 14709*)

ME can debilitating for those with this diagnosis. They may "look" fine, but their nervous system is fragile and has no way to regulate. This has no cure. They need assistance! They will never recover and need to be able to rely on Healthcare to help them through this.

1240. Linda Ryan-Solomon (*ZIP code: 14760*)

1241. Michele DiStefano (*ZIP code: 14709*)

1242. Dianne Odum (*ZIP code: 27604*)

1243. Laurie Oliver (*ZIP code: 14743*)

1244. Cyprin Mason (*ZIP code: 95355*)

1245. Belinda Knight (*ZIP code: 14737*)

FUND LONG COVID HEALTH CARE IN ALL ITS FORMS.

1246. Sondra Williams (*ZIP code: 36109*)

1247. Ginny Wilmot (*ZIP code: 14743*)

1248. M L (*ZIP code: 76058*)

1249. Genevieve Thiel (*ZIP code: 91910*)

1250. Karen & David Templeton (*ZIP code: 76502*)

1251. John Jackman (*ZIP code: 27023*)

ME/CFS patients can not work consistently unless effective treatment is found.

1252. Christina Condon (*ZIP code: 21122*)

1253. Jessica Wilson (*ZIP code: 90631*)

1254. Susan Mitchell (*ZIP code: 37803*)

My sister has ME/CFS Along with more autoimmune diseases. She is fighting everyday to find help. Please protect her and others like her. Thank you.

1255. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 11226*)

1256. Alice Dreyer (*ZIP code: 11766*)

1257. Erin Lee (*ZIP code: 30135*)

Most people with ME/CFS are too ill to work 80 hours a month. If they try to push through to meet that work requirement, their illness will become worse and they will lose even more functional capacity. People whose diseases are made worse by exertion, like ME/CFS, should be exempt from the Medicaid work requirement.

1258. Nathan Lee (*ZIP code: 30135*)

1259. Doran Gillie (*ZIP code: 84627*)

Please review the following closely. Our daughter has been afflicted with ME for over 20 years. It significantly degrades her ability to function. She has not been able to perform a days work for many years.

Her frailty is demonstrated by many events that trigger a physical crash that leave her incapacitated for days at a time

1260. Chris Paikos (*ZIP code: 46072*)

Having a friend go from vibrant and active to basically bedridden from having ME/CFS for the past decade has been a tragedy. We must support those with this condition and Long Covid without requiring them to prove they are medically frail and lose their access to Medicaid. Requiring them to work long hours is unacceptable and takes even more of their life force away.

1261. Alexandra Nielsen (*ZIP code: 53142*)

1262. Carey Dorazio (*ZIP code: 01845*)

Many of us have pushed ourselves to work only making our health condition worse. Many of those with ME and Long COVID don't have the amount of energy it takes to do activities of daily living and should be excluded from the work requirement for Medicaid.

1263. Stacy Dykstra (*ZIP code: 03033*)

1264. Ida Wagner (*ZIP code: 42153*)

1265. Gwenyth Tucker (*ZIP code: 02134*)

1266. Ray Lofstrom (*ZIP code: 02324*)

1267. Nancy Dorazio (ZIP code: 03033)

This is a very seriously horrible disability that is not being recognized.

1268. Deidre Doezema (ZIP code: 49534)

1269. Heidi Dorazio (ZIP code: 02809)

1270. Ella Neruda (ZIP code: 43221)

Those of us with ME/CFS are medically frail! Please advise states to add ME/CFS to the list of medically frail conditions. Without Medicaid many of us will get sicker or even die from this awful condition. Working 80 hrs could mean pushing oneself into a bedbound state. Please protect patients fighting the battle of surviving ME/CFS.

1271. Carey Reynolds (ZIP code: 27517)

1272. Jay Jackson (ZIP code: 49855)

1273. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 72120)

1274. Rebecca Graubart (ZIP code: 11803)

1275. Jake Tucker (ZIP code: 02809)

1276. Artur Molchanov (ZIP code: Not from US)

1277. Kelly Gibson (ZIP code: 07747)

1278. Alyssa Stevenson (ZIP code: 12309)

1279. Lauren Booker (ZIP code: 03462)

1280. Jill Thomas (ZIP code: 21234)

1281. Anna Golovina (ZIP code: 94568)

1282. Camden Billin (ZIP code: 91355)

1283. Mara Senecal-Albrecht (ZIP code: 05403)

1284. Betsy Robinson (ZIP code: 34614)

1285. Holly Haber Dubinsky (ZIP code: 91390)

1286. Vanessa Leon (ZIP code: 97838)

Long Covid is debilitating and we need to support those who can't work, not because they don't want to, but because they medically can't without risking their health.

1287. Cassandra Lauterbach (ZIP code: 97756)

Our government continues to look the other way while American citizens are suffering through an ongoing mass-disabling event. The least it can do is make healthcare accessible & affordable.

1288. John Magee (ZIP code: 14510)

1289. Danielle Summers (ZIP code: 23606)

Protect our access to Medicaid

1290. Kayla Brim (ZIP code: 65804)

1291. Helen Daly (ZIP code: 80904)

1292. Kim Jackson (ZIP code: WD19 6TW)

No one should be denied help, the complex difficulties with these conditions is exhausting and living a life without help is sadly not an option.

1293. Sarah Read (ZIP code: 98503)

1294. Lucy MacRobert (ZIP code: 01730)

1295. Renee Fraser (ZIP code: 93063)

1296. Paul Jackson (ZIP code: WD19 6TW)

1297. Anna Pronschinske (ZIP code: 54913)

1298. Kelsey Sampson (ZIP code: 75087)

1299. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 93905)

You can have no idea how badly I want to work, or how hard working was before I became mostly bed bound with ME/CFS. It got so bad that if there were a fire, I would not be able to escape it unless someone carried me. People with ME/CFS are frail and need access to help, not a work requirement. Although I suppose the point of this is to intentionally kill disabled people.

1300. Lauren Dalba (ZIP code: 32608)

1301. Molly Poulin (ZIP code: 44035)

1302. Blake McKenzie (ZIP code: 97233)

1303. Julie Becker (*ZIP code: 16729*)

1304. Lynn Chealander (*ZIP code: 10002*)

1305. Cheryl Murray (*ZIP code: 95492*)

Sec. Kennedy,

It's vital to the economy and national security of the US to continue Medicaid to people with ME/CFS and Long Covid. Medicaid is the only way mostly young people and children with these diseases can be treated and return to society as participating and contributing members. Covid 19 has left up to 25% of those infected with Long Covid, a real and disabling disease that requires timely and effective treatment. Most Americans voted for and support Medicaid coverage for ME/CFS and Long Covid. As our HHS Secretary, your job is to follow peer reviewed science and do the will of the voters not special interest groups or faux science.

1306. Joan Mancilla (*ZIP code: 06610*)

We all need it.

1307. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 55105*)

1308. Gwen Cariker (*ZIP code: 78724*)

1309. Katherine Wilde (*ZIP code: 95492*)

1310. Katherine Arzt (*ZIP code: 06089*)

1311. Mari Iromo (*ZIP code: 15218*)

1312. Allison Baker (*ZIP code: 55412*)

1313. Carroll Christina (*ZIP code: 34953*)

Please don't take away the care my son needs.

1314. Ash Heath (*ZIP code: 90006*)

1315. Meridith Burkus (*ZIP code: 19123*)

1316. Megan Burritt (*ZIP code: 14534*)

1317. Kelly Worthy (*ZIP code: 66044*)

Research indicates that

ME, or MECFS often results in a significantly lower health-related quality of life (HRQoL) than many serious illnesses, including some advanced cancers.

Severe ME can affect multiple systems, including the heart (reduced cardiac output, abnormal heart rate), brain, and autonomic nervous system, potentially leading to organ failure or other serious

complications.

Many people with ME experience extreme medical neglect, severe isolation and lack of community support.

Daily functioning is severely impacted and makes work impossible for many people with ME. Exemptions from work requirements for benefits like Medicaid are necessary as inappropriate exertion can profoundly worsen this disease, including leading to one's death.

1318. Janet Worthy (*ZIP code: 63123*)

1319. Juanita Lumpkin (*ZIP code: 30677*)

As someone with Long Covid, there's no way I can work

1320. Emma Fitzsimmons (*ZIP code: 55118*)

1321. Amy Ginther (*ZIP code: 95064*)

1322. Nancy Iannuzzi (*ZIP code: 89178*)

1323. Iris Priest (*ZIP code: NE40 3SY*)

I live with, often debilitating, ME and along Covid. These proposed changes are frightening because I know from personal experience that anyone with conditions like mine is dependent on support from the state and the expectation to work 80 hours would actually be lethal to me and my family in that situation. Punishing the chronically ill and disabled is not an answer. It is inhumane and cruel.

1324. Marissa Luna (*ZIP code: 78148*)

1325. Lorraine Palmier (*ZIP code: En1 3df*)

Lorraine Palmier

1326. Polly Kerr (*ZIP code: NE30 3TJ*)

1327. Annie Durant (*ZIP code: 43017*)

1328. Brandi Contrino (*ZIP code: 90035*)

1329. Felicity Guidry (*ZIP code: 83709*)

I kept my elderly parents covid free for over 5 years. We knew early it was dangerous for their bodies and minds. My husband died on March 8th 2020 of what doctors said "Looked somewhat like pneumonia". There were no covid tests here at that time. His symptoms began with delirium, aphasia and a seizure. Both of my parents had mild dementia symptoms. In May 2025 my dad had a severe

personality shift with psychotic episodes. It turned out we all had Covid-19. My dad was asymptomatic except for the new aggressive behaviors, hallucinations and severe confusion. Here we are 10 days before Christmas 2025 and my dad still hasn't recovered. My mother had all the symptoms of the virus, she is still using an inhaler and had a major progressing of dementia symptoms. The most vulnerable people in our communities are being harmed by cruel legislation every day.

1330. Xavier Slevin (ZIP code: 66044)

1331. Mihai Muntean (ZIP code: 400420)

Pleade keep Medicaid for the sick people of US. They really need it!

1332. Susan O'Neill (ZIP code: 97008)

I have severe me/cfs from Covid. I am more disabled than anyone else I have ever met in my life. This illness is serious and I cannot work at all. Without Medicaid support many people with me/cfs or Long Covid would become homeless.

1333. Janet Barker (ZIP code: 90049)

Save Medicaid for people with ME/CFS!

1334. Julia Fryer (ZIP code: SN35BB)

1335. Eunice Kim (ZIP code: 11209)

1336. Jami Sierra (ZIP code: 55109)

Thank you so much from my whole heart

May God Bless You

Sincerely,

Jami Sierra

P.S. I have been home and bedbound for several years and my doctors either do not believe the validity of the factual statements and information or they simply don't do not care.

1337. Louise Kirkup (ZIP code: 93422)

1338. Tsalia Huygens (ZIP code: 77300)

1339. Robert Gleb (ZIP code: 55433)

1340. Alicia Valdes (ZIP code: 10065)

Please protect healthcare coverage and access to medical care, Medicaid, for those suffering with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME/CFS) and with Long-COVID. Please have a heart and grant our very at-risk community of patients "medically frail" exemptions.

1341. Gloria Baca (ZIP code: 91765)

1342. Amy Breakwell (ZIP code: 95127)

1343. Ellen Janofsky (ZIP code: 21209)

1344. Margo Hendricks (ZIP code: 83864)

1345. Andrea Sorum (ZIP code: 55409)

Medicaid is essential for getting care while waiting to get on disability for those of us with Long Covid and ME/CFS. I also rely on Medicaid for my kids' healthcare.

1346. Elizabeth Unger (ZIP code: 30340)

1347. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 45242)

1348. Mary Gelpi (ZIP code: 81505)

Let's freaken do this?

1349. Treesha De france (ZIP code: 86427)

Seriously disabled sick people cannot work and need help and medical care

1350. Molly Wicka (ZIP code: 97206)

1351. Beverly Farrell (ZIP code: 11414)

Me/Cfs is so very debilitating

1352. M M (ZIP code: 02143)

1353. Trish Loehrer (ZIP code: 98683)

1354. Kenneth Anbender (ZIP code: 48104)

I have been ruled by a court at 100% disabled from working since 9/1991 but to ME/CFS. There were 20 years of trials and never was that in question after the first. Work requirements will not work for those with serious Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and can do damage. I have also had Long Covid and the symptoms and constraints can be quite the same as CFS. Please keep us supported in our needs.

1355. S J LaBelle (ZIP code: 60303)

1356. Robin K. Woodruff (ZIP code: 37919)

As a person with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, also known as ME/ CFS, I am dependent on disability which I receive from the federal government based on my payment into social security. But out of pocket costs for medication and my 20% of responsibility of my Medicare payments and living on \$16,000 means that I also depend on Medicaid as my secondary insurance. ME/CFS is a chronic & debilitating condition that makes it impossible to work. For those on disability that weren't fortunate enough to work and put money into social security to earn Medicare coverage, so Medicaid is the only way people are surviving. Without Medicaid, tens of thousands of people will die. Please support Medicaid. Thank you

1357. Dannielle Bevis (*ZIP code: 19809*)

1358. Jessica Weber (*ZIP code: 29483*)

Please look past the stigma of ME/CFS and find us.

1359. Helen Myers (*ZIP code: DE3 9FG*)

1360. Lisa Murphy (*ZIP code: 02568*)

1361. Julia Brown (*ZIP code: 21217*)

1362. Jamie Bell (*ZIP code: 95540*)

Come on. Seriously ;get with humanitarian decency. It's basic. Pursuit of happiness for all .

1363. Dawn Lauryn (*ZIP code: 32641*)

1364. Theophilus Boudreaux (*ZIP code: 95127*)

May the good God help you to help us.

1365. judy morris (*ZIP code: 95472*)

I have been sick with me/cfs since 1989. Unable to work, I rely heavily on both Medicare and Medicaide.

1366. Tania Benade (*ZIP code:*)

People with MECFS and Long Covid needs toe be protected and recognised as chronically ill! Please help us with this fight.

1367. Rebecca Taurog (*ZIP code: 55118*)

1368. Melinda Bates (*ZIP code: 28806*)

1369. Kate Norris (*ZIP code: 45224*)

1370. Anna Wilder (*ZIP code: 85224*)

Definitely medically frail.

1371. Emma Doty (*ZIP code: 89703*)

Sec. Kennedy promised to address long Covid.

1372. Sione Schafer (*ZIP code: 66046*)

1373. Calvin Fones (*ZIP code: 74019*)

1374. Matteo Cariani (*ZIP code: 40050*)

1375. Elsa Whitney (*ZIP code: 18510*)

1376. Susan Wenger (*ZIP code: 85705*)

1377. Julie Stuckey Barden (*ZIP code: 20105*)

I am one of the estimated 4.3 million people diagnosed with ME/CFS, and I have been living with this since 2001. Please protect our access to healthcare, treatment and medications. Thank you!

1378. Rafael Winkler (*ZIP code: 4910*)

1379. Voula OGrady (*ZIP code: 01075*)

1380. DJ Haugen (*ZIP code: 53703*)

1381. Evan Erickson (*ZIP code: 52001*)

After being hit by mononucleosis and developing ME/CFS in August of 2024, my body broke down to being unable to move from a bed without extreme pain so swiftly in a way all of my professors, family, and friends could not believe.

I cannot work, and any attempts I make to increase activity or learn new skills crashes me down harder each time.

Enforcing a work requirement would endanger my access to life-saving medical care, and would take away the few medications that allow my 7-9/10 endless head pain to be on the 3-6 scale. In essence, if you took away my healthcare, you might as well be killing me. Please don't ruin the lives of so many helpless Americans...

1382. Molly Miller (*ZIP code: 45323*)

1383. Leslie Sayre (*ZIP code: 92694*)

1384. Ottavio De Gregorio (*ZIP code: 70128*)

1385. Garrett Winters (*ZIP code: 97223*)

Medicaid is essential for people with these debilitating diseases. It's time to find a cure to help us be productive members of society again, not to leave us by the wayside to get sicker and sicker by denying us access to the medical care we need.

When our friends and neighbors are injured, we lend them a hand. This is what Medicaid is: helping out our fellow Americans who need a hand.

1386. Paige Drummond (*ZIP code: 44034*)

1387. Susan Leigh (*ZIP code: 60187*)

- 1388. Dennis Zanetti** (*ZIP code: 02359*)
- 1389. Ashley Raggio** (*ZIP code: 95124*)
- 1390. Michael Mirabile** (*ZIP code: 84003*)
- 1391. sarah walton** (*ZIP code: 37206*)
- 1392. Kristen Tolson** (*ZIP code: 92128-4818*)
- 1393. Chaitali Sura** (*ZIP code: 75072*)
- 1394. Suzanne Eick** (*ZIP code: 94114*)
- 1395. Jinkal Sura** (*ZIP code: 75072*)
- 1396. Alena Mueller** (*ZIP code: 94063*)
- 1397. Emily Adams** (*ZIP code: 98270*)
- 1398. Rhonda Crow** (*ZIP code: 78750*)
- 1399. Ella Scopps** (*ZIP code: 12866*)
- 1400. Kathryn Butler** (*ZIP code: 03257*)
- 1401. Dru Mueller** (*ZIP code: 52240*)
- 1402. Catherine OBrien** (*ZIP code: 76179*)
- 1403. John Heine** (*ZIP code: 59101*)
- 1404. David McGough** (*ZIP code: NG15 6JT*)
Severe M.E Sufferer for 40 years now Advanced East Midlands England
- 1405. John Mueller** (*ZIP code: 52240*)
- 1406. Kimberley Alloway** (*ZIP code: 15213*)
- 1407. Cassandra Kayser** (*ZIP code: 60201*)
- 1408. Suzanne Offner** (*ZIP code: 62549*)

1409. Kristen Gomes (*ZIP code: 93210*)

1410. Tolan Hoffman (*ZIP code: 45840*)

Please do not let Medicaid be taken from those in need.

1411. Angela May (*ZIP code: 91791*)

1412. Laura Cummings (*ZIP code: 49417*)

1413. Grace Nigro (*ZIP code: 06611*)

1414. Stephanie Eick (*ZIP code: 95124*)

1415. Christina McWhorter (*ZIP code: 94804*)

1416. Courtney McClure (*ZIP code: L0B 1B0*)

1417. Katelynn Romanchick (*ZIP code: 06515*)

1418. Destiny Toro (*ZIP code: 00641*)

1419. Damien Kraus (*ZIP code: 43235*)

1420. Lafaith Youngblood (*ZIP code: 06611*)

1421. Jayme Chase (*ZIP code: 43130*)

1422. Maximilian Nigro (*ZIP code: 06611*)

1423. FRED McWhorter (*ZIP code: 95621*)

1424. Helen Miller (*ZIP code: 21701*)

1425. Hilary Rose (*ZIP code: 98034*)

1426. Deidre Rutkowski (*ZIP code: 14727*)

1427. Rebecca McWhorter (*ZIP code: 95621*)

Patients with ME/CFS stay safe with the least amount of exposure outside their homes. I support health coverage for these patient

1428. Autumn McGee (*ZIP code: 19142*)

1429. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 532471)

1430. Jasmine Tarley (ZIP code: 10306)

1431. Marissa Molloy (ZIP code: 86004)

1432. Josh Eick (ZIP code: 90032)

My sister had long COVID and would like nothing more than to return to work but she can barely climb one flight of stairs without having to sit for an hour to recover. She can't focus due to brain fog as well. There's no way she could work and no one would hire her due to her condition. Please don't take away her Medicaid!!!!

1433. Dori Woodhouse (ZIP code: 95124)

1434. Britni Harrison (ZIP code: 72204)

1435. David Katz (ZIP code: 38555)

1436. Helen Klausner (ZIP code: 38572)

1437. Marsha Holly (ZIP code: 14813)

Stop cutting health care. CARE for humans.

1438. Stuart Klausner (ZIP code: 38572)

1439. Winter Hart (ZIP code: 89131)

1440. Anne Valérie Saez (ZIP code: 13600)

I've been living with me cfs for 5y. I know the suffering. Please help the patients.

1441. Jemma Smith (ZIP code: 2000)

1442. Teri Cutting (ZIP code: 33510)

Please protect Medicaid access for people with ME/CFS and Long COVID who are unable to work.

1443. S Mokashi (ZIP code: M2J0E7)

1444. Julie Neraas (ZIP code: 55405)

1445. Kaiden Price (ZIP code: 06410)

1446. Janice Reilly (ZIP code: 10128)

Medicaid for ME/CFS PATIENTS MUST BE VIABLE.

1447. Kathryn Sargent (ZIP code: 48236-1020)

1448. Waverly C (ZIP code: 93065)

1449. Sara Tavela (ZIP code: 28584)

1450. Jennifer Armstrong (ZIP code: 98012)

1451. michael wood (ZIP code: 07605)
long covid is so real . it's a terrible disease

1452. Shelby Johnson (ZIP code: 77845)

1453. jenny dimond (ZIP code: BS9 3DP)

1454. Jayne Moon (ZIP code: 3201)

I've lost seventeen years of my life to this illness, struggling to take care of ADLs, let alone work.

1455. Erika Carvajal (ZIP code: 83117)

1456. Edith Rosen (ZIP code: 95524)

1457. Rivka Solomon (ZIP code: 01004)

Please do not leave disabled people behind.

1458. Adina Gerver (ZIP code: 10033-6729)

Please recognize people with ME/CFS and Long Covid as medically frail, in order to preserve their access to Medicaid. Thank you!

1459. Mahima Tiwari (ZIP code: 20874)

1460. Amy Balducci (ZIP code: 06611)

1461. Jenny Clements (ZIP code: Bt47 2jz)

We need more help for cfs, me and long covid. We are on our own

1462. Vivian Lau (ZIP code: 19120)

1463. V Ferrer (ZIP code: 06611)

1464. Margaret Doubrava (ZIP code: 17403)

I am a teacher completely debilitated since 3/1/22 with long covid. I need to get back to my students! I wouldnt even make it thru morning homeroom. Plez support research to find a cure!! I am suffering!!!

1465. Debra Doubrava (ZIP code: 17403)

1466. Katherine Fennell (ZIP code: 33903)

1467. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 17112)

1468. Christopher Huber (ZIP code: 60115)

1469. Mary Knowlton (ZIP code: 14727)

1470. Rachael David (ZIP code: 11803)

1471. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 97214)

I have long covid, it has disabled me. Long covid and Me/CFS patients need access to Medicaid. Losing Medicaid access would be a death sentence to many of us.

1472. Anne Skupin (ZIP code: 77009)

People with ME/CFS and long COVID are recognized by their doctors as being very ill, but the doctors have no way of helping them. So your solution is just to say the doctors don't know what they are talking about and cut the minimal help the government provides? That is a cruel and heartless solution!

1473. Jennifer Bauer (ZIP code: 43125)

1474. Sarah Bauer (ZIP code: 46220)

1475. Chris Kline (ZIP code: 21740)

1476. Nkem Ndefo (ZIP code: 90042)

1477. Anna Beck (ZIP code: 43230)

1478. Danielle Bryant (ZIP code: 35620)

1479. Melissa Krzysik (ZIP code: 18706)

I'm not sure what "medically frail" means, please use clear verbiage to clear confusion. Also, with the uptick of these cases since COVID-19, there needs to be more research made before delivering something like this to the public, and realizing later that these are debilitating diseases. That's almost like how women had to be forced upon people doing medical studies in the late 80s/90s and realizing now that women actually have things illnesses that primarily affect them and not men.

1480. Craig Becker (ZIP code: 14559)

1481. Elizabeth Bergeron (ZIP code: 60404)

Please don't put more hoops in front of the people least able to jump through them for care!

1482. Kate Brady (*ZIP code: 30354*)

1483. Sally English (*ZIP code: 01040*)

1484. Artur Molchanov (*ZIP code: 55200*)

Please find cure or at least biomarkers for ME. Artur, 20 years old

1485. Daniela Jordahl (*ZIP code: 98059*)

1486. Megan Doherty (*ZIP code: 60525*)

1487. Arthur Boiko (*ZIP code: 55200*)

1488. Nona Kelhofer (*ZIP code: 30075*)

1489. Jess Miller (*ZIP code: 33801*)

I would like to see most of these billionaires work 80 hours/month for wages so low that they can't pay their bills. Health care is a human RIGHT. If you are going to force birth and not take care of the people who are born with disabilities.... what is the point?

1490. Daniela (*ZIP code: 28005*)

1491. Kathleen Ruxton (*ZIP code: 20855*)

1492. Jeannette Nery (*ZIP code: 94544*)

Please help the disabled who cannot work with ME, CFS.

1493. Jennifer Belden-England (*ZIP code: 15147*)

1494. Mary Volkwein (*ZIP code: 16066-4021*)

1495. Tara Hulen (*ZIP code: 35222*)

1496. Antonio Kieschnick (*ZIP code: 94304*)

1497. Elizabeth Quinn (*ZIP code: 60646*)

1498. DAVID RICCARDI (*ZIP code: 08753*)

1499. Angela Wood (*ZIP code: NR2 2BL*)

As someone with ME these new rules horrify me.

1500. Vanessa Glenn (ZIP code: 4340)

1501. Marc Wendt (ZIP code: 94947)

Please help these people recover their health.

1502. Valli Hale (ZIP code: 98498-3221)

1503. Cathleen Jones (ZIP code: 94707)

I have had ME/cfs for 29 years. For the first 6 years, I worked part-time as a teacher but one Friday in April 2003, I came home from work so exhausted that I was never able to work again. It broke my heart to leave my class in the middle of the year. I've never regained that level of capacity and stamina. Much of the time now I am homebound & sometimes bedbound. Definitely frail.

1504. Tom Wasnock (ZIP code: 14615-1217)

1505. Vera Wasnock (ZIP code: 14615)

1506. Mark Brandon (ZIP code: 48154)

M.E. destroys everything.

1507. Gregory Wyszynski (ZIP code: 91301)

1508. Stephen Hayes (ZIP code: 43201)

Everyone shouldn't have to worry about healthcare! Why are we the last to have universal healthcare?

1509. Elizabeth Noriega (ZIP code: 78613)

As a person with Long COVID, resulting in ME-CFS, I need help. My husband is also ill. I can no longer keep up with many things. Please don't make our lives harder than they already are.

1510. Jennifer Clark (ZIP code: 98012)

1511. Pat Lambe (ZIP code: 07604)

Please support our citizens who suffer from ME/CFS. More than 1% of the population suffer from it and, on a per-capita basis, relative to other diseases, the fight against it is severely underfunded.

1512. Eydie Nimitz (ZIP code: 77433)

1513. Melissa Rockefeller (ZIP code: 98110)

1514. Keren Weiner (ZIP code: 01201)

Severe ME/CFS patients cannot get out of bed, read, write, focus, watch screens or use muscles. I have a relative suffering from ME/CFS and severe long covid both. She is not able to work.

1515. Jennifer Murphy (ZIP code: 94581)

1516. Janis Nimitz (ZIP code: 789352)

Protect Medicaid Access for people with ME/CFS and Long COVID

1517. Gillian Lizars (ZIP code: 27703)

1518. Pat Lambe (ZIP code: 07604)

We need to fund research on this on par with other diseases that are less common than ME/CFS. In the meantime, please support the request of this petition. It's only fair and it's desperately needed.

Thank you and Merry Christmas.

1519. Anna Weinand (ZIP code: 55428)

1520. Thomas Lambe (ZIP code: 07046)

Congress has mandated that Medicaid recipients work 80 hours a month unless they can prove they are "medically frail," or risk losing their Medicaid. Attempting to meet an 80-hour work requirement for most people with ME/CFS and Long COVID will only worsen their illness, and may cause permanent harm.

1521. Pamela Lambe (ZIP code: 07604)

1522. Bernadette Galli (ZIP code: 07676)

1523. Steven A Mazur (ZIP code: 96815)

1524. Heidi Hayward (ZIP code: 98226)

1525. Rachel Brighthouse (ZIP code: 97213)

Stop ignoring the cries of those w ME and Long COVID. The silencing and erasure must end, allow people with these conditions to receive medicaid!

1526. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 93955)

1527. Valentina Cohen (ZIP code: 90036)

1528. Alec Kaknes (ZIP code: 02122)

1529. Gail Waldby (ZIP code: 59047)

1530. Rosa Greenberg (ZIP code: 20902)

1531. Alyssa Sileo (ZIP code: 07003)

The people demand accessible healthcare!

1532. Sophie Berryman (ZIP code: BT23 4BD)

1533. Aischa Staal (ZIP code: 94519)

1534. Nancy Saja (ZIP code: 93442)

1535. Sharon Terrell (ZIP code: 27302)

I have M.E./C.F.S. and yes medicaid and more research is a necessity in my community. This is a very misunderstood condition and we need more Doctors for my condition.

1536. David Christman (ZIP code: 19143)

1537. Kayla Aube (ZIP code: 01420)

Please use compassion and real science when considering what illnesses/diseases/disabilities can make meeting work requirements impossible or could worsen disability to attempt to meet. Not everyone with chronic illnesses or disabilities is on SSDI or SSI, many of us are barely getting by without any aid beyond Medicaid without access to medical care many of us will become far more disabled, lose access to life sustaining meds and die as a result. I would die without Medicaid so could my loved ones.

1538. Katherine BELL (ZIP code: 87506)

1539. George Klett (ZIP code: 08028)

1540. Shannon Knight (ZIP code: 97064)

1541. Jeff Pennington (ZIP code: 21015)

1542. Ruth Weissenborn Brannan (ZIP code: 06897)

I am living with Long Covid and what is considered to be 'mild to moderate' ME/CSF, and thanks to consistent pacing and rest I'm able to take care of myself. Being required to work even a few hours a day would undoubtedly worsen my health significantly to the point where I would require constant care.

1543. Ronna (ZIP code: 24441)

1544. Susan Gibson (ZIP code: 65109)

1545. Fallon Binns (ZIP code: 50314)

1546. Shielding Cournoyer (ZIP code: 01550)

1547. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 08902)

Please don't take my Medicaid away I am bedbound and frail with excruciating pain and pressure throughout my body

1548. Donna Wilson (*ZIP code: 06855*)

1549. Aniela Humphries (*ZIP code: 99567*)

ME/CFS has meant a huge change to my working and living life. I need to stop working, but I'm afraid I won't have insurance. This disease means I can't be who I once was. We need help. Please do what you can to protect us.

1550. MaryJane Dixon (*ZIP code: 15801*)

1551. Brittany Wilson (*ZIP code: 43017*)

1552. Michele Mahaffey (*ZIP code: 15801*)

1553. Jennifer Henegan (*ZIP code: 78613*)

1554. Valerie Cline (*ZIP code: 78757*)

Let's see how many people can be helped this year!

1555. Sarah Sirbasku Williams (*ZIP code: 78664*)

I was diagnosed with ME in 2007 at the Mayo Clinic, after being sick for 3 years and seeing over 30 doctors.

1556. Gayle Tapp (*ZIP code: 74108*)

1557. Kylie Woodruff (*ZIP code: 84120*)

1558. Rachel Kelly (*ZIP code: 19317*)

1559. Patricia Myers (*ZIP code: 66087*)

1560. Candis Geddes (*ZIP code: 95670*)

1561. Eli Underwood (*ZIP code: 70117*)

1562. Lynn Feinstein (*ZIP code: 97215*)

1563. Stephanie Knagg (*ZIP code: PL19 8PS*)

1564. Miri Seiberg (*ZIP code: 08540*)

1565. Nathan Seiberg (*ZIP code: 08540*)

1566. Salome Braganza-Gallagher (*ZIP code: 11694*)

1567. Patryk Braganza-Gallagher (*ZIP code: 11694*)

1568. Melanie S (*ZIP code: 20901*)

1569. Gina Clagg (*ZIP code: 85224*)

1570. Alison Farabee (*ZIP code: 78729*)

My best friend was a licensed, high-earning CPA who has been devastated by this disease. It can happen to anyone, at any time. It could happen to you. Wouldn't you want help?

1571. Megan Eckert (*ZIP code: 64118*)

Without Medicaid, I, and millions like me, will have no quality of life. We will not be able to access the medications and treatments we need to live. Disabled people's lives are important. We have meaning and value. There is no reason to hurt us further by taking away things that allow us to live. I am already only allowed 2,000 dollars to my name in order to keep my Medicaid. The asset limits are wrong and have not changed in 40 years. There is no reason for me and millions of other people to be afraid for our lives. We should not have to suffer because a rich person needs more money. Human lives are more important than money. Always. I wish you could understand that. Even if I cannot convince this body that I have worth, what about the millions of CHILDREN this will hurt? Why and how can you want to hurt the least of these?! Where is your humanity? I am begging this body to do the right thing.

1572. Kristn Formo (*ZIP code: 48855*)

1573. Effie Seiberg (*ZIP code: 94618*)

1574. Ariane Fulk (*ZIP code: 14216*)

Asthma too

1575. Dina Guzovsky (*ZIP code: 02493*)

1576. Rowen Kade (*ZIP code: 98226*)

1577. Jessica Voigts (*ZIP code: 49008*)

I have been absolutely disabled by ME/CFS for almost 30 years now. Please recognize this life-changing disability for those of us who live with it. Thank you.

1578. Katherine Gault (*ZIP code: PR2 9RX*)

1579. Harry Ross (*ZIP code: 60202*)

People with ME/CFS are unable to work. Please don't cut off their ability to survive!

1580. Pete Mitchell (*ZIP code: 78641*)

Standing up for my best friend that cannot.

1581. Sarah Wales (*ZIP code: 95404*)

1582. Marilyn Martella (*ZIP code: 94602*)

This will hurt people and potentially cause many deaths! Stop!!!!

1583. Stacy Blanc (*ZIP code: 60532*)

1584. Cory Wyszynski (*ZIP code: 91301*)

1585. Alicia Nguyen (*ZIP code: 78660*)

1586. Mrs Melanie Kells (*ZIP code: LU5 4AG*)

1587. Carrie Hinze (*ZIP code: 71106*)

1588. Elizabeth Bernstein (*ZIP code: 12801*)

1589. Christine Guilfooy (*ZIP code: 20015*)

1590. GARY TILLMAN (*ZIP code: 94501*)

1591. Josephine Ross (*ZIP code: 20015*)

This is personal to me as my sister was diagnosed with ME/CFS and has done everything she can to try to find a cure, but until there is a cure, it would be cruel to throw people off of Medicaid when their diagnosis explicitly makes them unable to hold down a regular job and many cannot look at a computer for more than 15 minutes or leave their homes on many days. Keep working on that solution to Long COVID and you will also find a cure to Myalgic Encephalomyelitis.

1592. Miriam Hansen (*ZIP code: 05602*)

1593. Sabrina Rivas (*ZIP code: 90034*)

1594. Cindy Gordon (*ZIP code: 97206*)

1595. Suzanne Lim (*ZIP code: 94115*)

1596. gary shapiro (*ZIP code: 29607*)

1597. Bonnie Vastag (*ZIP code: 54304*)

1598. reed floarea (*ZIP code: 01843*)

1599. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 20878*)

1600. Violet Turner (ZIP code: 78209)

1601. Cheri LePage (ZIP code: 64118)

My child needs this to survive on.

1602. Michelle Miller (ZIP code: 94070)

1603. Caroline Kay (ZIP code: IP6 8AL)

1604. Perri Butcher (ZIP code: BN1 6SR)

1605. Kimberly Anasco (ZIP code: 90027)

People with long Covid continue to suffer symptoms for years after initially becoming sick. They should be considered medically frail and not have to work tons of hours to earn Medicaid care when it might be harmful to their health or physically impossible for them.

1606. Rodrigo de Miguel Alonso (ZIP code: 47014)

1607. Jill Vosberg (ZIP code: 55812)

1608. Julia Rosenberg (ZIP code: 07003)

1609. Jenni Vellente (ZIP code: 16150)

1610. Gayle Dalton (ZIP code: 76001)

1611. Paul Adelizzi (ZIP code: 08003)

1612. Jennifer Curtin MD (ZIP code: 94062)

1613. Shaquile Coonce (ZIP code: 15106)

1614. Ian Gallacher (ZIP code: 98052)

1615. Jerry Zhang (ZIP code: 75080)

1616. RJ Taka (ZIP code: 95403)

1617. Summer G (ZIP code: 10001)

1618. Lisa Zinzow (ZIP code: 54664-8049)

1619. Ann Durham (ZIP code: 55810)

1620. Ashley Beckham (*ZIP code: 78722*)

1621. Katrina Blank (*ZIP code: 91103*)

1622. Margery Hardwick (*ZIP code: 20007*)

1623. Brittany Fischer (*ZIP code: 48030*)

1624. Danielle Keifert (*ZIP code: 76207*)

1625. Joel Gavel (*ZIP code: 92285*)

1626. Rebecca Brown (*ZIP code: 54208*)

Take ME seriously and protect our friends and neighbors

1627. Janis Bell (*ZIP code: 85602*)

1628. Andrea Rosen (*ZIP code: 06902*)

1629. James Sutter (*ZIP code: 98118*)

1630. Lani Goto (*ZIP code: 94530*)

1631. Lorraine Wilson (*ZIP code: 80026*)

Please educate yourself on the symptoms and debilitation of ME/CFS. For example, just one day of being too physically active can result in being able to do nothing for the next 5 days while one recovers. ME/CFS is not a "typical" condition and is not easy to measure. It also is not easy to live with it, even completing small daily tasks (like getting ready for work) can drain all of one's ability to function for the rest of the day or longer.

1632. Kara Hitchko (*ZIP code: 98118*)

Taking away Medicaid for disabled and frail people if they can't work is draconian.

1633. Emily Childs (*ZIP code: 98118*)

Healthcare is a human right!

1634. Nathan Berg (*ZIP code: 57401*)

1635. Derek Boiko-Weyrauch (*ZIP code: 98118-2642*)

1636. Diane Rose (*ZIP code: 02451*)

1637. Patricia Snyder (*ZIP code: 90504*)

1638. Jaira Böhme (ZIP code: 17493)

I have Long Covid. People need to recognize that it exists.

1639. Karen Taylor (ZIP code: 98144)

1640. Amy Groesbeck (ZIP code: 98118-1932)

1641. Emily Rand (ZIP code: 14618)

1642. Elizabeth Thelen (ZIP code: 98118)

1643. Lindsay Andersen (ZIP code: 98118)

1644. Michelle Burce (ZIP code: 98118-1918)

1645. Helen Parson (ZIP code: 98103)

Stop killing human beings

1646. Laura Felice (ZIP code: 98118)

1647. Sharon Cohen (ZIP code: 33308)

1648. Kaj Jensen (ZIP code: 97217)

1649. Travis Hardy (ZIP code: 06851)

1650. Dayle Hill (ZIP code: S60 2UR)

1651. Robert Lyle (ZIP code: 30188)

1652. Kerri Kivolowitz (ZIP code: 02474)

1653. Maggie Boxey (ZIP code: 31750)

1654. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 02451)

1655. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 02451)

1656. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 19143)

1657. Melody Parker (ZIP code: 02601)

1658. Wren Immel (*ZIP code: 47334*)

1659. Kristin Houlihan (*ZIP code: 95391*)

1660. Janine McNamara (*ZIP code: 86326*)

As someone with multiple chemical sensitivities, electromagnetic sensitivities, and undiagnosed extreme fatigue, I do not meet the onerous requirements (and willful ignorance of environmentally based illnesses) for Social Security disability and have been reliant on money from friends and family. I have barely been getting by, and things have recently gotten quite dire. I certainly do not have money for private pay doctors or insurance. Because Medicaid doctors are not American Academy of Environmental Health Medicine doctors and seem baffled by environmentally based illnesses, I do not rely on them at all, but if I would need to be hospitalized, I have been confident that my Medicaid would help me. However, these new rules would prohibit me from having even that little bit of assurance, and I would urge a reconsideration of the rules and a realization that one can be disabled and unable to work without being able to navigate the complex disability process of Social Security.

1661. Emily Earl (*ZIP code: 49008*)

1662. Tessa Brunton (*ZIP code: 94710*)

1663. M H (*ZIP code: 60126*)

1664. Sylvana KD (*ZIP code: 95050*)

1665. Laura Norin (*ZIP code: 95519*)

1666. Daniel Zellman (*ZIP code: 95519*)

1667. Dee Levings (*ZIP code: 53211*)

1668. Shelley Nebel (*ZIP code: 97303*)

1669. Allison Millard (*ZIP code: 19038*)

1670. Angela DiMattia (*ZIP code: 29681*)

1671. Sarah Turner (*ZIP code: 19602*)

After getting sick I kept trying to work until I couldn't even do a few hours a week. If trying could have made me well, I'd be well and working now.

1672. Leah Webster (*ZIP code: K0G1J0*)

1673. Fiona Maley (*ZIP code: 98506*)

1674. M P (*ZIP code: 93101*)

1675. Emilie Killpack (*ZIP code: 94103*)

1676. Sam Stewart (*ZIP code: 97396*)

Some of the most vulnerable people can't work a steady job because their health is unstable. Medicaid will help to stabilize their condition so they are more able to work. It makes sense to ensure they can get the health care they need to succeed. Please add Long Covid and ME/CFS to the list of medically frail conditions to ease the work requirements.

1677. Leanne Pritchett (*ZIP code: 93101*)

1678. Laura Allen (*ZIP code: 80230*)

Requiring that patients with ME/CFS work in order to maintain their Medicaid benefits could worsen their disease and make them even more disabled.

1679. Stephen Okay (*ZIP code: 94114*)

1680. Solace Baker (*ZIP code: 4562*)

People with Long Covid and ME will die without access to Medicaid. Accessing Medicaid is an essential, and life-saving necessity for these communities.

1681. Gabriela Lopez (*ZIP code: 33433*)

1682. Elijah Tanenbaum (*ZIP code: 85283*)

1683. Lia Mane (*ZIP code: 11220*)

1684. Michelle van Doorn (*ZIP code: 78733*)

1685. Rebecca Condon (*ZIP code: 16001*)

1686. Anna Parker (*ZIP code: 55113*)

1687. Judy Souther (*ZIP code: 55113*)

1688. Laura Souther (*ZIP code: 55113*)

1689. Rebecca Taylor (*ZIP code: WA2 7GJ*)

1690. Katherine Schultz (*ZIP code: 55129*)

1691. Ashlie Jensen (*ZIP code: 01605*)

1692. Toni Fitzpatrick (ZIP code: 94703)

People with ME/CFS ARE medically FRAIL! Imposing work requirements on them - which they cannot possibly perform - will lead to worse illness and deaths!

1693. Lina Stepick (ZIP code: 97202)

1694. Sarah Noll (ZIP code: 46804)

1695. Reha Nowlin (ZIP code: 86301)

1696. Candice Tal (ZIP code: 94505)

1697. Devin Schwartz (ZIP code: 49091)

I appreciate the initiative to protect Medicaid access for those with ME/CFS, and will gladly sign this petition. However, I object to the repeated use of the term "rigged", as our social safety net is most certainly not "rigged" against anyone — if anything, it has been far too lenient for far too long, contributing to making living on public assistance a viable lifestyle.

1698. Alina Neganova (ZIP code: 11225)

1699. Carrine Blank (ZIP code: 59801)

I have had Long Covid since April 2020. It has been debilitating and has severely impacted my health. I still can only work part time and there are many days when my heart beats uncontrollably fast and I have severe chest pain. Since then I have had numerous viral and bacterial infections and invasive cancer. I also make autoantibodies against my thyroid. I require at least 10 hours of sleep to minimally function. My memory is now poor and I can't remember anything after a few days (I'm a PhD [former] scientist). I used to be super fit but can no longer exercise or walk up 2 flights of stairs. I can't lift things or walk much at my job like I used to. Research shows that we have chronically exhausted immune cells and have numerous abnormalities in nervous/autonomic function, vascular function, muscle and cardiac function. Please designate Long Covid and ME/CFS (a post viral and post bacterial condition) medically frail conditions. (While you are at it: we desperately need more research funding for these debilitating conditions. Many of us patients have backgrounds in science or healthcare and we would love to take part even with our limited capacities.)

1700. Tammy Fons (ZIP code: 33174)

1701. Kim Moy (ZIP code: 98177)

1702. Olivia Campbell (ZIP code: 13760)

1703. Julie Davis (ZIP code: 98027)

1704. Michelle Amiri (ZIP code: 13224)

If forcing certain types of work would kill people, it's not successful leadership of this country, it's PREMEDITATED MURDER AND IMMEDIATE FAILURE. Never popular! Chronically Ill people and their caretakers are the ONLY ones knowledgeable enough about the specifics of every situation to

determine what kind of activity can be handled, so downsize government by putting the responsibility for doing the work of deciding onto the chronically ill themselves. Put them in the Medically Frail category and let them sort it out.

1705. Eric Sands (*ZIP code: 19139*)

1706. Aaron Shay (*ZIP code: 98117*)

1707. Evelyn Goldinger (*ZIP code: 59404*)

1708. Kris Paige (*ZIP code: 80536*)

A one hour trip to town means I have to rest, seriously rest, for four hours, or I get really ill with nausea, exhaustion, muscle weakness, and more. Work is impossible. Please help!

1709. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 87123*)

1710. Patricia Adamek (*ZIP code: 19438*)

1711. Anastasia Winklebleck (*ZIP code: 95125*)

1712. Eddie Natenberg (*ZIP code: 12198*)

1713. Lisa Albracht (*ZIP code: 78735*)

1714. Erin Anderson (*ZIP code: 33714*)

1715. Tracy Tobiczyk (*ZIP code: 48183*)

This disease is horrible please protect them and me!

1716. Teri Rask (*ZIP code: 59701*)

I have long Covid and mecfs. I haven't been able to risk to work for 3 years. I tried to work ten hours a week for about 5 months and it made my condition worse. Adding work requirements would harm me or worse and I wouldn't lose my healthcare because i would physically be unable to fulfill the work requirements. This is a universal experience in the lc and mecfs community. Even ppl with more mild cases of lc can't consistently work.

1717. Elizabeth Phares (*ZIP code: 64078*)

There are millions of people in the USA who are so sick that they can't work at all. Any physical and even mental activity causes a worsening of symptoms. Having a work requirement will only make their disease worse, potentially killing them.

1718. Jane Vincent (*ZIP code: 48107*)

1719. Gerry Benthein (*ZIP code: 54956*)

Disability will increase if this mandate is put into effect for people with ME/CFS and Long Covid. Per

the disease definition, exertion exacerbates this condition and can cause permanent worsening.

1720. Tayler Curtright (*ZIP code: 95949*)

Protect health care access for one of our most vulnerable communities. Stripping this access will kill individuals.

1721. Alix Hager (*ZIP code: 60625*)

1722. Sherryann StPierre (*ZIP code: 04260*)

1723. Kaylie Finley (*ZIP code: 92114*)

1724. Suanne Hastings (*ZIP code: 90277*)

1725. Jackie (*ZIP code: 55316*)

1726. Rachael Shapiro Majka (*ZIP code: 60487*)

1727. Brittani Smith (*ZIP code: 80503*)

1728. Elijah Wittman (*ZIP code: 55327*)

1729. Augustine Angel (*ZIP code: 21218*)

1730. Alanna Griffith (*ZIP code: 60626*)

1731. Charisma Luke (*ZIP code: 98382*)

1732. Caitlin Lacy (*ZIP code: 28205*)

1733. Summer Baird (*ZIP code: 97703*)

1734. tammy galarza (*ZIP code: 11237*)

1735. Plutonium Mays (*ZIP code: 98329*)

1736. Jolene M. (*ZIP code: 14217*)

1737. Annette Dean (*ZIP code: 53711*)

1738. Kimberly Albring (*ZIP code: 49727*)

1739. Clea Troy (*ZIP code: 18925*)

1740. Michelle Brahm (*ZIP code: 32966*)

1741. Heather Loftiss (*ZIP code: 77380*)

I'm absolutely "medically fragile". I sleep 10 hours a day and struggle to stay awake. I have tremors, and can only walk short distances with forearm crutches. I'm 53 and completely disabled. I struggle with normal blood flow to my brain. ME/CFS is absolutely debilitating.

1742. Deborah Holcomb (*ZIP code: 92127*)

1743. G C (*ZIP code: 91711*)

1744. Anneka Vander Wel (*ZIP code: 90638*)

people with chronic illnesses who can not work will die if the government fails to help us even more than they already do

1745. Jackie Cauthron-Schafer (*ZIP code: 59912*)

75% of people with ME/CFS are unable to work. Not because they are lazy or gaming the system, but because they are physically unable to produce enough energy to function properly. Mental abilities are also slowed, sometimes so significantly that they are unable to learn new things, remember what happened 5 minutes ago, or say the reason got word. It's a complicated disease and living with it is incredibly hard. People with ME/CFD are medically fragile and need support. Please ensure that we have access to it.

1746. Carri Watson (*ZIP code: 15146*)

1747. Emma Carvell (*ZIP code: RM3 7BD*)

1748. Andrea Schulz (*ZIP code: 93727*)

1749. Erin Gill (*ZIP code: 08551*)

1750. Susan Wolf (*ZIP code: 84105*)

1751. Amy Hausmann (*ZIP code: 04357*)

1752. Jamie Frischman (*ZIP code: 15146*)

1753. virgil tayar (*ZIP code: 08002*)

1754. Caitlin Tricomi (*ZIP code: 01915*)

1755. Virgil King (*ZIP code: 28079*)

1756. Lindsey Taylor (ZIP code: 95060)

1757. Laura Graham (ZIP code: 80501)

1758. Aubrey Allen (ZIP code: 29680)

1759. Jodean Elissa (ZIP code: 11217)

People who are disabled by long covid are EXTREMELY FRAIL our condition still has NO formal or effective treatment many of us are dealing with competing diseases and symptoms. Extreme fatigue to the extent that walking is unavailable. We are not physically able to work or volunteer due to the EXTREME symptoms which are over 200 in count. We need medical HELP not work we have been DISABLED fully by covid and the lack of true effective treatment.

1760. ELLIE STRAND (ZIP code: 54701)

I developed ME/CFS in 2006, and had to stop working as a Nurse Practitioner in 2008 despite severely limited work hours. Disability benefits began in 2009.

1761. Sarah Davis (ZIP code: 11225)

1762. Isabel Schroeder (ZIP code: 17109)

1763. Jill Tegley (ZIP code: 95762)

1764. Megan Epler (ZIP code: 21224)

1765. Kathy Deschenes (ZIP code: 01886)

People with MEcfs can barely function and you want us to work 20 hrs/week?!?! Do you have any idea what it took to get Medicaid to begin with? RFKj is a disgrace to his name.

1766. L. Bradley (ZIP code: 47601)

1767. Katie Hayden-Lewis (ZIP code: 97703)

1768. jen kull (ZIP code: 05452)

1769. Missy Wilm (ZIP code: 55408)

1770. Victoria Agawa (ZIP code: 94566)

1771. Michele Ann Baird (ZIP code: 84043)

1772. Matt Claghorn (ZIP code: 46254)

1773. Kristine Harrison (ZIP code: 90042)

1774. Adelle Wynkoop (ZIP code: 32803)

ME/CFS and Long Covid are unique conditions that are still not fully understood, but can be very disabling and often leaves patients in the dark about how to handle these disabilities. The hallmark symptom of MECFS is PEM, or Post Exertional Malaise, which means the illness only gets worse from exertion, if one is able to function in the first place. Please take these illnesses seriously, work requirements will only lead to a deterioration of health or worse. A better plan would be to better research these conditions to help those affected be WELL, so as one can be healthy enough to be able to work. Thank you

1775. Kathleen James (ZIP code: G74 2HL)

1776. Denise Reed (ZIP code: 04537)

1777. Elizabeth Pedley (ZIP code: 15644)

1778. Mary Bifulco (ZIP code: 64111)

1779. kimberly romero (ZIP code: 36106)

1780. Catherine Lees (ZIP code: 27514)

1781. Matthew Petri (ZIP code: 53129)

I have long covid and now I have a brain injury from psychiatric medication. I cannot even volunteer a few hours a week. I am very disabled but on the outside I appear fine.

1782. Sean Kane (ZIP code: LE3 9GX)

1783. J Green (ZIP code: M22 8LR)

1784. Shinae Galli (ZIP code: 20740)

1785. Michelle Goodson (ZIP code: 92392)

1786. Sara Wenzel (ZIP code: 53227)

1787. Jenna Strickland (ZIP code: 80232)

1788. Keith Baker (ZIP code: 02649)

People with ME/ CFS and long Covid often make there condition worse through physical. emotional and mental excursion. Please don't make them try to do something that will make the much sicker to get medicaid. They cant do it.

1789. Chidera (ZIP code: 33328)

Please consider this, many with long covid and me/cfs can't work due to danger of symptoms worsening after exertion

- 1790. Marian Veuthey** (*ZIP code: 89014*)
- 1791. Kristi Grieder** (*ZIP code: 50702*)
- 1792. Natalie Glines** (*ZIP code: 04101*)
- 1793. Matt Loftiss** (*ZIP code: 77389*)
- 1794. Julie Foran** (*ZIP code: 37075*)
- 1795. Maureen McCormack** (*ZIP code: 85083*)
- 1796. Nora Brown** (*ZIP code: 30080*)
- 1797. Alexandra Sellers** (*ZIP code: T2N1W4*)
- 1798. Marian Casey** (*ZIP code: 78204*)
- 1799. Lisa Quattrochi** (*ZIP code: 20007*)
- 1800. Sarah Adkins** (*ZIP code: 40258*)
- 1801. Bob Samson** (*ZIP code: 03275*)
Let's protect people with long Covid and other long term disabilities!
- 1802. Cyndee Bloom** (*ZIP code: 34239*)
- 1803. Dana Flatow** (*ZIP code: 59715*)
- 1804. Sara Tibbetts** (*ZIP code: 55744*)
- 1805. C Harvey** (*ZIP code: 01862*)
- 1806. Bridie Baucum** (*ZIP code: 62411*)
- 1807. Rich Larson** (*ZIP code: 53066*)
- 1808. Cynthia Collins** (*ZIP code: 27616*)
- 1809. Dana colgan** (*ZIP code: 80477*)
- 1810. Kate Nestor** (*ZIP code: 03055*)

1811. Laura Dropps (ZIP code: 56621)

1812. Janice Cavanaugh (ZIP code: 02886)

Without funding my life is over. I have severe ME/CFS unrelated to COVID. It's will be a tragedy if you cut off our Medicaid. Please stop picking on the poor, disabled and chronically ill. Thank you

1813. Dena Cardillo (ZIP code: 11758)

1814. Kate Love (ZIP code: 98532)

1815. Julie Woodruff (ZIP code: 74019)

ME patients need medical help and support. They are unable to work. This would make their ME even worse. Many are already in the severe stage of the disease.

1816. Corey Sukalich (ZIP code: 53095)

Individuals with ME/CFS and Long COVID have severe impairment on daily functionality, and the implementation of work requirements for such patients would impose a larger burden than on other groups that are "medically frail". Adding these groups to that definition will properly acknowledge the severe hardship that their diseases place on their life.

1817. A. K. (ZIP code: 32806)

1818. Michelle Carroll (ZIP code: 30725)

1819. Briana Gerdeman (ZIP code: 21211)

1820. Kelli Richardson (ZIP code: 97524)

I have had ME/CFS since 2018 and can no longer work. There are millions of people with this and similar conditions who look "normal" but live with invisible disabilities every day. They deserve Healthcare as much as any able bodied person.

1821. Corlynn Messer (ZIP code: 95531-9516)

1822. Renee Herskowitz (ZIP code: 33496)

1823. Kim Casault (ZIP code: 85739)

ME/CFS is certainly frail.

1824. ariel kotker (ZIP code: 01027)

1825. Joan Markham (ZIP code: 19038)

1826. Norbert Becker (ZIP code: 14020)

1827. Catherine Edgson (*ZIP code: KT58SW*)

1828. Alex Lawd (*ZIP code: 90210*)

It has never been more important to help people with CFS/ME and long covid so they're not getting sicker and needing even more supports.

Too many sick, frail, vulnerable people are being failed by bad policy. It would be bad policy to cut them off from access to Medicaid.

1829. Duna Cat (*ZIP code: 61108*)

1830. Bridie McLean (*ZIP code: 3190*)

1831. Jacinthe Laperrière (*ZIP code: 4575*)

1832. Willow E (*ZIP code: 93309*)

Working when you have ME/CFS is all but impossible. Working or even going to doctors appointments makes most of us crash and experience worsening symptoms which makes use medically frail by definition. Also many of us have compromised immune systems and get sick at the slightest germ. Working would cause more harm to those of us with this illness.

1833. Maria Van Auken (*ZIP code: 34609*)

ME & Long Covid patient since 2021.

1834. Scott Van Auken (*ZIP code: 34609*)

1835. Jeanne Jackson (*ZIP code: 55129*)

1836. Tom Jackson (*ZIP code: 55129*)

1837. Jacob Jackson (*ZIP code: 55129*)

1838. Alison Dominick (*ZIP code: 70817*)

Working with even "mild" MECFS is incredibly difficult and can often cause worsening symptoms. With the exception of those already working no one with MECFS on Medicaid or any other aid should be required to work. Please consider donating to the research of this terrible disease and improving the life of many who have lost their livelihood.

1839. Sonya Satterwhite (*ZIP code: 65202*)

1840. Angela McPike (*ZIP code: 65202*)

This will raise the cost of care!

1841. Brenda Yamnitz (*ZIP code: 65255*)

1842. Whitney Lomax (ZIP code: 84041)

1843. TC Holt (ZIP code: 89118)

Veteran with ME/CFS/SEID/FM.

Don't take this away from those who didn't do anything to deserve this life sentence of gaslighting and pain.

1844. Hannah Rice (ZIP code: 80303)

Many of us are severely disabled with conditions that make working impossible or extremely destructive, at best. It is crucial our conditions be taken into account for any changes related to Medicaid. Anything different will have a much larger long-term cost.

1845. Tina King (ZIP code: YO12 6SG)

As a sufferer of ME/CFS I feel it is truly misunderstood and people just think we are exaggerating.

I am so sick of hearing the comment, "Well, you are at that age now!"

Or, "When I feel tired I just knuckle down and get on with it!"

Unless you suffer with it, you will not understand how debilitating the illness is, I have lost my total inability to function "normally."

1846. Lonna Collins (ZIP code: 33982)

1847. Andrea Okomski (ZIP code: 98115)

I have moderate-severe me/cfs. My mother died of pancreatic cancer in her late 70s and she was more active and able to function than I was until the week she died. It's a devastating illness that doesn't kill you , but robs you of life nonetheless.

1848. Mara Wagner (ZIP code: 18428)

1849. Anne Molenaar (ZIP code: 6707 AA)

1850. Laura Mack (ZIP code: 98221)

1851. Valerie MacIver (ZIP code: 01969)

I did not sign up to be too sick to work. Please don't take away my ability to receive adequate healthcare as I do my best to find a way to get better. Being this sick is a full time job.

1852. Vicki Potter (ZIP code: 94553)

Before punishing people on Medicaid, please make sure "frail" is well-defined and generous towards patients that would be medically harmed by forced work. Most patients would work if they could.

Forcing work requirements will result in added stress that already stressed people struggling with chronic illnesses do not need.

1853. Melyssa Marshall (ZIP code: 01970)

1854. Tammy Osburn (ZIP code: 78227)

1855. Danielle Hanks (ZIP code: 11237)

ME ruined my huge career aspirations right after I graduated college. I went from working 12-hour days in an intense, rigorous program to being bed bound for 8 months. Only now, 10 years later, do I have some semblance of my life back and am able to work a part time job. People with ME and long COVID deserve medical protections and care.

1856. Laura Solow (ZIP code: 10003-3650)

1857. Meg Sullivan (ZIP code: 94608)

1858. Bertram Spielvogel (ZIP code: 10538)

1859. Courtney Durall (ZIP code: 28056)

1860. Judith Bader (ZIP code: 14052)

1861. Wende Crow (ZIP code: 30088)

1862. Marie-Claire Kranzbühler (ZIP code: 42111)

Because it's a life or death situation.

1863. Chris Nafy (ZIP code: 92868)

1864. Angela Linford (ZIP code: 84107)

1865. Zenab KHOUDER (ZIP code: 92604-2406)

1866. Margie Ferguson (ZIP code: 814014456)

1867. Peter Swenson (ZIP code: 98382)

Hey Bobby, what about all the good things you said during your Long COVID Roundtable?

1868. Sar Gavin (ZIP code: G444fa)

1869. sandra hamburg (ZIP code: 94618)

1870. Brook Costello (ZIP code: 97405)

1871. William Dobie (ZIP code: 06512)

1872. Rosemary McNicholl (ZIP code: BT8 7XL)

1873. Kirsten Crouch (ZIP code: 94024)

1874. Robin Dorko (ZIP code: 27455-2917)

I have Long Covid and am "medically frail."

1875. G (ZIP code:)

1876. Ellie Meehan (ZIP code: 32966)

We are so terribly sick and our community needs help. We live in fear that our country will allow us to perish alone.

1877. Edwina Jesby (ZIP code: 33069)

1878. Jen Taylor (ZIP code: 81223)

I am fortunate that I do not need medicaid because my husband has a good job and good insurance. However, should I lose him, I am unable to work and am mostly homebound and would not be able to work to cover medicaid. Many of my friends in the ME/CFS and Long-Covid community are without the financial support necessary to pay for medical care and they are home or bed-bound. This is a terrifying situation. Please recognize how medically frail we are. Many of us have no true life as you know it. Please don't take what little we do have.

1879. Ruth Barwani-Rai (ZIP code: B13 0EL)

1880. Wendy Dresen (ZIP code: 2860)

1881. Stephanie Austin (ZIP code: 27612)

1882. Dena Foust (ZIP code: 87124)

My sister has suffered for a decade. Unbelievably frail! No end in sight for her. There are NO "standard" treatments for this brutal disease.

1883. Joanne Stoughton (ZIP code: 04444)

1884. Jessyca Barron (ZIP code: 97402)

Please commit to protecting people who are medically vulnerable.

1885. Johanna Barron (ZIP code: 98660)

In this unbelievable time, where blatant racism and insanity rule, please protect people suffering.

1886. Nicola Brooks (ZIP code: LS19 6BQ)

1887. Jeannette Nery (ZIP code: 946)

1888. Laura Turner (ZIP code: 21117)

People waiting to be approved for disability already risk losing everything they've worked hard for because the process takes so long. This adds another issue on top of everything else and it's the last thing ME and Long Covid patients need. They are too sick for this.

1889. Deborah Temple (ZIP code: 94901)

Our nation sucks BIG time~ threatening HEALTHCARE? And shyster politicians want to claim how we're the best & most important at everything? We, right now, suck.

1890. joy kaye (ZIP code: 61704-2342)

1891. Paul Hennessy (ZIP code: 91343)

1892. Claire Billings (ZIP code: 20876)

As someone who had Long Covid for 2 years after 30 years of working and who was out on disability for 6 months before I retired, I can say there are still Long Covid people from 2020 who cannot work and teeter on the verge of suicide due the ongoing pain, exhaustion, inability to think or breathe normally, and other problems they still have.

1893. Susan Spaulding (ZIP code: 95401)

1894. Laura Steckler (ZIP code: TD1 2QT)

1895. Stephanie Sanders (ZIP code: 81223)

1896. Eva Coyle (ZIP code: 27514)

ME/CFS. Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is a wimpy name for a serious life-changing condition. I developed ME/CFS in my late 60s. I expected to work well into older age. Now, I'm unable to work.

People with long Covid are suffering the same way.

We need our Medicaid with no work requirements. Those are just a way to keep people off the rolls.

Help us!

1897. Annie O'Connell (ZIP code: 2602)

1898. Erika Jahneke (ZIP code: 85029)

#HealthcareIsAHumanRight

1899. Patricia McGuire (ZIP code: 30088)

1900. Nancy Murray (ZIP code: 81223)

No matter what definition you decide to use it's now 30 years of waiting for someone to realize how sick ME patients are.

1901. Brian Crow (ZIP code: 96819)

1902. Joanna Rosenfeld (ZIP code: 94972)

1903. Ariel Duncan (ZIP code: 37934)

1904. Karen Frye (ZIP code: 32803)

1905. Kim (ZIP code: 94609)

1906. Gabriel Silvano (ZIP code: 60053)

1907. Georgia Sloop (ZIP code: 97201)

I have ME/CFS from an illness I caught in middle school, and I was barely even able to manage the rest of my primary education. I will probably never be able to work a full time job, and that's even though I'm still much healthier than a lot of other people with ME/CFS. I personally work 20 hours a week, and I can barely manage even that. Expecting people who are even sicker to kill themselves trying to work in order to receive basic medical attention is genuinely barbaric.

1908. Susan Thompson (ZIP code: 12524)

1909. Harry Anbender (ZIP code: 48104)

1910. Jim Edwards (ZIP code: 98102)

1911. Alice Stauffer (ZIP code: 94549)

My family member has ME/CFS and is unable to work at all - they are house and bed bound and require 24/7 care. They are definitely frail and need Medicaid access.

1912. Ken Jacobs (ZIP code: 94705)

1913. Sherilynn Ballheim (ZIP code: 81201)

I have debilitating Long Covid/ME/CFS. I have not been able to work in more than 5 years. I'm lucky, I do not need extra financial support from Medicaid. But there are thousands or millions of people who do. Please do not take Medicaid benefits from them. As I understand, you have a son with Long Covid. If so, you know what it does to us. The evidence is in the studies.

1914. Dr John Whiting (ZIP code: 4074)

I am an Internist Consultant Medical Specialist and have worked intensively in this field of ME/CFS for 38 years.

1915. Krissie Huxley (ZIP code: 03867)

1916. Edward McCrady (ZIP code: 75023)

The proposed rules will hurt -- possibly kill -- people I count as friends.

1917. Onyx Newton (ZIP code: 98144)

1918. Cassandra Peck (ZIP code: 72653)

Stop harming Myalgic Encephalomyelitis patients and Long Covid patients! Add them to the medically frail exemption for Medicaid, or you'll have even more blood on your hands!!!

1919. T Bolton (*ZIP code: 46122*)

1920. shannan riemer (*ZIP code: 78756*)

1921. Matthew Johnson (*ZIP code: 20166*)

1922. Cameron Peck (*ZIP code: 72653*)

1923. Sarah Anassori (*ZIP code: 34241*)

1924. Lucky Maxwell (*ZIP code: 94618*)

1925. Mckenna Stratton (*ZIP code: 20852*)

1926. Yash Somaiya (*ZIP code: 20878*)

1927. Savannah Cormier (*ZIP code: 91406*)

1928. Susan Zimmerman (*ZIP code: 97737*)

1929. Eli Brooks (*ZIP code: 12528*)

1930. Susan Wienand (*ZIP code: 36609*)

To: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary, Health and Human Services

From: Susan Wienand

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

We are writing on behalf of #MEAction representing people living with myalgic encephalomyelitis / chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) and Long COVID: communities fighting every day for survival, dignity, and access to care.

Your decision about who qualifies as medically frail will directly determine whether Americans with ME/CFS and Long COVID are able to access essential healthcare. For Americans living with these diseases, being required to work beyond our limits can trigger a systemic worsening of symptoms and further hinder our ability to carry out daily activities.

We urge you to act informatively and decisively: people with ME/CFS and Long COVID must be recognized as medically frail and exempt from work requirements. Access to care, treatments, and knowledgeable medical providers is vital to preserving and improving our ability to contribute to society.

We also urge you to grant States, demonstrating good faith efforts, the flexibility needed to implement

safeguards in a way that protects medically frail populations like ours, before requiring them to move forward with work requirements.

Facts on ME/CFS and Long COVID:

- Prevalence: ME/CFS is an infection-associated chronic illness in which onset is associated with infection up to 80% of the time. Accordingly, ME/CFS cases have surged after COVID-19.

- Disability: Approximately 75% of ME/CFS patients are unable to work, and 25% are housebound or bedbound and have significant difficulty carrying out activities of everyday living (ADLs). Disability rates for Long COVID are also high, with both groups experiencing persistent cognitive, mobility, and independent living challenges.

- Caregivers: If a family member loses Medicaid, the caregiver faces increased financial burdens from direct care costs and indirect expenses, including missed work and a significant toll on their own financial security and well-being.

Many Americans with ME/CFS and Long COVID rely on Medicaid for access to medical care. Forcing work requirements on our communities will make us more disabled in the long term – and, ultimately, require more federal spending on supporting people living with these highly debilitating diseases.

Secretary Kennedy, please stand with Americans fighting to live with ME/CFS and Long COVID. Protect our access to healthcare. Our survival depends on your decision.

1931. Jennifer Zimmerman (*ZIP code: 12019*)

I have ME and I know I can not work 20 hours a week. Some days I can only be out of bed for 3-4 hours. Others can not do even that! How could they possibly get ready, commute, work 4-5 hours and get home? Much less the daily things that need to be done just to stay alive.

1932. Harley Compton (*ZIP code: 29588*)

1933. Greg Compton (*ZIP code: 29588*)

1934. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 06515*)

1935. Ella Murray (*ZIP code: 97239*)

1936. Andrea Frankel (*ZIP code: 95959*)

1937. Brandon Travis (*ZIP code: 70441*)

I am living with ME and it is debilitating beyond what most people understand, including many medical doctors. Please take this necessary action!

1938. PAT WILSON (*ZIP code: 84009*)

1939. Luke Call (*ZIP code: 84088*)

ME/CFS is very debilitating in my experience, keeps me from working even part-time (though I am trying), and is not well understood. I am a conservative who wants to reduce federal spending, but

while Medicaid exists as a federal program, it should be realistic. Please recognize ME/CFS as real and very debilitating. Thank you.

1940. Madelyn Mattioli (*ZIP code: 06515-1635*)

1941. Hannah Armidon (*ZIP code: 12885*)

I have ME/CFS and can only work 4 hours a week on a good week.

1942. Karen Malcolm (*ZIP code: 12309*)

In honor of some dear people who deserve this consideration.

1943. Jennifer Bliss (*ZIP code: 03458*)

1944. Caroljeanne Phillips (*ZIP code: 38305*)

1945. Amy Schifrin (*ZIP code: 81401*)

1946. Deacon Barb Mitchell (*ZIP code: 12801*)

1947. Robin Poulin (*ZIP code: 78759-5262*)

1948. Aaron Dunlop (*ZIP code: 97132*)

1949. Cara-Anne Stanfill (*ZIP code: 38305*)

1950. Camille Nakamura (*ZIP code: 95993*)

1951. Mary Devine (*ZIP code: 02131*)

1952. Jessi Rolko (*ZIP code: 21037*)

1953. Shauntae Willwater (*ZIP code: 45406*)

1954. Sarah Macdonald (*ZIP code: IV22 2PA*)

1955. Nicole Boucher (*ZIP code: 20008*)

1956. Jen Bering (*ZIP code: 02766*)

1957. Lisa (*ZIP code: 98661*)

1958. Cheryl Pawelski (*ZIP code: 54449*)

This is important, thank you!

1959. Eva Peters (*ZIP code: 53227*)

1960. T Vaughn (*ZIP code: 61801*)

1961. Julie Bennett (*ZIP code: 61705*)

These conditions need to be covered. Thank you!

1962. Carole Coulter (*ZIP code: 48103*)

1963. Nathan Allen (*ZIP code: 21801*)

1964. Jane Pressgrove (*ZIP code: 38112*)

1965. Patricia Gibbons (*ZIP code: 12209*)

1966. Christina Hunter (*ZIP code: 12211*)

As the best friend of a person with ME/CFS, I forcefully urge you to list folks with this condition as medically frail. A failure to do so will consign millions of Americans to lose their healthcare, because meeting the proposed work requirement will absolutely make them more irreversibly sick.

1967. Robert Armidon (*ZIP code: 12885-1836*)

1968. Julie Mudge (*ZIP code: 60187*)

Please support people with ME/CFS and long covid. My daughter is one of them. Removing them from Medicaid access will make their lives more difficult and cause them harm. This is a real condition and problem.

1969. Edith Mudge (*ZIP code: 90065*)

You know it's cruel to expect people with ME/CFS to work. I suppose that's by design? I hope you choose to go down on the right side of history, but if not, I hope you feel the deep and eternal shame and torment that you deserve!

1970. Ruth Mudge (*ZIP code: 60190*)

1971. Margaret Bowman (*ZIP code: 15106*)

My college buddy needs this to stay alive. Please help her.

1972. Rebecca Van Hoof (*ZIP code: 02129*)

1973. Crystal Foley (*ZIP code: 55795*)

1974. Jacqueline Dowling (*ZIP code: 13606*)

1975. Eugene Rosario (*ZIP code: 46375*)

1976. Eileen Manz (*ZIP code: 12180*)

1977. Monica Talor (*ZIP code: 21209*)

This is insane! These are people who are in bed most of the day, can't read because they are so dizzy and use their little energy to eat and maybe shower!

1978. Robin Williams (*ZIP code: 73107*)

1979. Kathleen Tuccio (*ZIP code: 94112*)

I am 100% responsible for the care of my 21 year old Grandson who has ME/CFS. He's on Medicaid and we can't find help. Ending access to Medicaid may be a death sentence.

1980. Whitney Fisher (*ZIP code: 20895*)

1981. Nicola Zussman (*ZIP code: BN3 3RH*)

1982. Gary Nelson (*ZIP code: 12180-5130*)

Help the people who suffer these conditions.

1983. Karen Hansen (*ZIP code: 60090*)

1984. Carol Lukas (*ZIP code: 12125*)

1985. Tracy Adams (*ZIP code: 62864*)

1986. Jamie Kilmurray (*ZIP code: 08050*)

1987. sue hendren (*ZIP code: 80014*)

The designation of "medically frail" would help us be taken more seriously.

1988. Cheryl Thayer (*ZIP code: 07728*)

I struggled for years to continue working. I LOVED my job. I would work in a heartbeat if my body would let me. But I can't even write an email without crashing. Working, even two or three hours a month, is simply a physical impossibility at this point in my illness. Without exaggeration, trying to work 80 hours a month would most likely kill me.

1989. Emily Brewer (*ZIP code: 27510*)

This is a life or death matter to some people I love and whose lives have meaning and value.

1990. Sarah Ficke (*ZIP code: 27707*)

1991. Robin Morgenroth (*ZIP code: 08527*)

1992. Tammy Garno (*ZIP code: 13753*)

1993. Jill Stellman (ZIP code: 13439)

Please add ME/CFS patients to the last of patients that are too frail to work.

1994. Elizabeth Dawson Drake (ZIP code: 46628)

1995. Lydia Conrad (ZIP code: 20015)

1996. Megan Hill (ZIP code: 02140)

1997. Nyala Tafari (ZIP code: 02143)

1998. Emily Burrows (ZIP code: 28213)

1999. Alison Hanna (ZIP code: 08086)

2000. Charlotte von Salis (ZIP code: 20815)

2001. Amy Kritz (ZIP code: 12440)

ME is a terrible disease that has been dismissed and ignored for decades since exploding in epidemic form in the 1980s. Very few ME patients are capable of any work at all. ME is a serious illness and the majority of patients are very disabled.

2002. Sam Stettiner (ZIP code: 10026)

2003. Sarah Wood (ZIP code: 53562)

2004. Melissa Looney (ZIP code: 85345)

2005. Jenny (ZIP code: 11209)

2006. Amy Mallams (ZIP code: 64068)

2007. h p (ZIP code: 06066)

2008. LESLIE DAVISON (ZIP code: 27707)

2009. Julianna Fowler (ZIP code: 27545)

2010. Liz Hart (ZIP code: 75022)

In many ways I'm better than I've been in years. Even so, I couldn't work more than 20 hours a month, and some months not even that.

2011. John Kenyon (ZIP code: 53532)

2012. Nikki McGurk (*ZIP code: AL10 0ED*)

Medical frailty needs to be recognised. Surely it's better for the world if we don't make people so ill that they become dependent on others. People with ME/CFS know their limits: let them do what they can and contribute where they can, and support themselves as much as they can instead of pushing them to the point they are too ill.

2013. Helen Kenyon (*ZIP code: 53532*)

2014. Erin Ashworth-King (*ZIP code: 76904*)

2015. Jo Dou (*ZIP code: 95062*)

2016. Ann Mackey (*ZIP code: 10706*)

2017. Mathew Vanni (*ZIP code: 95472*)

2018. Francesca Voegelin (*ZIP code: 95003*)

2019. Jake Vanni (*ZIP code: 97062*)

2020. Isabel Kelly (*ZIP code: 97132*)

2021. Christine Craft (*ZIP code: 48813*)

2022. Mary-Frances O'Connor (*ZIP code: 85719*)

2023. Chrisanna Johnson (*ZIP code: 92252*)

2024. Brandy Silverwood (*ZIP code: 44657*)

2025. Wendy Williams (*ZIP code: 85268*)

CFS is a very serious and debilitating disease. These patients need to have access to (qualify for) Social security disability. Allow those who don't access to medicaid.

2026. Emmanuelle Proulx-Cholette (*ZIP code: G0R 2B0*)

2027. Kathleen Riley (*ZIP code: 33881-2178*)

I was diagnosed with ME/CFS in 2008. At that time, my MD informed me that he would complete paperwork for my SSDI application because I could not reliably work a 40 hour week for 20 days out of each month. Although I am more active now than I was then, I have never been able to work on a regular schedule since. Every day is "like a box of chocolates," so I never know whether I will be able to honor commitments. Persons with ME/CFS need to be considered "medically frail" because of the transient nature of symptoms and their inability to fulfill residual responsibilities. Please protect these vulnerable people from losing needed benefits that maintain a minimal safety net.

2028. Julie Fann (*ZIP code: 27795*)

2029. Judith Shila (*ZIP code: 33548*)

2030. Jason Ramsey (*ZIP code: 94063*)

To: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary, Health and Human Services

From: Jason Ramsey

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

We are writing on behalf of #MEAction and the undersigned organizations representing people living with myalgic encephalomyelitis / chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) and Long COVID: communities fighting every day for survival, dignity, and access to care.

Your decision about who qualifies as medically frail will directly determine whether Americans with ME/CFS and Long COVID are able to access essential healthcare. For Americans living with these diseases, being required to work beyond our limits can trigger a systemic worsening of symptoms and further hinder our ability to carry out daily activities.

We urge you to act informatively and decisively: people with ME/CFS and Long COVID must be recognized as medically frail and exempt from work requirements. Access to care, treatments, and knowledgeable medical providers is vital to preserving and improving our ability to contribute to society.

We also urge you to grant States, demonstrating good faith efforts, the flexibility needed to implement safeguards in a way that protects medically frail populations like ours, before requiring them to move forward with work requirements.

Facts on ME/CFS and Long COVID:

- Prevalence: ME/CFS is an infection-associated chronic illness in which onset is associated with infection up to 80% of the time. Accordingly, ME/CFS cases have surged after COVID-19.

- Disability: Approximately 75% of ME/CFS patients are unable to work, and 25% are housebound or bedbound and have significant difficulty carrying out activities of everyday living (ADLs). Disability rates for Long COVID are also high, with both groups experiencing persistent cognitive, mobility, and independent living challenges.

- Caregivers: If a family member loses Medicaid, the caregiver faces increased financial burdens from direct care costs and indirect expenses, including missed work and a significant toll on their own financial security and well-being.

Many Americans with ME/CFS and Long COVID rely on Medicaid for access to medical care. Forcing work requirements on our communities will make us more disabled in the long term – and, ultimately, require more federal spending on supporting people living with these highly debilitating diseases.

Secretary Kennedy, please stand with Americans fighting to live with ME/CFS and Long COVID. Protect our access to healthcare. Our survival depends on your decision.

2031. Jena Sloan (*ZIP code: 54115*)

2032. Jenny Andersson (ZIP code: 41460)

2033. Jo Fannaly (ZIP code: 70458)

2034. Sarah Hallenbeck (ZIP code: 28403)

2035. Alex Joubert (ZIP code: 98248)

2036. Annie Hislop (ZIP code: 01879)

2037. Erica Moore (ZIP code: 91320)

2038. Amy Mann (ZIP code: 14715)

2039. Deirdre Humphrey (ZIP code: 73114)

I have fallen victim to zero support or help from doctors for this horrid illness in Oklahoma and can't bare to lose Medicaid. I fully support!

2040. Joy Constantine (ZIP code: 14850)

2041. Carrie Haverkos (ZIP code: 43078)

2042. Stephen Williams (ZIP code: 34481)

Protect Medicare including durable medical equipment

2043. Kiera Lake (ZIP code: 45432)

2044. Dawn Mount (ZIP code: 45420)

2045. Cara Sachs (ZIP code: 05404)

2046. Sarah Gunther (ZIP code: 14850)

2047. Diane Donoghue (ZIP code: 48309)

2048. Neil Sullivan (ZIP code: 94608)

2049. Lawrence Sullivan (ZIP code: 94611)

2050. Susanne Spring (ZIP code: 12789)

2051. Solveig Polit (ZIP code: 94608-2615)

2052. Jeanne McGahie (*ZIP code: 36035*)

2053. James Friscia (*ZIP code: 97202*)

2054. Mark Sullivan (*ZIP code: 94705*)

In the long run, continuing Medicaid coverage for those with long Covid and Chronic fatigue syndrome by declaring them as "medically frail will be cheaper for us as a country than not doing so.

2055. abigail falk (*ZIP code: 02445*)

2056. Rebecca Wasilewski (*ZIP code: 06450*)

I am disabled. I have struggled with ME and other complex chronic conditions since I was 18 (approx 2004). For years after my diagnosis, I didn't take time off from college or the workforce, even though my body desperately needed it, simply because I could not afford to. I couldn't go without income or health insurance because I had a serious medical condition. After 18 years of only getting worse and constantly "pushing through" my symptoms and exhaustion, I became increasingly sicker and sicker and weaker. I developed compounding conditions and existing ones only worsened. I am now completely disabled. I am mostly homebound and spend at about 50% of my days confined to my bed. My family and friends have to look after me, and my medical needs and expenses are higher than anyone ever imagined or hoped for someone like me, who worked so hard to get an education and have a career. I have since learned that I have an underlying genetic condition. Had I taken rest when I was first diagnosed, if I had better access to medical care and time to devote to that care, I would not have become disabled by the ME, and I also believe that my genetic condition would not have progressed to the degenerative stage it is currently at as a 41 year old.

If I had the support to take time off when needed, and work within my body's limits, I don't think I would be disabled. I could have recovered from ME, I could have better supported my genetic condition appropriately, and I would currently have a more independent life that includes working.

People with ME and now Long Covid are where I was when I was 18: trapped in a failing body and trapped in a society that is forcing them to work when they need rest and appropriate medical care so that they can actually recover. Our system is not set up to appropriately evaluate these diagnoses in the context of disability, particularly the aspects of Post Exertional Malaise and Systemic Exercise Intolerance. We have the data. We have millions of people like me across the globe with similar stories. We KNOW that forcing people with ME and Long Covid to work when their bodies cannot -and should not- is not only going to take productive lives away from them, but also become a much larger and more expensive strain on the entire system when they only get sicker and never recover.

Giving a "Medically Frail" designation to patients with ME and Long Covid to exempt them from work requirements, allowing people to remain on Medicaid while they focus on recovery, is the best current option for these patients, their futures, and therefore the future of the country.

2057. Shannon Clem (*ZIP code: 93705*)

Too many of us are stuck between being able to work, qualifying for disability, and/or waiting at length for disability to go through. We are the very people who depend on these services most. The criteria for navigating living as a disabled person and qualifying for services as it stands is already difficult enough. Fraud rates are already lower than the number of individuals who will likely lose access to services they depend on to live. It is an unfair trade off. We spend more money, time, and efforts trying not to pay for disabled people than it would take to simply provide us all with adequate disability

payments. If you don't believe it coming from me—look it up! We are not asking for anything more than to keep receiving the healthcare services we already have and desperately need. Please consider this and show us your support. Thank you.

2058. Daniel Glazier (*ZIP code: 06450*)

2059. Dana Hartnett (*ZIP code: 08225*)

Protect the most vulnerable people.

2060. Shannon Smith (*ZIP code: 06037*)

Chronically ill people CAN'T WORK and take proper care of themselves, it's one or the other and it's unfair and cruel to make someone choose. I pay exorbitant tax dollars and I want them to go to things like Medicaid and safety net programs, not to wars and ballrooms!!!! I have friends and family who need Medicaid and physically are unable to work. I am scared to know that would happen to them if the 80 hrs rule goes through. Let's be a country who cares about our sickest, elderly and those in need.

2061. Judy Richards (*ZIP code: 06413*)

I have a niece who struggles with ME. I would hope that there can be help, through Medicaid assistance, to help her focus on her recovery/healing.

2062. Calah Gaiolini (*ZIP code: 05408*)

2063. Darcy Sander (*ZIP code: 98837*)

2064. Angi Shearstone (*ZIP code: 06109*)

So many struggle to survive due to ME or CFS, and a range of similar conditions, physical and mental.

Recently late-life (50s) diagnosed with autism & ADHD (on top of cPTSD I already knew about), I realized my struggles with depression and anxiety over 2-3 decades was in fact autistic burnout, and a TBI has made things even harder. I'm considered "high functioning" which is more accurately described as "high-coping" or "high masking." My brain is working 100x harder to function appear normal, and I collapse completely when I'm alone.

My ability to work diminishes the more I force myself to work, until now I can hardly do 15 hours a week, and can't stay on top of regular life (dishes, cooking, cleaning, laundry).

I suspect if I could rest to recover from the autistic burnout and then proceed back to work with new strategies and accommodations in mind rather than just pushing through, I might be able to fully support myself again someday. But for now, I rely heavily on family and friends, while still struggling, and needs not met.

2065. Meagan Bojarski (*ZIP code: 30043*)

2066. Lynn Butler (*ZIP code: 55976*)

2067. Theresa Andrade (ZIP code: 60625)

Hands off our health care

2068. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 10038)

2069. Chantell Cambia (ZIP code: 96814)

2070. alan creaser (ZIP code: HU3 6EP)

2071. Emily Keys (ZIP code: 43701)

We do what we can to keep ourselves financially afloat as it is. And you shouldn't have to be on death's door to be sick enough not to work either.

2072. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 11105)

2073. Sarah Bolton (ZIP code: 03570)

I used to be an active, driven, and successful small business owner, mother, and member of my community.

There is nothing I want more than to be healthy again and be able to work. I'm not lazy, in fact, quite the opposite. But I can't work. And pushing through makes my situation infinitely more dangerous and permanent.

Severe ME patients live a similar quality of life to end-stage AIDS patients. This is no exaggeration. Please consider this.

2074. laura newlon (ZIP code: 25702)

2075. Nancy Perez (ZIP code: 91709)

Long Covid symptoms are debilitating and most people are bedbound/ homebound, and need a caregiver. For the past 5 years struggling my body feels like I'm dying a slow death.

2076. John Nicols (ZIP code: 18944)

2077. Evey Mengelkoch (ZIP code: 54880)

2078. Barbara Zaretsky (ZIP code: 28805)

2079. Billy Hanlon (ZIP code: 55422)

2080. ana becerra (ZIP code: 84121)

2081. Julia Bilek (ZIP code: 21201)

ME/CFS destroyed my life and my ability to work. Now I face the possibility of losing my healthcare through Medicaid. Please look at the reality of those who struggle with this disease and consider the effects the 80-hour work rule would actually have on them. We won't survive.

2082. bill trammell (ZIP code: 70123)

2083. Wayne Pichon (ZIP code: 99517)

Stop the idiocy!!

2084. Katie Kraning (ZIP code: 55328)

2085. Eileen Sepulveda (ZIP code: 06052)

2086. leslie weil (ZIP code: 33141)

Please help us/those with severe ME/CFS. It is a scary, lonely, debilitating illness and to think and walk is hard much less work

2087. Bruce Weil (ZIP code: 33141)

2088. Suzanne Glaser (ZIP code: 11217)

2089. Kim Sapunar (ZIP code: 97128)

The impact of Long Covid cannot be ignored, nor minimized. This is an example of failing to understand the impact of LC, if we require those impacted to work for their health benefits. The community of advocates is here to help inform HHS of the millions who are house and bed bound by this condition

2090. Dr. Aimee Nefcy, MD (ZIP code: 48188)

2091. Kate Norris (ZIP code: 45224)

2092. Jennifer Gillan (ZIP code: 32827)

2093. Jennifer Lester (ZIP code: 48098)

I would not wish my medical conditions on my worst enemy. Unless you have lived with these long term illnesses, you have no idea how hellish life can be. Please do not make our lives worse by taking our medical care.

2094. Donna Mills (ZIP code: 02892)

After 43 years with this, take my word for it. No one can work with ME/CFS. Unless your case is extremely mild. Most are not. I had to give up teaching!

2095. Liz Burlingame (ZIP code: 30041)

I have suffered ME/CFS since I was 23-years-old after a bout of the flu. I never recovered. That was in 1991. I am signing this petition from my bed. ME/CFS must be taken seriously NOW.

2096. Carla M Smith (ZIP code: 87114)

2097. Latisha Watson (ZIP code: 65202)

2098. Natalia Thompson (*ZIP code: 53717*)

2099. Bryan McDonald (*ZIP code: 16801*)

2100. Kathryn McDonald (*ZIP code: 16801*)

2101. Anthony Parker (*ZIP code: 03071*)

Please help.

2102. Katrina Berne (*ZIP code: 98108*)

2103. Allison Pyle (*ZIP code: 75104*)

2104. Ali P (*ZIP code: 11772*)

2105. Patience Cook (*ZIP code: 37122*)

2106. Hannah Clark (*ZIP code: 97220*)

Medically frail

2107. Jamie Chamberlain (*ZIP code: 49682*)

We need intersectional and respectful health care.

Ableism and blaming patients for their symptoms is far too rampant and common. This leads to not only personal devastation and struggle, but it's a huge loss when health conditions remain unaddressed and progress.

More costs for medical care and ER visits. Whether this is paid via dhs or personal or other insurance- it is loss.

We need our government to do the smart and ethical thing and actually Help people and make healthcare more accessible and less ableist.

Listen to patients.

Believe patients.

And stop pushing eugenics- ffs who offers medically assisted suicide BEFORE intersectional and accessible healthcare?!

Values and ethics shouldn't vary That much- we should all agree that healthcare should come first. Fighting for a person and to help them diagnose and treat their symptoms and manage their day to day Should Come First.

Period.

Get your act and your ethics together.

Covid is real and it's devastating.

Long covid & me/cfs is real and it's devastating.

I know, I have me/cfs.

I still want to be here and fight to be here because I desire and deserve to be here. Just like any other person with any other health condition-

You cannot ignore us.

You cannot kill is off.

Bc we know what perseverance is and we live in spite of constant torture.

It would do you well to listen to people with these conditions and work on seeing the value and knowledge we hold.

Do the right and actually ethical thing.

Help. People.

2108. Linda Fiaschi (*ZIP code: 13903*)

2109. Beatrice Kozak (*ZIP code: 10016*)

2110. Bev Gillenwater (*ZIP code: 64506*)

This needs to cover Food Stamps, as well. I've had Long Covid for 3 1/2 years and I am being told I have to comply with the work requirement to continue receiving Food Stamps. I haven't received it, at this point, for Medicaid. There is no way I can complete this requirement. Most days I can't get out of bed. They need to start taking this illness/disease seriously!!

2111. Ylan Roy (*ZIP code: 05495*)

I taught toddlers and supervised early education classrooms during the early years of the pandemic. One mild infection and six months working sick and now I can no longer walk. I use a power wheelchair. The reality is, I should have been resting in the earlier months after my infection once I became ill with long Covid. Now, instead of a career, I'm on disability. Please fund RETAIN-Department of labor program- to support people in maintaining jobs while managing this chronic debilitating condition. And also provide an exemption for Medicaid work requirements as many of us are way too sick to work.

2112. Kim Warnick (*ZIP code: 23233*)

Please acknowledge the seriousness of MEA/FM and Long COVID.

I have watched my niece struggle w this since COVID. She can hardly function. She is exceptionally bright and capable, but cannot function w these diseases.

Encourage research and give her Meducaid!!

2113. Carolyn Caywood (*ZIP code: 94087*)

2114. Bryn McCabe-Kelly (*ZIP code: 87106*)

2115. Pamila Payne (*ZIP code: 91205*)

2116. Sharon Sephton (*ZIP code: 86327*)

2117. Pamela Caywood (*ZIP code: 94087*)

2118. Jennifer Pressley (*ZIP code: 77494*)

2119. Sarah Lewers (ZIP code: 95407)

2120. Sue Jackson (ZIP code: 38006)

Please keep recognizing Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue as disabilities!

2121. ann greenberger (ZIP code: 97330)

I had mono at age 20 and never recovered. Unfortunately, it took 25 years to be diagnosed with ME/CFS. I am now 68 years old and housebound for periods of time. It is difficult to express how this illness has devastated my life. It took away my career and therefore my financial stability. Please advocate for the millions like me.

2122. Tamara Feola (ZIP code: 33141)

2123. Melanie Hoppers (ZIP code: 38358)

2124. Lisa Youngblood (ZIP code: 08402)

2125. Victoria Boies (ZIP code: 60604)

2126. Karl Baty (ZIP code: 93635)

Help

2127. Wayne Brissett (ZIP code: 2428)

It's time to catch up with current science. M.E. is a devastating, life changing disability.

2128. Bridget Green (ZIP code: 48843)

Me/CFS is finally recognized due to Ling Covid. Both conditions, especially me/CFS are very disabling. Housebound or bedbound are very real outcomes. Please pass this legislation.

2129. Marilee Mouser (ZIP code: 48847)

Science is my hope

2130. Julie Woodruff (ZIP code: 74019)

2131. Darrell Ping (ZIP code: 35904)

2132. Lorri Bishop (ZIP code: 97402)

I have suffered since 2022 from CFS. My life has changed considerably. It is way past time to recognize this debilitating condition that makes working impossible.

Please help us.

2133. Ellen Manning (ZIP code: 80127)

I came down with Covid in April 2020, and haven't been the same since. Still having weekly Physical Therapy and Behavioral Therapy.

2134. Kelley Kintner (ZIP code: 63376)

ME/CFS is very debilitating, I miss working but am not able to even work part time.

2135. Rebecca Klein (ZIP code: 31312)

This is such a debilitating illness that steals my quality of life. I am still struggling every day to keep working, but if I become too sick to work, I will not be able to work 80 hours a month without seriously harming myself and my overall health. I already struggle to survive each day physically. Please don't make it harder by making it impossible for us to support ourselves financially when we need the help.

2136. Stephen Murray (ZIP code: 08204)

My daughter has been disabled for over 30 years with ME/CFS and completely relies on my wife and me (her parents) to support her. We are both in our late 70's and need to feel comfortable that the US will assist in some of her long term care. There is no cure for this disease and research at NIH and other labs is vital to finding relief and hopefully a cure. Don't abandon this segment of society.

2137. Amy Haynes (ZIP code: 31721)

2138. Bon Marie C Munier (ZIP code: 95924)

I'm mostly housebound due to ME/CFS & Mast Cell issues. When I am able to go out, even for a short while, I have to "payback" for the limited energy used. Even cognitive tasks such as reading, paying bills etc., exasperate symptoms. The payback is a serious condition known as Post Exertional Malaise (P.E.M.). The illness is systemic & so is the payback. It affects all major body functions causing: cognitive disfunction, tachycardia, difficulty breathing, debilitating fatigue, muscle pain, joint pain & other flu-like symptoms. We are in survival mode & pacing is one of our best tools. Every moment of every day, what we can handle is unpredictable. Moderate to severe ME/CFS does not allow the freedom to do things or go places without consequences. Becoming medically frail after enjoying an active lifestyle is soul crushing. I worked hard all my life paying into a system I hoped I would never need, but here I am. Medicare & Medicaid are support systems patients rely on.

2139. John Mitchell (ZIP code: 72744)

This is a very important issue. I can't even care for myself as is, much less if I were to try and work on a regular basis. This would affect me greatly if it were to pass.

2140. Joy Coe (ZIP code: 30066)

2141. Alex Everett (ZIP code: 06103)

2142. Peggy Bennett (ZIP code: 28562)

2143. Ceil Rothbart (ZIP code: 60022)

2144. Barbara Kloeppe (ZIP code: 94706)

2145. Angela Taylor (ZIP code: 97914)

2146. Misty Franson (ZIP code: 24175)

I have Long Covid and ME

2147. Susan Doak (ZIP code: 97132)

I personally know those living with ME/CFS and Long Covid and know how much they need uninterrupted medicaid access due to their ongoing disability. It breaks my heart to see what they already have to endure. They should count as "medically frail". My heart goes out to them.

2148. Lori Sieler (ZIP code: 97229)

ME/CFS and other chronic health issues deserve to be studied and to come up with real answers and real criteria as to how to treat us.

2149. Amy Eicher (ZIP code: 61761)

Disability comes in many forms and it frightens me to think our country is going to force people into worse situations just to maintain health care. I wish we could just have compassion on those with disabilities.

It's hard enough to qualify- this is going to hurt far more than it helps.

2150. Terri Charles (ZIP code: 01760)

2151. Terri CHARLES (ZIP code: 01760)

2152. Kristy Keirse (ZIP code: 63901)

Please protect us! I have spent nearly 6 years in bed. I have never been more mentally abused in all 47 years of my life with this disease. Nobody that feels like they are going to die every second should have to fight to be believed, treated horrible by employers, and have everything they have worked for their whole life taken from them over an illness some people refuse to acknowledge. I have lost all these things and my health. I mentally have nothing left to offer because I have had to fight like I have never in my life over this disease. Stress makes it worse and we have nowhere to turn. At least, educate people on it so we aren't forced to exercise as a form of treatment making us sicker and let the public know how sick we are so we aren't abused anymore. Pathetic!

2153. Laura Steed (ZIP code: 83204)

2154. Johanna Elik (ZIP code: 22851)

Please recognize individuals with ME/CFS, Long Covid and other health conditions where health or function limits ability to meet the new work requirements work as "Medically Frail" to protect access to Medicaid. Research has documented these diagnosis as biological, physiological, autoimmune conditions needing treatments and medical support. Without recognizing energy exhaustion requiring rest, exacerbations of symptoms will result in Post Exertional Neuroimmune Exhaustion and harm to the individuals. The 80 hour work requirement will worsen symptoms and may cause permanent harm.

2155. Lauren Elizondo (ZIP code: 77587)

2156. Dana De Luz (ZIP code: 86335)

I was finally diagnosed in August 2019 after many years of symptoms. Before my diagnosis I push

through the pain and fatigue which I later learned only made me worse off. I've been unable to work since then. ON a good day I can get a bit of easy house work done. On my bad days I only get out of bed to go to the bathroom. I need help with walking or getting food.

ME/CFS affects many of my systems: nervous, eyesight, hearing, temperature control, brain function, gut function, skin sensitivity. My symptoms can change day to day or throughout the day. I can't commit to anything because I don't know if my body will be functioning properly that day. I can't walk more than 700 steps in a day without suffering PEM. My life is lived mostly in my home or bedroom. I go out only for necessary physicals and labs, or very occasionally I get out socially with my husband to assist me. Any outing whether for a medical appointment or socializing always results in several days spent on recovery from over exertion.

ME/CFS is at least as debilitating as MS and I like many with ME/CFS also suffer with fibromyalgia, IBS, allodynia, all because ME/CFS causes nervous system dysregulation.

2157. Julie Ladinsky (ZIP code: 08648)

Please protect people with ME/CFS. They are too sick to work.

2158. Anita Rorie (ZIP code: 38068)

2159. Mark Rollin (ZIP code: 95973)

2160. Jan Southam (ZIP code: 84207)

2161. Stacy Elliott (ZIP code: 37027)

My 18-year-old daughter has Long COVID and ME/CFS. She missed all the experiences of her Junior and Senior years of high school because she is one of the 25% who are bed bound with ME/CFS. She would love nothing more than to participate in her life as much as her body will cooperate but she is Freakin' Frail. Currently, we have private insurance but next year when my husband retires, she will need Medicaid; I am her full-time caregiver so I've already had to "retire" from my former job. Yes, if she needs a full-time caregiver, she is Freakin' Frail.

2162. Robin Kaufman (ZIP code: 60615)

Struggling with ME/CFS for 40 years has been quite a challenge.

While I have always strived to make a contribution, to give back to society to make up for the benefits I have been fortunate to receive, there is no way I could work consistently for 20 hours a week. I have

a few good hours per day, and most of that goes to caring for my own needs—both activities of daily living and medical.

Fatigue is very real.

Pushing too hard can bring on an exacerbation.

2163. Shana Packman (ZIP code: 60402)

2164. Ken Monville (ZIP code: 53185)

2165. Elisha Friedman (ZIP code: 66049)

2166. Martha McTear (ZIP code: 98107)

2167. Audrey Cochran (ZIP code: 60586)

2168. Darcy Gillaspy (ZIP code: 82718)

2169. Carey Yerger (ZIP code: 34205)

2170. Chloe Gillaspy (ZIP code: 82716)
My mom suffers with long covid and it has destroyed her life.

2171. Alice Baer (ZIP code: 14572)

2172. Laurie Hutchings (ZIP code: 30066)
I have 2 daughters with ME/CFS who need to keep Medicaid in order to survive financially. Their medical condition renders them unable to work, needing specific medications, & continuing doctors care.

2173. Angie H (ZIP code: 20707)

2174. Pamela Lepage (ZIP code: 04106)
People with ME/CFS often can't work or volunteer without further damaging their health.

2175. Lindsay Templeton (ZIP code: 85144-2328)

2176. Jodi Wyllie (ZIP code: 82718)
Please protect people with long covid.

2177. Elana Simard (ZIP code: 95401)

2178. S. Henderson (ZIP code: 61820)
I am physically unable to work because I suffer from both ME/CFS and Long COVID. There are currently no standardized diagnostics for either illness, nor are there any recognized treatments. People with ME/CFS and Long COVID must be classified as "medically frail" so that we don't lose our healthcare as we wait for new treatments that will hopefully allow us to return to the workforce.

2179. Victoria Taylor (ZIP code: 98685)

2180. Jerod Keith (ZIP code: 98685)

2181. Liam Weil (ZIP code: 33142)

2182. Alexia Pappas (ZIP code: 92583)

2183. Louis DiFabio (ZIP code: 08872)

2184. Gayle Madeira (*ZIP code: 11103*)

2185. Holland Millure (*ZIP code: 15219-5033*)

2186. Rebecca Houser (*ZIP code: 84128*)

While we're at it, can we also please speed up the process for getting SSDI/ Disability? Too many people are suffering waiting for more than 3 or even 5 years. My case has been at Federal Court over a year, and my health is getting worse. I can't rely on Elderly parents for ever

2187. Jessica Edelson (*ZIP code: 08816*)

2188. Cheryl Williams (*ZIP code: 96150*)

Some people cannot work at all.

2189. Pamela Aasen (*ZIP code: 94518*)

As some who has had ME for 40 years and has been permanently disabled for 26 years, the toll this takes physically, financially and on well being is staggering. Action needs to be taken.

2190. Artem Maloratsky (*ZIP code: 11103*)

2191. Jean Kudyba (*ZIP code: 99654*)

2192. Therese Brennan (*ZIP code: 44116*)

2193. Leigh Prins (*ZIP code: 80129*)

2194. Caress Schenk (*ZIP code: 98901*)

2195. Chad Coppel (*ZIP code: 85205*)

What's the point of paying taxes our entire lives if we're not going to benefit from it in times of need? The billionaire class are the real welfare queens and we need to protect are disabled people.

2196. Christine Wepener (*ZIP code: 97058*)

2197. Billy Squier (*ZIP code: 23220*)

2198. Charisse Bottomly (*ZIP code: 96717*)

2199. Elizabeth Fallin (*ZIP code: 98021*)

I have ME/CFS, and have been unable to work for several years. If I attempt to do an eight hour work day, plus transportation and household chores, I will crash and be unable to do anything for days or weeks at a time.

2200. LuAnne Benac (ZIP code: 49707)

2201. THOMAS CLARKE (ZIP code: 80634)

I have long covid and mecfs. I am disabled. I am unable to work due to severe chronic illness

2202. Julie Hoffman (ZIP code: 94501)

2203. Dona Deman (ZIP code: 48150)

Never mind that people with these illnesses are too sick to work, any potential employer will take one look and refuse to hire them.

2204. stephanie blaising (ZIP code: 34668)

Horrible illness and ruins lives

2205. Katherine Fernald (ZIP code: 01748)

2206. Shannon lacinski (ZIP code: 49201)

I understand that this condition is not well known as I'm a medical worker myself. With that being said, I can say with every fiber of my being that this has been the most devastating thing I've had to experience in life so far at 49yrs old. It's truly debilitating and it makes it so much harder when a doctor doesn't know how to help you and either admits this or pretends what you are going through is not real. My life has been reduced by around 70% of my previous and I push myself to get through most of it. Everything is so hard and to stress about money when you are used to making a good amount really hurts on a different level because what little energy I have is spent at work because I can't afford not to work at all so therefore my life outside of work is nonexistent and getting harder every day.

2207. Kimberly Ferris (ZIP code: 89052)

2208. Robin Novotny (ZIP code: 23434)

2209. Chelsea Hall (ZIP code: 11373)

2210. Anna Yearous (ZIP code: 55125)

2211. Rich Frye (ZIP code: 60647)

I have had LC/ME for 6 years now and am still completely unable to work unfortunately.

2212. Shawn Hogan (ZIP code: 53143)

2213. Sheri Somerville (ZIP code: 99801)

Most people don't see our frailty because often we are housebound, bed bound, and out of sight. Physical AND cognitive activities make our conditions worse and can harm us permanently. We need to be considered medically frail and to have continued access to medical care to manage our debilitating diseases. Thank you for your support.

2214. Tanya GAAB (ZIP code: 28327)

2215. Mason Goodheart (ZIP code: 73150)

Please protect those with ME

2216. Aubrey Allison (ZIP code: 33860)

CFS/ME is a debilitating condition and research funding has been slashed by the current administration. If work requirements are imposed, or Medicaid cut, for those with this condition, it will be a significant blow for our workforce, as well as society on the whole. People with this condition may die trying to fulfill work requirements to keep their health care. We should increase funding for research toward treatment and a cure.

2217. Sara Teixido (ZIP code: 19808)

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

I am writing on behalf of #MEAction and the undersigned organizations representing people living with myalgic encephalomyelitis / chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS) and Long COVID: communities fighting every day for survival, dignity, and access to care.

As someone who lives with these chronic diseases, knowing first-hand how debilitating they are to live with day to day, I urge you to consider the following:

Your decision about who qualifies as medically frail will directly determine whether Americans with ME/CFS and Long COVID are able to access essential healthcare. For Americans living with these diseases, being required to work beyond our limits can trigger a systemic worsening of symptoms and further hinder our ability to carry out daily activities.

We urge you to act informatively and decisively: people with the serious or complex medical conditions of ME/CFS (G93.32) and Long COVID (U09.9) must be recognized as medically frail and exempt from work requirements.

Facts on ME/CFS and Long COVID:

- Prevalence: ME/CFS is an infection-associated chronic illness in which onset is associated with infection up to 80% of the time. Accordingly, ME/CFS cases have surged after COVID-19.
- Disability: Approximately 75% of ME/CFS patients are unable to work, and 25% are housebound or bedbound and have significant difficulty carrying out activities of everyday living (ADLs). Disability rates for Long COVID are also high, with both groups experiencing persistent cognitive, mobility, and independent living challenges.
- Caregivers: If a family member loses Medicaid, the caregiver faces increased financial burdens from direct care costs and indirect expenses, including missed work and a significant toll on their own financial security and well-being.

Many Americans, including myself, with ME/CFS and Long COVID rely on Medicaid for access to medical care. Forcing work requirements on our communities will make us more disabled in the long term – and, ultimately, require more federal spending on supporting people living with these highly debilitating diseases.

Secretary Kennedy, please stand with Americans fighting to live with ME/CFS and Long COVID.

Protect our access to healthcare. Our survival depends on your decision.

2218. Kati McKee (*ZIP code: 97224*)

2219. beth christenson (*ZIP code: 11361*)

2220. Erica Hapstak (*ZIP code: 08742*)

2221. Lydia Schmitz (*ZIP code: 49417*)

2222. Anne Pfluger (*ZIP code: 76262*)

2223. Jane Glass (*ZIP code: 85750*)

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2224. Julie Dowling (*ZIP code: 36542*)

Not only are ME/CFS-affected people barely able to sit upright or focus - especially under the pressure of deadlines and requirements of a job - but it creates a backlash of even greater depletion of our precious few physical and mental energy reserves. This continues and worsens the already devastating consequences to our bodies.

If we are forced to work, we are unable to be fully present in the job. If the job is outside the home, it creates negative impact with a great number of sick days and increased workplace injuries due to falls from weakness and even passing out.

If you haven't lived this, you cannot fathom the hell of living with this condition.

We suffer enough just to exist. But then to be forced to work 20 hours a week?! It's insane - and for so many of us, it's impossible!

2225. Lauren Bedrosian (*ZIP code: 01545*)

2226. Claudia Dato (*ZIP code: 93117*)

Please consider people with long covid, me/cfs and post exertional malaise to be medically frail. Most people with these conditions cannot work 80 hours a month.

2227. Liiza Boyd (*ZIP code: 97070*)

Please, please, please...

2228. Debbie Donnelly (*ZIP code: 48911*)

2229. patricia tunnell (*ZIP code: 34236*)

Help. Millions are suffering, I am one

2230. Delila Hoffman (*ZIP code: 94941*)

I have ME. The fatigue is so debilitating that I cannot climb a flight of stairs without resting 3-5 times. The brain fog makes even writing a check a challenge.

Please recognize ME and related conditions as serious diseases. Do not endanger the health of

thousands of people who suffer from these.

2231. Kayla Butler (ZIP code: 78758)

2232. Gina Bowdle (ZIP code: 63385)

2233. Susan Denny (ZIP code: 80210-2805)

2234. Mike Roth (ZIP code: 83221)

We need a cure ___

2235. Veronica Little (ZIP code: 97213)

2236. Sabrina O'Hanleigh (ZIP code: 95616)

I have had ME/CFS for many years and receiving services is very difficult.

2237. Melissa Karabin (ZIP code: 15642)

All 4 of my children have ME/CFS and Long Covid.

2238. Baebara Waters (ZIP code: 65801)

2239. Teri Poduval (ZIP code: 32092)

2240. Anna Barasch (ZIP code: 05602)

2241. Molly Travis (ZIP code: 70441)

2242. J Garcia (ZIP code: 32810)

2243. Sara Robitaille (ZIP code: 95054)

2244. Monica Bell (ZIP code: 98339)

2245. Thomas Guillot (ZIP code: 70152)

2246. Andrea Phillips (ZIP code: 49441)

I have ME/CFS, Fibromyalgia, and medical restrictions from 2 work injuries to my neck, shoulder, and spine.

2247. Christine Moreau (ZIP code: 02904)

2248. Carol Dhainin (ZIP code: 80011)

I have ME/CFS and am considered am disabled due to the ME, and other health issues. Please

understand that ME/CFS and Long Covid are cause people to be medically frail and are unable to work, therefore need Medicaid as the health insurance.

2249. Lisa Johnson (*ZIP code: 19946*)

2250. Morgan Jamiel (*ZIP code: 02145*)

2251. Lily Calderwood (*ZIP code: 04496*)

2252. Lisa Ann Bright (*ZIP code: 96815*)

2253. Marmionett Braden (*ZIP code: 96707*)

2254. Amanda Reinmiller (*ZIP code: 59935*)

2255. Stephanie Moreau (*ZIP code: 02865*)

2256. Cara Kimura (*ZIP code: 96813*)

2257. _____ (*ZIP code: 13121*)

2258. Agnes Curry (*ZIP code: 06070*)

2259. Pegeen Moreau (*ZIP code: 02865*)

Please protect Medicaid access for people suffering from ME/CFS and Long Covid.

2260. Deb Jones (*ZIP code: 28804*)

2261. Lynna Weil (*ZIP code: 33141*)

2262. Alyssa Hope Smith (*ZIP code: 57401*)

2263. Jenna Bray (*ZIP code: 14080*)

2264. Eleanor Brosius (*ZIP code: 28571*)

2265. Matt Hall (*ZIP code: 80403*)

Medicare is an essential lifeline to the unfortunate people who deal with the crippling impact of ME/CFS, including for me. Working 80 hours per month is impossible for me and I believe anyone who has gone through the rigorous process to qualify for social security disability and therefore Medicare. Please don't take this lifeline away!

2266. Stacy a Bienhoff (*ZIP code: 68046*)

2267. Kate Saul (*ZIP code: 18914*)

2268. Carl Hill (*ZIP code: 37075*)

2269. Sanjana Vinayaka (*ZIP code: 94588*)

I struggle with ME/CFS and long covid

2270. Charlotte Sullivan (*ZIP code: 80840*)

I am very concerned about chronically ill people like me losing more access to health care. I have already been denied care many times, even as a military spouse with Tricare, because I was too ill to access care in and my providers, both military, civilian and private, refused to make accommodations. So I went for long periods without care, including multiple medical emergencies. If I couldn't get care with Tricare because of the lack of accommodation for such severe illness, what hope do people with ME/CFS like me have if they are both expected to work or jump through hoops to prove they are too sick to work, when like I was, they may be too sick to even do video appointments. And when Congress keeps putting a time limit on telehealth. Do better. Show you actually care about the health and well-being of those hidden from sight by illnesses like I have.

2271. Cindy Collins (*ZIP code: 37072*)

My daughter suffers with this horrific illness and I cannot understand why there is such little funding and gross ignorance of the tremendous suffering ME/CFS patients endure!

2272. Amy Paulson (*ZIP code: 82718*)

Please help those with Long Covid. It is a debilitating illness and they deserve help.

2273. Amanda Castleman (*ZIP code: 98106*)

My partner with ME/CFS had to stop working at 52 because of extreme fatigue and mild cognitive decline. Numerous doctors, labs and insurance companies have shown him to be disabled. He couldn't manage working 80 hours/month. It would be a detriment to his health and contrary to medical advice about this condition, which makes patients medically frail. Please protect Medicaid access for him and everyone else with this horrible disease.

2274. Brenda Ostendorf (*ZIP code: 94608*)

2275. Robert Crouch (*ZIP code: 22980*)

2276. Mary Kathleen King (*ZIP code: 72212*)

My daughter has severe ME which has made her bedbound, and we are counting on you to protect Medicaid access for people with ME/CFS and Long COVID.

2277. Mark Polit (*ZIP code: 94608*)

This requirement would be very difficult to administer fairly, and it would leave many without necessary care.

2278. Elizabeth Rice (*ZIP code: 33905*)

Long Covid, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME are serious illnesses. These illnesses should fall under

the medically Frail policy. The requirement to work 80 hours per month is ludicrous, and should not apply to patients with chronic illness and conditions.

2279. Sofia Sadighpour (ZIP code: 90025)

2280. Kim Kaye (ZIP code: 78729)

2281. Charles Kakel (ZIP code: 15226)

2282. Pete Kakel (ZIP code: 21204)

2283. Kymberly Higley (ZIP code: 14092)

I was diagnosed Long COVID June 2022, and fighting to find care ever since. I don't have Medicaid but I can't even imagine how much more difficult it would be if I did, I have to drive to Cleveland Clinic to find providers who help me.

2284. Glenn Gwozek Glenn Gwozek (ZIP code: 14609)

2285. Barbara Short (ZIP code: 90731)

ME/CFS and Long Covid are debilitating, life changing, destructive illnesses. People who are suffering from these diseases should not be punished by having services taken away from them.

2286. Rachel Zembrowski (ZIP code: 53207)

2287. Vonnie Hawkins (ZIP code: 70810)

As a long Covid survivor with ME/CFS, PEM, I know there are millions of us who are suffering and need our invisible chronic illness recognized!

2288. Gabrielle Herbertson (ZIP code: 87556)

my friends with ME/CFS can seldom even leave their beds. To ask them to work 80 hours a month, or even one hour, makes no sense. If the Secretary knew the condition, he would immediately understand that the phrase "medically frail" applies here, perhaps more than in any other case I can think of. please insure that this vulnerable brave community is protected in its heal care.

2289. Kevin Beeker (ZIP code: 99603)

I've had this damn illness for over a decade and had to shut down my own little business, that I've struggled for years working on, after another bad flareup a year ago. If that doesn't count as "medically frail" I don't know what is...

2290. Katie Sonnen-Lee (ZIP code: 27106)

2291. John H (ZIP code: 15205)

2292. Diane Zupi (ZIP code: 15205)

2293. Diane Zupi (ZIP code: 15205)

2294. Lea Goin (ZIP code: 80138)

I not only have ME but CFS(yes they are distinctly different, ME affects brain more), Fibromyalgia and POTS in addition to lumbar stenosis and SI joint issues in both sides. And I did not qualify for disability or Medicare. I cannot work(would LOVE to) which makes life even more difficult. These are REAL syndromes with no cure and it's time we fight for those of us struggling.

2295. Matthew Pius (ZIP code: 10023-4380)

2296. Lynley Stace (ZIP code: 2582)

My son has MECfs. He will never work, as he is unable to make himself a sandwich without immediately lying down. Until you see this for yourself, you just don't get it.

2297. Amy Poague (ZIP code: 52240)

2298. Jaime Lynch (ZIP code: 06437)

2299. Mark Wallace (ZIP code: 20151-1328)

2300. Tracy Coan (ZIP code: 76444)

2301. Zelda Sherwood (ZIP code: 80209)

2302. B Mack (ZIP code: 96824)

2303. Molly McLain (ZIP code: 97205)

2304. Marjorie Panditji (ZIP code: 97007)

Most ME/CFS and Long Covid patients are too sick to work. Patients have physical symptoms that prevent them from working (such as pain, exhaustion, and orthostatic intolerance which prevents them from being upright for very long) as well as cognitive dysfunction that impairs their thought process. And due to post-exertional malaise (PEM) any overexertion (which happens after small tasks easily done by most people) they need long periods of rest. Some patients are so sick they are bedbound. It can take years to get a diagnosis. With all these obstacles these patients should qualify for Medicaid without any work requirement. Please protect Medicaid access!

2305. Darlene Dech (ZIP code: 15143)

2306. Rebecca Hull (ZIP code: 60202-1616)

2307. Denise Banto (ZIP code: 98226)

I have chemical sensitivities so severely that to go out into the public world- I am frail!

2308. Rebecca Groble (ZIP code: 60202-1616)

Medically frail can not work! I see this as I care for my bed bound son.

2309. Kirsten Phillippe (*ZIP code: 98024*)

2310. K Mullins (*ZIP code: 93619*)

2311. Mo Montgomery (*ZIP code: 97201*)

If you yourself or a friend or family had this I wouldn't have to send this letter. It's a devastating disease I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy. We need funding and care or more of us will have to continue on disability. Treatments are less expensive than a lifetime on disability.

2312. Jennifer Andrews (*ZIP code: 97754*)

You have NO IDEA what it is like to be too tired to chew, to be too fatigued to speak to your mother on the phone; trust me 20 hours a week of any kind of "work" is out of the question for those of us with ME/CFS.

2313. Gary Redfeather (*ZIP code: 82301*)

As a 35+ year healthcare practitioner, mostly dealing with chronic pain patients, I can say that most people dealing with ME/CFS and Long Covid absolutely CANNOT work 80 hours a month. Such a requirement of work for them to receive desperately needed help is inhumane and unconscionable.

2314. Axl Harraden (*ZIP code: 22192*)

2315. Kim Schiavone (*ZIP code: 80634*)

As a person with ME/CFS for decades, I know what it is like to not have medical insurance when you experience normal life ending and very scary symptoms. Furthermore, I've also experienced needing to work to support myself while being very ill, and how nearly impossible it was to manage. This is DEFINITELY a condition to count as MEDICALLY FRAIL.

2316. Cheryl Clark (*ZIP code: 85119*)

To make demands of sick people who are not even able to keep their lives running is unconscionable.

2317. Katherine Thomas (*ZIP code: 02118*)

2318. Elysha Iversen (*ZIP code: 93940*)

2319. Heidi Weiker (*ZIP code: 44131-1903*)

Please, help. We are silent sufferers, and so even our voices are not loud enough to be heard.

2320. Jessica Hekman (*ZIP code: 03077*)

I have an me-cfs diagnosis. I am far too fragile to work although I desperately want to. I manage about 30 minutes of work a week and am so lucky to have an extremely flexible job that is waiting for me to recover.

2321. Nina Garcia (*ZIP code: 64601*)

I've had ME for 22 years. I support myself and work as much as I am able to: roughly ten hours a week and that's only on good weeks. I spend 80 percent of my time resting so I can work at all. Because of my illness itself, I can't qualify for benefits that require part- or full-time work hours. Because of the disbelief of the medical community, I can't qualify for disability. It's time to stop letting extremely sick people fall through the cracks. It's time to educate the public that anyone can become chronically ill and vulnerability to severe illness will increase every day you are exposed to poor nutrition, overwork, stress and toxic environments. In other words, you could be next and you may not have enough support in place. I know I didn't.

2322. Sally Pannill (*ZIP code: 63130*)

2323. Nancy Tusinski (*ZIP code: 05101-3311*)

Many people with ME/CFS cannot work or might be able to work with a job that affords them remote work with flexible hours as this illness is unpredictable and misunderstood by many in the medical profession.

2324. Grant H (*ZIP code: 32536*)

2325. Shari Schindel (*ZIP code: 10960*)

I have lived with MECFS for 30 years. It has plagued my entire adult life. We need research and effective treatments, we need to know what this disease is! And we need to know how best to treat and cure it. Thank you!

2326. Elham Raker (*ZIP code: 90266*)

2327. Rowan Wilder (*ZIP code: 28705*)

2328. Anda Marcroft (*ZIP code: 97365*)

2329. Catherine Peluso (*ZIP code: 17701*)

2330. Jenni White (*ZIP code: 66049*)

2331. Jennifer Feher (*ZIP code: 31028*)

I CAN'T and WON'T be forced to work with a chronic, painful, debilitating disease that affects my life on a daily basis. I'm already on SSI; valid proof that working, for me, is Impossible.

2332. Phil Lesage (*ZIP code: 44131*)

2333. Laura McCall (*ZIP code: 37388*)

ME/CFS and LongCOVID are debilitating conditions that limit every aspect of one's life. People with these conditions want to get better, but work requirements will make them worse. Please do not take away this essential social safety net from vulnerable people.

2334. Olivia Davila-Finch (*ZIP code: 32708-4314*)

2335. Wayne Mitchell (*ZIP code: 34480*)

2336. Elizabeth Davila-Stirling (*ZIP code: 32779*)

2337. Mary Beth Davila-Aponte (*ZIP code: 32708*)
Help my kid!!!

2338. Sheila Mitchell (*ZIP code: 34480*)

2339. Catherine Davila-Aponte (*ZIP code: 32714*)

2340. N Aponte (*ZIP code: 32750*)

2341. Robyn Davila-Usher (*ZIP code: 32708*)

2342. Gretchen Engelhorn (*ZIP code: 80549*)

2343. bri Miller (*ZIP code: 47803*)

2344. Kyla Nardecchia (*ZIP code: 98026*)

2345. John Bolecek (*ZIP code: 23220*)
Need 50 million a year is me/cfs research funding at the NIH

2346. Chelsea Huffman (*ZIP code: 89052*)

People with ME/CFS give 100% but cant usually work a full time schedule. Punishing people who are punished by their own body everyday will not make them more productive. In fact it will probably make them sick and unable to work at all. Please make sure to support anyone with ME/CFS and excuse them from the work requirements.

Stress can also cause terrible results in ME/CFS. The treat of losing healthcare when you are ill and fragile could be enough to push people into a flare up that will make them unable to work. It seems it would be in the intrest of the government to quickly resolve work requirements for ME/CFS to help make America healthy again.

2347. Nancy Huffman (*ZIP code: 89052*)

2348. Tom Huffman (*ZIP code: 89052*)

2349. Karen Albert (*ZIP code: 29154*)

2350. Emily VanMeter (*ZIP code: 40390*)

2351. Joe Kenny (*ZIP code: 95118*)

2352. Nancy Juskowich (ZIP code: 15301)

2353. Justin Nicholson (ZIP code: 21044-2726)

2354. Elena Betts Barahona (ZIP code: 95864)

2355. E. K. Robinson (ZIP code: 75228)

2356. Sally Green (ZIP code: 02030)

2357. Dennis Taylor (ZIP code: 53711)

2358. Lisa Thompson (ZIP code: 61111)

Please make sure those of us battling Long Covid and Chronic Fatigue who've lost everything including our ability to work are able to continue to get Medicaid and SNAP without meeting work requirements.

When I try to consistently meet those requirements I experience long crashes and set backs in my recovery.

I dont know anyone who's suffering who wouldn't give anything to be able to get our careers back and not need help.

2359. Emily Wright (ZIP code: 91723)

2360. Hk Starnes (ZIP code: 15227)

2361. Olivia Starnes-Zielinsky (ZIP code: 15228)

2362. Wayne Starnes (ZIP code: 15227)

My wife has ME and her issues keep her from enjoying life. I hope this petition will help those who suffer from ME.

2363. Hannah Starnes (ZIP code: 19128)

2364. jori rillera (ZIP code: 94806)

2365. Katie moon (ZIP code: 87532)

2366. Erica Tuell (ZIP code: 99202)

2367. Tina Yesenofski (ZIP code: 19061)

2368. Gavin McNutt (ZIP code: 30513)

These are severe and debilitating illnesses that have a profound effect on one's ability to function. All ME patients struggle to work due to symptoms, most cannot work at all. Losing medicaid would leave many patients without access to housing, food, and healthcare. It could also permanently worsen their functioning capacity leaving them less likely to work in the future.

2369. Swanee Owen (*ZIP code: 30512*)

2370. Patricia Frankel (*ZIP code: 05301-4105*)

2371. Greg Owen (*ZIP code: 30512*)

2372. Jamie Udy (*ZIP code: 84312*)

My 16 year old daughter just got diagnosed with ME/CFS AND POTS....our life is turns upside down!

2373. Melody Klein (*ZIP code: 95776*)

As someone who has been living with ME/CFS for over 23 years, please hear us and protect Medicaid access for people with ME/CFS and Long Covid! Our lives literally depend on it!

2374. Jessica Woodard (*ZIP code: 99577*)

I was a nurse who became disabled during the pandemic after a mild COVID-19 infection. What followed was life-altering. I now live with a complex set of daily symptoms, medical challenges, and financial burdens that consume nearly every aspect of my life.

There are not enough providers who understand Long COVID and ME/CFS. I struggle to access knowledgeable care, and even when I find it, I often cannot afford it.

I once carried health insurance for my family through my job at our local hospital. When I became disabled, I lost that coverage. COBRA was unaffordable, and now I rely on SSDI and Medicare. Medicare leaves me responsible for 20% of my medical costs and frequently denies coverage for treatments and medications that my previous insurance covered.

Many experienced and well-informed providers do not accept Medicare due to low reimbursement rates, making it even harder to access the care I need.

It is devastating to have spent my career caring for others, only to find myself without adequate support when I need it most. I would return to work if I could—if only for the insurance coverage.

People living with Long COVID and ME/CFS are medically fragile. We deserve the same level of funding, access to care, and protection as those with other chronic conditions.

Our system is failing us, and it needs to change.

Jessica Woodard

2375. Donna Hoff (*ZIP code: 37167*)

2376. Amie Hoff (*ZIP code: 37167*)

2377. Sarah Olivelli (ZIP code: 30736)

2378. Judy Hoff (ZIP code: 35243)

Please overturn the "big beautiful bill." It is actually "small and ugly" in the way it treats people.

2379. Billie Moore (ZIP code: 18940)

2380. Melissa Pinkley (ZIP code: 31021)

ME keeps me from being able to work reliably even online. My energy is scarce and my illness has me housebound and resting. My husband does the cooking and cleaning on top of his full time job because I cannot even do that without becoming bedridden for days, weeks, or months. And even while resting, my brain loses words and has a hard time processing conversations.

2381. Diane Colman (ZIP code: 14850)

2382. Bonnie McCloskey (ZIP code: 15218)

People with moderate to severe ME/CFS are often unable to do even simple activities (make a meal, do laundry, take a shower). It is an energy limiting illness that makes one's baseline worse from over exertion. "Normal" activities like these can permanently harm someone with ME/CFS. Requiring work requirements from severely disabled patients will harm us. Please don't force chronically ill patients to do these work requirements.

2383. Laureen Alford (ZIP code: 31204)

I lost insurance because I can no longer work any hours at all. . Im 60 years old. I'm trying to get SSDI so I can get Medicare. The Medicaid work requirement means I have no access to any health insurance.

2384. Elisa Ahmer (ZIP code: 61047)

2385. Jennifer Cooke (ZIP code: 90274)

2386. Sylvia Coalson (ZIP code: 30501)

2387. Elizabeth Smith (ZIP code: 85003)

2388. Susan Prsbrey (ZIP code: 02081)

2389. Deborah Kidd (ZIP code: 44022)

ME/CFS is a serious, disabling condition. Forcing patients to work 20 hours a week every week can permanently worsen their condition to the point that they become bedbound. Please understand that these patients are not lazy. There is a recognized biological basis for their illness. The more energy they expend, the sicker they become. When they do not have time to recover, which typically includes weeks or months of uninterrupted rest, they moved from being partially disabled to fully disabled. Please recognize this illness for what it is an exempt ME/CFS patients from the 20 hour week work role.

2390. Angela Austin (ZIP code: 80010)

No energy to comment.

2391. Karen Olsen (ZIP code: 84047)

2392. Dulcy Berdit (ZIP code: 99208)

My life changed overnight due to ME/CFS. On what planet would so many people choose to stay home, be in bed, and miss out on the beautiful lives they worked so hard for. I'm fading away from the world, from my family. No one, even most doctors, understand this disease. Even when you try and explain it, the "yeah I'm tired too" comments come back at you. When you are out in the world, that's the "best" you. The world doesn't see the consequences of going outside, going to see a friend, watching your child's sporting event, etc. we all just fade away from the world, unseen and unhelped. This is a very real disease with a low quality of life...and That's without considering the impact that society's views inevitably have on a person.

2393. Liz Kuney (ZIP code: 13820)

Stop this vicious attack on Americans

2394. Connie Arbogast (ZIP code: 17701)

My daughter has POTS and ME/CFS . She needs benefits bad . She had to quit job

2395. Kelly Nutting (ZIP code: 02180)

2396. Keri Kramer (ZIP code: 84403)

Protect Medicaid for long COVID and CFS.

2397. Jennie Brouse (ZIP code: 17859)

2398. Anarene Yim (ZIP code: 46077)

2399. John Thune (ZIP code: 20510)

2400. John Thune (ZIP code: 20510)

2401. Lauren Bean (ZIP code: 20852)

We patients are fighting hard for our health and survival as it is and don't deserve to lose our healthcare because we are too sick to work. We are "medically frail," and need access to Medicaid and belong in that category.

2402. Kevin Truitt (ZIP code: 43206)

Long COVID is real! I've been suffering for almost two years and the symptoms can be debilitating.

2403. Patricia F Anderson (ZIP code: 48108)

I find it so ironic that my medical team is strongly encouraging me to work less, while at the same time, the government is requiring people who share my disabilities to work more. Two days before I

had COVID, I walked over 11,00 steps. A month before, I attended a martial arts seminar. I was strong and physically active, a single mom of a disabled young adult, but managing just fine, thank you very much.

Then I had COVID. I was lucky. I was diagnosed with Long COVID quickly; I was referred to rehab; my office was still in lockdown and I could work from home. This all meant I had good resources for recovering. Early in my journey with Long COVID, about a year in, I was recovering well, working with a rehab specialist, and had progressed from ~800 steps a day to ~4000, when our Human Resources department intervened, requiring me to switch rehab providers who began a graded exercise program. Within a month, my activity tolerance was reduced back to where I started, and this next time it took me over two years to recover that capacity.

My life now largely happens within 3 square yards (my couch), with limited activities outside the house. Those limited activities are carefully assessed for the risk of them triggering a flare or relapse. When a relapse happens, I experience a (hopefully temporary) loss of ability to perform many activities of daily living, such as cooking, or sometimes even walking.

I know intimately the costs of overdoing things and overworking, as well as the stigma associated by mainstream populations with people with disabilities. The combination can be deadly. I have lost people dear to me who died of suicide when they were unable to access healthcare, pain management, housing, and related basic human needs.

People also die from lack of access to healthcare, when they still want desperately to be living, and still have so much intelligence, talent, wisdom, and creativity to contribute. Contributing to society is not a one-size-fits-all box. Research in technological innovation and science-of-team-science clearly show that diversity of teams contributes to improving innovation and fosters the creation of more resilient, robust, sustainable, durable, and usable products.

The language here, "medically frail" and "80-hour work requirement", is so vague and ill-defined it will absolutely cause harm and loss to society as a whole. What is "medically frail"? What counts as "work"? This vague language is likely to destroy opportunities for self-employment, inventing new products, opening new companies, working as a consultant, working in the fine arts as a creator, teleworking, writing, and many of the other activities that function alongside or instead of traditional "employment" for people with disabilities. The types of activities used to make money by people with energy-limiting conditions are typically not activities that translate well into proving to the government that you were working. Who is going to testify that you spent time writing your next novel, consulting with clients via Zoom, or setting up an Etsy store to sell your artwork? When you are self-employed, how will you prove to the government's satisfaction that you were actually working? And if you make money, are you placing yourself at risk of losing MEDICAID benefits? What impacts with the stress of navigating this terrifying financial teeter totter have on the potential for recovery or disease management? This policy has the potential to destroy economic opportunities and innovation at both micro and macro scales.

Those with MECFS or Long COVID or Infection-associated chronic conditions (IACC) are acutely at risk from this policy. It is not that they don't want to work, but that workplaces and protocols are designed in ways that cause them harm and make it impossible to work. There are different levels of severity for these conditions, where some may be able to work the proposed hours if provided appropriate accommodations, but only barely, leaving them teetering on the edge of tipping into a far more severe form of their disease. Many will not be able to work at all, and forcing them to do so will result in death or worse. I can only assume that this is the intent — that the government is playing the part of Scrooge in a modern parody of "If they would rather die, they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population," although even that presents a false assumption that declining to work is a

choice rather than a necessity.

What I'd like to see would ideally be for the government to walk this policy back, but that's not going to happen. In that case, it's critical that the definitions of terms and policies are broad and clear, making it possible to foster the myriad ways in which people with disabilities can apply their creativity and innovation to benefit society at large.

2404. Margaret Pooler (*ZIP code: 48108-2719*)

As an individual with ME/CFS, to ill to work, I urge you to recognize me and others like me as "medically frail."

Thank you.

2405. Erica Gollub (*ZIP code: 10591*)

ME-CFS and long Covid are both complex, post infectious conditions that are extremely disabling. I have had ME for 30 years and my life changed radically because of it. We cannot work at most conventional employment positions .. we risk serious relapse and radical worsening of symptoms. Protect Medicaid access for the many millions of people affected for whom there is no cure.

2406. Holly Runion (*ZIP code: 43103*)

2407. Jae Guth (*ZIP code: 02445*)

This is very important. It is very difficult to do *anything* with this illness, let alone fight to convince a bunch of doctors and beauracrats that we are "really sick". Let us use our energy to get better, please!
JG

2408. Sierra Bechtolt (*ZIP code: 45431*)

2409. Pattie Sullivan (*ZIP code: 37830*)

2410. Natalie Elkan (*ZIP code: 27707*)

2411. Annette Pittari (*ZIP code: 94070-4743*)

2412. Deborah O'Neill (*ZIP code: 10546*)

Please fight to protect Medicaid eligibility for people suffering from ME/CFS. Often, these patients are too medically frail to work. Thank you.

2413. Jessica Hildreth (*ZIP code: 78721*)

2414. Nancy Pitney (*ZIP code: 97221*)

2415. MATTHEW SIMON (*ZIP code: 33908-6009*)

Please protect this vulnerable group of people

2416. Dr. Shay Welch (*ZIP code: 30317*)

I also recommend more aggressively supporting ADA work accommodations for people to work remotely and on flexible schedules.

2417. KAREN BOWMAN (*ZIP code: 91942*)

2418. Gordon Leacock (*ZIP code: 48103*)

2419. Courtney Alexander (*ZIP code: 33020-2934*)

People with ME/CFS are seriously disabled by disease. With no FDA-approved treatment, there is no option for patients to get well. Physical or mental exertion is unsustainable for ME/CFS patients like my husband.

2420. Rebecca Jarzabkowski (*ZIP code: 33426*)

Hello,

I was a 6th grade English teacher for 25 years and had to go on Social Security Disability because of ME/CFS/Fibromyalgia symptoms. I have extreme fatigue, terrible joint and muscle pain, PEM, dizziness depression, anxiety and many other symptoms. I am moderately affected but approaching severe, as I'm mainly bedbound and housebound, needing my son and husband to help me daily. Please help us and help find a diagnostic test and someday a cure. I believe my illness was brought on by the Epstein Barr Virus in 2015 as well as having had ABVD chemo for Hodgkins Lymphoma in 1994-1995.

God bless you and thank you, Rebecca

2421. Nicole Deitloff (*ZIP code: 56052*)

Why wouldn't we recognize people with ME/CFS and Long COVID as "medically frail," and exempt from work requirements? This is ridiculous, help our community!

2422. Ann Boehm (*ZIP code: 14817*)

Tests carried out on patients lucky enough to be able to have them demonstrate why ME/CFS is a measurable impairment of oxidative metabolism rendering many patients unable to do even sedentary regular work. Dysautonomia compounds the problem with derangements of HR and blood pressure. These are scientifically proven objective assessments of capacity to work that underscore the significant disabilities of patients in this cohort.

2423. Artesia Wagersreiter (*ZIP code: 13210*)

2424. Stacy Smith (*ZIP code: 19966*)

Please help those suffering with ME/CFS & Long-COVID receive the care they desperately need!

2425. Debra Cable (*ZIP code: 12443*)

I have lost the ability to walk, talk, and listen to people speaking due to me/cfs and Long Covid. I have been crippled by these illnesses for which there are no FDA approved treatments. Please save my Medicaid as I am too sick to work. There are millions like me. I urge you to protect Medicaid for those of us who are too medically frail to fulfill the work requirements that will go into effect at the end of 2026. We need your help and support to keep the benefits that we rely on for our health care. Thank you

2426. Kelly Geiger (ZIP code: 45459-1226)

2427. G hodgson (ZIP code: 32536)

2428. William Waxman (ZIP code: 93065)

As a caregiver for an individual suffering from incurable CF/ME, I cannot emphasize enough how horribly debilitating this disease is, and the necessity to exempt those who suffer from it from all work requirements.

2429. Amelia Solomon (ZIP code: 90046)

This is ridiculous. Should be an exception for disabled and bedridden people.

2430. Daniel Ascencio (ZIP code: 93551)

This is unjust and needs to be fixed. I support this movement of protecting people with ME/CFS

2431. Ada Ascencio (ZIP code: 98155)

Healthcare is not a political issue. It's a human right.

2432. Dan OBara (ZIP code: 60091)

2433. Sarah Lyke (ZIP code: 60091)

2434. Jenise Aminoff (ZIP code: 02140)

2435. Rebecca Groble (ZIP code: 60202)

2436. Robert Lyke (ZIP code: 20015)

2437. Robert Pearson (ZIP code: 02030)

Please protect this!

2438. Julie Atwood (ZIP code: 98133)

2439. Amy Fasula (ZIP code: 30340)

2440. Ashley Tozzi (ZIP code: 44122)

This is the worst, most debilitating and unrecognized and poorly understood illness that exists.

2441. Reuben Budmor (ZIP code: 94595)

2442. Virginia Walsh (ZIP code: 06385)

Thank you for your attention to this serious chronic condition! Please help!

2443. Elizabeth Dover (ZIP code: 48197)

2444. Lori Hansen Riegler (ZIP code: 92127)

PROTECT people with ME/CFS and Long Covid — our daughter has been sick with these conditions for 4 years!

2445. Corinne Gulin (ZIP code: 21093-3633)

2446. Cory Frederick (ZIP code: 94550)

2447. Ann OConnor (ZIP code: 06066-3402)

2448. JEAN CLAUSSEN (ZIP code: 61853-9009)

2449. Rhonda Howton (ZIP code: 31522)

2450. DAVID CLAMAN (ZIP code: 59802-3702)

Please recognize the hardship a work requirement for Medicaid presents to patients with CFS/ME and long COVID.

2451. Anna Wilder (ZIP code: 85224)

I've been disabled with ME/CFS for 30 years. I've never been able to work more than 5 hours a week in all these years.

2452. Elizabeth Partner (ZIP code: 76537)

2453. Steven Parmenter (ZIP code: 96148)

2454. DS George-Jones (ZIP code: 30281)

Not only are patients with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis & Long Covid “medically frail”, but any -and I mean ANY- activity can make us worse. Much worse. Just read all the stories of patients who tried to push thru, and ended up bed-bound, not able to tolerate light, sound, or touch, often tube-fed... Don't destroy our tiny functionality with this ridiculous requirement.

2455. Leto Sapunar (ZIP code: 97128)

2456. Jade Hickey (ZIP code: 59270)

With M/E I have difficulty getting in my 40hrs a month required at my job. I work for a non-profit emergency shelter coalition & they can only afford to pay me for 40 hrs a month. With the new 80 work hrs required to keep my Medicaid I will lose medical coverage when that goes into effect. I am the only employee the shelter has & they cannot afford to pay me for 80 hrs a month

2457. Kelly Derrick (ZIP code: 84121-1926)

My sister died of this disease. She was in too much pain and too exhausted to work for the last decade of her life. Forcing medically frail people to jump through hoops because of a misconception that "all people on Medicaid are just lazy," is brutally cruel. The United States must never work people to death.

2458. Erika Meboe (ZIP code: 98391)

2459. Barbara Kaplan (ZIP code: 94611)

I would LOVE to work, to volunteer, to walk around the block. I can't even drive myself to the doctor or hospital now. The more we do, the worse we get, especially over time. I have had ME for 24 years. The 80 hour/month requirement is just plain cruelty. I pray no one you love gets this - your life will never be the same!

2460. Amy Jackson (ZIP code: 61701)

Protect medicaid access for those of us who wish we could work, but have been disabled and devastated by these diseases. Losing access will kill us.

2461. Kevin Meboe (ZIP code: 98391)

Anyone who knows a sufferer of ME/CFS knows that there is no way they could function in a job. They definitely qualify as frail!

2462. Faith McCloud (ZIP code: 98683)

The whole reason people like me need Medicaid is because we literally can not work.

2463. Sharon Russo (ZIP code: 92019)

2464. Jacqueline Luciano (ZIP code: 60640)

2465. Rebecca Jane Paul (ZIP code: 54482-9108)

Thank you for all of this important work. I was "diagnosed" with CFIDS sometime between 1995-1998 (we spent years eliminating every possible other thing.....) and one of the most difficult aspects, even as my health slowly came back, was explaining the unpredictability of the disease. It is not "visible" and therefore, to 95% medical professionals, questionable.

2466. Sara Agarwal (ZIP code: 94158)

I can't even work 1 hour per day consistently. There's no chance I would meet the 80 hours required, and I'm only considered moderate by CFS/ ME standards!

Please look into the reality of living with orthostatic intolerance, chronic subluxations, and unexpected "allergy like" symptoms that overlap with the crushing and unpredictable fatigue, from ME/ CFS.

Thank you.

2467. Carolyn Koehler (ZIP code: 98116)

I have lived with ME/CFS since the summer of 1970, following infection with Epstein-Barr Virus. Significant accommodations were made to enable me to work a mostly sedentary job, but eventually I had to retire early. This is a devastating disease whose effects in the face of medical and bureaucratic ignorance have led many sufferers to commit suicide. Please give people with ME/CFS hope with coverage by Medicaid!

2468. Nate (ZIP code: 98391)

2469. Cassie (*ZIP code: 98391*)

2470. Louise Hammel (*ZIP code: 93933*)

If most people with ME/CFS could work, believe me - they would!

2471. Nancy Franzen Barringer (*ZIP code: 01450*)

ME/CFS patients truly cannot hold down a job. Do not take away their Medicaid.

2472. Ellen Meboe (*ZIP code: 96756*)

2473. Jennifer Feher (*ZIP code: 31028*)

Please help us!

2474. Karen Miller (*ZIP code: 02445-5324*)

I was a physician who loved her work with children with disabilities until MECFS made it impossible to continue. I could not provide quality care due to erratic information retrieval, severe brain fog and exhaustion. I was afraid I would make an error. Just sitting upright in meetings was torture. My fluctuating capacity to communicate clearly was humiliating. Never thought I would say this but I am indeed Medically Frail due to MECFS

2475. Craig Garner (*ZIP code: 95945*)

PLEASE!

2476. Jessica Meboe (*ZIP code: 98404*)

2477. Melisande Valdes (*ZIP code: 10065*)

I continue trying to hold onto hope to find a cure and even get access to adequate informed medical treatment & medical care so that I can reclaim the life & career I had before falling ill. I have been ill for over 25 years with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E./CFS) and the co-morbid conditions that developed from being undiagnosed and untreated for so long when I lost my work medical insurance after falling ill with a disease doctors did not understand, labeled incorrectly, and left untreated so my health and physical condition spiraled down. It did not have to get so bad, and had I had health insurance to receive adequate health/medical care, I would be in better physical & overall health today. Please do not take away the lifeline we finally received with healthcare/medical coverage simply because we are too ill to work and most days to not even be bedbound and housebound. And help us to find the cures and treatments we need to regain our health & our lives again. To take that away will only lead to the loss of lives that have truly so wanted to be well again, to contribute, and to have careers and normal lives in this world. Reality dictates that we need our healthcare insurance & competent, caring, adequate treatment & healthcare/medical care to do that. Please understand that we need informed medical care that is consistent, comprehensive, and accessible to us so we can beat this disease and all the losses from it; going backwards into more despair, worsened illness, and worsened life situations with more stressors & without hope would be so tragic and evil for those in government to do to us. Please help not harm.

2478. Ellen Drexler (*ZIP code: 18103-9673*)

2479. Jazz Newhall (*ZIP code: 04002*)

2480. catherine stratton (ZIP code: 94930)

2481. Dawn Watson (ZIP code: 45419)

2482. Craig Stine (ZIP code: 29609-4727)

2483. Nick Meboe (ZIP code: 98304)

2484. Sandra VanWie (ZIP code: 71923)

Please make changes that will protect the people that need it most. We are sick, we are struggling and we need your help.

2485. Sylvie Felton (ZIP code: 71923)

2486. Jared Meboe (ZIP code: 98404)

2487. Keri McLain (ZIP code: 95050)

2488. Jessica Dye (ZIP code: 78636)

2489. Brenda Neet (ZIP code: 97504)

2490. Michael Jones (ZIP code: 30281)

As a caregiver to a loved one fighting ME / CFS and Long Covid, i can attest that this disease should most certainly be included in the medically frail classification. Physical and cognitive limitations are too severe. The medical harm from exertion is too damaging. ME / CFS / Long Covid patients would gladly trade their conditions for the ability to return to lives and careers, but as it stands they are barely able to survive the rigors of basic daily life, minimal as it is.

2491. Melissa Denmark (ZIP code: 02769)

2492. Susan Stranik (ZIP code: 98328)

2493. Ryan Mason (ZIP code: 48220)

2494. Annette Gerhart (ZIP code: 44903)

2495. Alex Candage (ZIP code: 13224)

2496. Harley Butchko (ZIP code: 13116)

2497. Melissa Bratz (ZIP code: 14850)

2498. Camille Marcotte (ZIP code: 13210)

2499. Lesley Cross (ZIP code: 13790)

2500. Ruby Weiss (ZIP code: 07095)

If people are in pain and cannot work due to their conditions, then please protect these US Citizens who need their medical benefits.

Ruby Weiss

2501. Felisa Busken (ZIP code: 13208)

2502. Jill McCurdy (ZIP code: 98338)

2503. William Chiusano (ZIP code: 29670)

2504. angela kre (ZIP code: 28763)

Please have compassion and full education on ME/CFS and how it attacks most of our body systems. Nervous system, immune system, brain, digestive system and joints. We need a cure and help while people are looking for cures.

2505. Brittany Meboe (ZIP code: 98304)

2506. KAREN ODER (ZIP code: 45247)

2507. Linda Freeman (ZIP code: 32807)

2508. Suzanne Pincus (ZIP code: 07078)

2509. Catherine Schiazza (ZIP code: 10301)

2510. Steve Gillespie (ZIP code: 95959)

2511. Joseph Meboe (ZIP code: 96756)

2512. Jan Rainier (ZIP code: 01966)

2513. Alexandra Arroliga (ZIP code: 10012)

2514. ALLISON WEBER (ZIP code: 07423)

My mom spends 95% of her day in bed - she has no energy. It's SO SAD.

2515. Joseph Landson (ZIP code: 22015)

Over 20 years of MECFS, and my VA providers still don't understand what I have, let alone provide appropriate care.

2516. Jessica White (ZIP code: 65742)

I have been chronically ill for 6 years. I cannot afford treatment on my own since I cannot work full time.

2517. Lorenzo Barajas (ZIP code: 19147)

2518. Benjamin Fiorese (ZIP code: 13215)

2519. Peter Holland (ZIP code: 98125)

2520. Kiera Benidettino (ZIP code: 93955)

2521. Connie Wright-Zink (ZIP code: 24459-2406)

I was first diagnosed with ME in about 1997. I have shared my story with many other patients whose symptoms were even more significant than mine. Some folks were and are still incapacitated by this illness. It is cruel to ignore the impact this illness has on many people. I would like to see more attention and research put into diagnosis and treatment.

2522. Patricia Chagnon (ZIP code: 92020)

Take care of our people!

2523. Marilyn Zola (ZIP code: 10025)

I worked as a lawyer for dept of labor when I got sick with ME. I can no longer work. I had to move in with my father in NYC, a very hard place to live with ME. He died in 2013. I look normal to people but my abilities are severely limited & I could never handle life's daily tasks in addition to the energy & stress-resilience required, even for a simple job. Bc of the nature of ME, keeping a set schedule is impossible for me. And once I've reached my limit I *must* stop the activity to prevent a weeks-long or months-long flare forcing me to remain in bed, or at most watch tv in the living room. We are more medically frail than many cancer patients. Just bc you can't see Our illness doesn't mean we aren't suffering.

2524. Helen Holt (ZIP code: 55116)

No one should have their health care taken away because they are too sick to work. Attempting to meet an 80_hour work requirement for most people with ME/CFS and Long COVID will only worsen their illness, and may cause permanent harm.

2525. Lynn Fuentes (ZIP code: 86336-9509)

2526. Lisa Bagrosky (ZIP code: 34748)

ME is real and deserves to be taken seriously. Medicaid helps many who would otherwise not receive any help.

2527. Felicia Shannon (ZIP code: 10463)

Please help us, we all would like our health and lives back. Please don't harm us with these unrealistic expectations.

2528. Carla Hatch (*ZIP code: 84117*)

2529. Anne Clifford (*ZIP code: 94619*)

I have had ME since 2022 and have been unable to leave the house in two years. It's not *just my physical capacity that is limited: my cognitive function is severely impaired. I used to be a grant writer. Today, I can't even read the grants I wrote. I can't imagine having to work 80 hours a month with this disease. Please include ME/CFS and Long Covid in the definition of medically frail.

2530. Dagmar Pavel (*ZIP code: 92057*)

I have long Covid from vaccine injury and I have to work from home now. I consider myself very medically frail and deserve recognition and support in the medical community and the workplace.

2531. Cynthia Dobie (*ZIP code: 06460*)

Please educate yourself on the severity of illness for people with ME/CFS and long COVID. My 27 year old daughter has been bed bound and severely ill for 4 years now. She lives in a dark, silent room completely bed bound for 24 hours a day. Until there is a cure she will never be able to work again

2532. John Ayala (*ZIP code: 10457*)

2533. Brittany Morrisroe (*ZIP code: 85143*)

2534. Jim Coates (*ZIP code: 94530*)

2535. Kathleen Kane (*ZIP code: 49436*)

I have long COVID since 2020 and have been disabled from it since 2022. It's very hard for me to get to doctors' appointments because I have a hard time driving with fatigue. I am medically fragile and we need this designation in order to have more comprehensive care.

2536. Yann Kull (*ZIP code: 95430*)

People with severe ME/CFS have extremely limited capacity for gruelling bureaucracy. How this is implemented and the burden on the patient could be the difference between survival and death. Literally.

2537. Donna Lyell (*ZIP code: 95519*)

Please protect Medicaid for ME/CFS and long Covid.

ME/CFS is absolutely disabling, completely so for the majority of those who suffer from it.

I've had it since 2015 after a bad sinus infection and heart surgery and also have immune deficiency so received every Covid and booster available. My father-in-law died of Covid and we've taken it very seriously. The vaccine had nothing to do with my MECFS. Long Covid had nothing to do with it. Additionally, I was the only members of our combined the families who received all the vaccines, neither of my husband that I ever had Covid.

At one point, I felt strong enough to volunteer four hours a week, but after several months, had to even give up that position because of MECFS making it impossible to function enough to answer the phone coherently, and maintain my thought processes. It was my dream volunteer job for retirement, and it broke my heart to give it up.

Please accept this population would rather work than fight for benefits to cover the most essential

health services.

2538. Jeni Breen (*ZIP code: 10036*)

2539. Mary Taffet (*ZIP code: 13224*)

2540. William Engleman (*ZIP code: 12866*)

2541. JUDITH STEPHENSON (*ZIP code: 34108*)

I am an attorney but am unable to practice because ME requires pacing and is so unpredictable that court schedules can not be met . The malaise is so disabling.

2542. Janice Goldblatt (*ZIP code: 60201*)

I have had ME for 30 years. I was a business executive and athlete before I got sick. Since I got sick my focus has been on the daily actions of living life like showering for which I've needed caregiving. This is a very debilitating illness! Please help!

2543. S. Yonah EtShalom (*ZIP code: 06513*)

Without Medicaid, I would be even sicker than I am now -- and less able to afford rent.

2544. Pamela critelli Basista (*ZIP code: 07701*)

2545. Wendy Speight (*ZIP code: 05602*)

2546. Robin K (*ZIP code: 10001-5723*)

Please take care of the health our friends!

2547. Bruce Alter (*ZIP code: 22039*)

2548. Kassandra Luna (*ZIP code: 85335*)

This illness is not rare, it's not rare and it's devastating. We're quietly losing people. People who want to be productive but can't, they long to be productive more than anyone else.

2549. Ann Freedman (*ZIP code: 10009*)

2550. Marge Ginsburg (*ZIP code: 10011*)

2551. Robert O'Melia (*ZIP code: 10025*)

The right thing to do.

2552. Tora Huntington (*ZIP code: 01201*)

2553. Cecilia Wessinger (*ZIP code: 74105*)

2554. Daryl Goodwin (*ZIP code: 07052*)

2555. Suzanne Glaser (*ZIP code: 11249*)

2556. Carol Sperry (*ZIP code: 17603*)

Do the right thing!

2557. Peter Camche (*ZIP code: 31906*)

2558. Hilary Furlong (*ZIP code: 94062*)

2559. Nicole Webb (*ZIP code: 47712*)

2560. Andrew Radde-Gallwitz (*ZIP code: 46530*)

Forcing people with ME/CFS and Long Covid to work to receive benefits will make them worse. The cruelty and ignorance of the requirement are astonishing.

2561. Rachel Jacobson (*ZIP code: 98074*)

People with severe chronic illnesses like ME/CFS and Long Covid are medical frail. They should be protected. Sure, some days contain a little more energy, but it has to be managed. Doing what is "normal" to someone healthy can be extremely physically draining and can cause setbacks that make it difficult to manage even the simplest tasks.

2562. Tom Tom (*ZIP code: 80211*)

As the Chair of a group in Colorado that advocates for those with ME/CFS, I am very painfully aware of how devastating it would be for those getting help from Medicaid to lose their healthcare and any other related assistance that they get

2563. Sandy Scott (*ZIP code: 46368*)

2564. Meghan Lyons (*ZIP code: 94123*)

2565. Deborah Latimer (*ZIP code: 78704*)

2566. Deirdre Backhouse (*ZIP code: 2533*)

2567. Nichole Harter (*ZIP code: 98011*)

Please please please do not cut us from receiving this life saving help. I am dependent on receiving the help due to constant doctors appointments

2568. Catherine Walker (*ZIP code: 23223*)

2569. Kathleen Juergens (*ZIP code: 97266*)

2570. Cheri Schaffner (*ZIP code: 43130*)

2571. Sara Thomas Thomas (*ZIP code: 97330*)

Please stand up for those who can't stand up for themselves. ME/CFS is extremely disabling. I can't stand upright and still for more than 4 minutes. My energy limit is around 2 hours total a day, including activities of daily living. If I overdo physically or mentally even 5 minutes, I get even worse, can't even do basic things like taking a shower or combing out my hair. Just going to see the doctor can't put me out of commission for days. If I try to push through, I get worse, not better.

Please protect ME/CFS patients like me, we are medically fragile and can't meet the medicaid work requirement without medical harm.

Please, do no harm.

2572. Gordon Harter (*ZIP code: 98011*)

My daughter has suffered with ME for over 8 years. She had to quit her dream job as a NICU nurse at Seattle Children's Hospital. She began seeing doctor after doctor, all telling her there is nothing wrong with her. It took years to get the correct diagnosis. But what then?

There is no treatment, or cure—and vastly insufficient research being funded and conducted, compared to the size of the population of those suffering with ME. It took 6 years just to get disability!

PLEASE, investigate ME for yourself! Visit with those suffering. Don't allow the #MissingMillions to continue to suffer without taking action. You have the power to make a difference!

2573. Analiese Gundry (*ZIP code: 34695*)

2574. Shannon Henderson (*ZIP code: 97068*)

As someone who relies on Medicaid while living with ME/CFS, I am disheartened that our government wants to take away health care from people who need it. Healthcare is a right, we shouldn't have to prove that we are producing capital in order to earn it. Many people cannot work due to undiagnosed illnesses and healthcare is essential for their wellbeing. Removing care from people who can't prove medical frailty will harm many citizens and is an evil course of action.

2575. Ann Baird (*ZIP code: 28803*)

2576. Diana Botelho (*ZIP code: 28120-2437*)

ME/CFS is an extremely disabling illness that desperately needs to be added to the medically frail list. People with severe or very severe ME suffer more than people with end-stage HIV/AIDS. Half of all people with ME are unable to work at all, and half of those remaining are unable to maintain even part-time employment because of post exertional malaise, which can last days, weeks, or months at a time. Pushing through this can cause them to permanently lower their baseline and hence unable to work at all.

This is also true of many individuals with Long Covid.

Please add these conditions to the medically frail list.

2577. Calyn Babcock (*ZIP code: 43612*)

Forcing someone with ME/CFS to work is a literal death sentence. An extremely tortuous death.

2578. Leon DuGrove (*ZIP code: 43537*)

2579. Sharron Alvi (*ZIP code: 79015*)

One of the most complex and devastating illnesses, with the worst quality of life by many standards, should be included in the work exemptions for Medicaid and all other social services available. This is unquestionable and undeniable. Do not force us to chase down multiple symptomatic diagnoses from multiple specialists in order to get an exemption for valid diseases with names: ME/CFS & Long Covid or PASC.

2580. Linda McQueen (*ZIP code: 95959*)

recognize people with ME/CFS and Long COVID as “medically frail” so that their access to Medicaid is protected.

2581. Olivia Bruno (*ZIP code: 92394-7591*)

2582. Ann Garner (*ZIP code: 57110*)

Please help, people with ME/CFS and Long COVID are frail enough to qualify for an exemption from onerous requirements. Thanks

2583. Jamie Byrd (*ZIP code: 55109*)

This disease ME/CFS has crippled me with pain and exhaustion. I only go outside if I am forced to attend an in person doctor appointment (if it cannot be virtual). My caregiver has also given up HIS life to care for me full time (without pay or any benefits of any kind). This disease is so disabling and severe that I am still in shock and disbelief that it has completely robbed me of my life, health, dignity and ability to be taken seriously by medical professionals. I have wanted to end my life on many occasions and have researched the best and most effective way to do that. I have not just lost my life but my caretaker has lost his as well. No one can understand the severity and magnitude of endless suffering this disease has caused. To be honest, no one in my family understands, cares or acknowledges what I am going through so why would I expect anyone else to? Pretty bleak outlook, I know. I was once a proud owner of two very successful businesses and 10 rental properties. Now I am confined to bed and receive less than \$1500 a month to live on. My rent is \$1480. If I did not have the blessing of receiving Medicaid I don't think I would be here anymore. There are many people worse off than me. I am so close to being homeless it's terrifying. Please hear and help people with ME / CFS. I truly believe it is one of the very worst experiences one could endure and it is, in reality, a living hell. Thank You.

2584. Arathi Jayaram (*ZIP code: 43211*)

2585. Christine Potermin (*ZIP code: 02125*)

2586. Lynn Goetz (*ZIP code: 75205*)

2587. Cynthia Johnson (*ZIP code: 97035*)

2588. Paige Poray (ZIP code: 75205)

2589. Karen Weaver (ZIP code: 75205)

2590. Lucy Desrosiers (ZIP code: 29910)

2591. Roula Elias (ZIP code: 30342)

2592. Ariel Marquet (ZIP code: 17522)

CFS/ME is a seriously disabling disease. I am able to volunteer 1 hour a week, and it takes all my energy. Many people will suffer without an exemption for this disease.

2593. Rebecca Davis (ZIP code: 07016)

ME/CFS and Long COVID are debilitating diseases. Overexertion makes them worse and will cause harm to people who are already suffering.

2594. Carter Goetz (ZIP code: 75201)

2595. Melissa Guenther (ZIP code: 56386)

2596. Megan Tarangelo (ZIP code: 07016)

2597. Laura Walthers (ZIP code: 48529)

2598. Derek (ZIP code: 56386)

I'm disabled due to long covid, unable to work for 4 years despite my love for my job and the support of my boss and HR in reducing duties and hours, it was still far too much for me to handle. I've tried many medications, strategies, etc. and nothing so far has worked, at this point I'm simply waiting for more research. As an example of the severity of my condition, in my appointment with an Occupational Therapist this morning we worked for 45 minutes and I was a wreck the rest of the day. I basically went home and slept the rest of the day away, unable to function otherwise.

My ability to fill out paperwork is very limited due to my condition, and I know there are others out there like me. Please consider the impact of your decision on those of us who are very broken and need help the most.

2599. Mara Kapsner-Smith (ZIP code: 98155)

2600. Magnolia Klee (ZIP code: 98178)

2601. Valerie Tung (ZIP code: 98031)

2602. R Moone (ZIP code: 98125)

2603. E (ZIP code: 98125)

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2604. Lizzy Garcia (*ZIP code: 98119*)

2605. Kiah Lefebvre (*ZIP code: 06438*)

2606. Anna Luisa West (*ZIP code: 98115*)

2607. Lesley Pfeifer (*ZIP code: 98119-3875*)

2608. Natalie Hodson (*ZIP code: 98125*)

2609. Taryn Urban (ZIP code: 19125)

2610. Elena Degel (ZIP code: 98136)

2611. Rebecca Gray (ZIP code: 98107)

I have debilitating chronic fatigue due to Long Covid (among other symptoms). Medicaid is a lifesaver. I cannot work because of my symptoms. Please protect access to Medicaid for me and so many others like me.

2612. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 98249)

We would work if we could! We didn't give up our careers and identities for fun....

2613. Elisabeth Terrio (ZIP code: 02766)

2614. K Block (ZIP code: 94063)

2615. Teresa Koro (ZIP code: 98133)

2616. Audie Maven (ZIP code: 98125)

2617. Angela Stille (ZIP code: 62712)

Misdiagnosed as having MDD, PTSD, and in general treated as if I was a hypochondriac. I've been laughed at by an endocrinologist for daring to ask for further tests and told by more doctors than I can count that it's all in my head. All the while, over 2 decades, I went from a state ranked competitive athlete and top of her class student to present day, housebound and struggling to make ends meet.

2618. Maggie Cullina (ZIP code: 98102)

2619. Miriam Carlson (ZIP code: 98115)

2620. Stephanie Barnette (ZIP code: 98119)

2621. Savannah Elmore (ZIP code: 98087)

2622. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 98105)

2623. penelope baltimore (ZIP code: 98118)

2624. Marlowe Zoller (ZIP code: 98144)

2625. Eden Rosenthal (ZIP code: 98115)

2626. Rian Creasy (ZIP code: 98112)

I live with very mild ME/CFS from a COVID infection and can barely work 80h per month. Let disabled

people live!

2627. Aliyah Wachob (*ZIP code: 98115*)

2628. Maura Lentini (*ZIP code: 98107*)

People who are too disabled to work have value. Healthcare is a human right. Making healthcare accessible contingent upon work is cruel and unacceptable.

2629. Lauren Smith (*ZIP code: 98178*)

There is already ample evidence that adding more restrictions and means testing to programs like Medicaid is just more costly to everyone. By adding a work requirement, the only thing you are doing is forcing taxpayers to pay for pointless cruelty.

2630. Emi Glaeser (*ZIP code: 98117*)

2631. Cory Wilmarth (*ZIP code: 98125*)

2632. Silvia Nica (*ZIP code: 98144*)

2633. Kaley Kiper (*ZIP code: 47619*)

2634. Anna Coy (*ZIP code: 98115*)

2635. Jonathan Cechony (*ZIP code: 98117*)

2636. Constance Smith (*ZIP code: 34475*)

I have both long covid and ME/CFS. My quality of life has really suffered. I had to quit my job as a caregiver. I do not understand why so many people think if you don't "look" sick, then you are not sick. That is a "sick" way to judge us!

2637. Juliana Besenbruch (*ZIP code: 96706*)

2638. Katherine Carter (*ZIP code: 98102*)

2639. Adriana Williams (*ZIP code: 98122*)

2640. Jennifer Radomski (*ZIP code: 43219*)

2641. Yan Xiang Lai (*ZIP code: 85705*)

2642. Suriah Nakano (*ZIP code: 97229*)

2643. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 98107*)

2644. Erin Loftus (ZIP code: 87015)

Deciding who needs support should always be done on an individual basis and forcing those who are unable to work is in no way care.

2645. Mary Coon (ZIP code: 98031)

2646. Finn Wolf (ZIP code: 98026)

2647. Sarah Caporin (ZIP code: 13027)

2648. Imani Elsey (ZIP code: 30329)

2649. Deb Laughlin (ZIP code: 82001)

2650. Shannon G Starr (ZIP code: 87106)

2651. Brian Sandoval (ZIP code: 87112)

Protect Medicaid

2652. Leah Radecki (ZIP code: 98115)

2653. Emma Newport (ZIP code: 98383)

2654. Elisha Hoyt (ZIP code: 37643)

2655. k v (ZIP code: 48105)

2656. Sophia Potter (ZIP code: 37664)

2657. Lynn Creasy (ZIP code: 98117)

2658. Emily Kissell (ZIP code: 55122)

2659. Willow Moon (ZIP code: 49013)

2660. Xander Pride (ZIP code: 98113)

2661. A C (ZIP code: 98006)

2662. Hamzah Mansour (ZIP code: V5Y 1X5)

2663. Sherie Crafts (ZIP code: 84624)

I am one of the 25% that is bedbound and there is no way I can work please don't take what little

stability I have away. You promised on taking your position you would support Long Covid / MECFS community with research and support please don't back out on this.

2664. John Kromer (*ZIP code: 05443*)

2665. Julia Bergmann (*ZIP code: 80122*)

2666. Trinity Thomas (*ZIP code: 98122*)

2667. Amanda Luevano (*ZIP code: 79602*)

2668. Sarah Eades (*ZIP code: 83647*)

2669. Daniel Klein (*ZIP code: 11215*)

2670. Kaitlin Searcy (*ZIP code: 30909*)

2671. Nancy Dodds (*ZIP code: 20194*)

2672. Joanne Peatfield (*ZIP code: 21286*)

2673. Alicia Hosmer (*ZIP code: 22201*)

2674. Jackie Demby (*ZIP code: 07646*)

2675. T Montone (*ZIP code: 97322*)

2676. James Napolitan (*ZIP code: 01060*)

2677. Phillip Hall (*ZIP code: 79602*)

2678. Zoey Rose (*ZIP code: 79601*)

2679. Jenavi Hall (*ZIP code: 78202*)

2680. Gabrielle Galvan (*ZIP code: 53546*)

2681. Alex Lee (*ZIP code: 79605*)

2682. Chris Hall (*ZIP code: 79602*)

2683. Sara Kolarik (*ZIP code: 61705*)

Invisible illness is just as debilitating as someone with a limb missing. Just because you can't see it doesn't mean it isn't there. We need the same protections as other people with physical disabilities.

2684. Kristina Watts (*ZIP code: 17057*)

2685. Dean Carrier (*ZIP code: 94110*)

2686. Niyah Anderson (*ZIP code: 43201*)

2687. Jason bone (*ZIP code: 79602*)

For people like my mom and sister in law

2688. Kathleen O'Neill (*ZIP code: 80301*)

Life is hard enough for us. Don't take our basic need for healthcare away. We would work if we could. I miss my job every day.

2689. Autumn Wodyn (*ZIP code: 85643*)

Even as a very young child, I wondered what was wrong with me because everyone else seemed to have unlimited energy, and most certainly did not. I did what most kids do and adapt as best I could. I became scholarly and musical - both areas that could keep me sitting down. I taught myself to cook and bake because working in a kitchen was so much easier than playing with the other kids outside.

I've likely had ME/CFS since 1978, but didn't hear of anything of that name, until 1987. When I was 15, I was trying to describe to someone what was wrong, but lacked any medical vocabulary and knowledge. He asked simply what it felt like, and I told him that it felt like there were tiny vampires inside my cells. Not a bad description, really.

I've been in a mobility scooter for 18 years now. I'm almost completely confined to my recliner. Luckily, my partner, his willing to do all the cooking and cleaning and everything really, because I can't even do anything as basic as make a sandwich.

Now, I'm trying to deal with breast cancer, chronic kidney disease, dermatographism, and so much more. I try very hard not to think of the future and where this is heading. Dying by inches is every one's worst nightmare.

With proper support, there's so much I could do for the world. At age 15 I had three international science awards. By 17, I had scholarships to all sorts of places. I've done a lot since then, too - constantly changing the world around me. I'm one of those people that can take the smallest amount of support and literally change the world with it.

But I can't do that without support and basic healthcare.

2690. Bradford Peaden (*ZIP code: 28590*)

2691. Mistie Ruiz (*ZIP code: 79561*)

2692. Chris Graber (*ZIP code: 98516*)

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2693. Nancy Hall (*ZIP code: 79602*)

I am born and raised in Texas. Never In a million years did I ever think my daughter would become handicapped. There are so many Americans that have disabilities that need help and support.

2694. Pamela Taylor (*ZIP code: 33311*)

2695. Treasa Seelke (*ZIP code: 79501*)

2696. Lily Pomus Bratton (*ZIP code: 11222*)

2697. Demetrius Antuna (ZIP code: 92115)

2698. Clyde Adibi (ZIP code: 21401)

2699. Katelyn C (ZIP code: 44035)

2700. Jennifer Krekeler (ZIP code: 45013)

2701. Amy Hanson (ZIP code: Ex13qb)

2702. Ruth Savino (ZIP code: 23227)

People with ME/CFS and Long Term Covid need government services to preserve quality of life and functionality. It's unethical to strip them of our assistance.

2703. Arthur Dewey (ZIP code: 23059)

Don't take away insurance for most in need

2704. Faye Elliott (ZIP code: 23229)

2705. Jodi Block (ZIP code: 49428)

2706. Aidan Keach (ZIP code: 37212)

2707. Stephanie Howes (ZIP code: 01826)

Our lives hang in the balance. I have had ME/CFS since I was a teenager and have been unable to work.

2708. Sonny Farfan (ZIP code: 01854)

2709. Kari Dolinar (ZIP code: 80304)

2710. Walter Donaldson (ZIP code: 34951)

So many people will be negatively impacted by this legislation. Please consider carefully so they receive the aid they so desperately need and require to survive.

2711. Maureen O'Toole (ZIP code: 11357)

2712. Ryan Witzman (ZIP code: 46062)

2713. Laura Cozzarelli (ZIP code: 07719)

People with ME/CFS and Long Covid are not lazy. They are extremely disabled and unable to work, and are relatively neglected by the medical community. Please do not take away their Medicaid.

These types of people are who Medicaid is for.

Laura Cozzarelli M.D.

2714. Meredith Dickey (ZIP code: 11385)

2715. Madeline B (ZIP code: 80916)

2716. Armond Dai (ZIP code: 95630)

2717. Kolya Clayton (ZIP code: 60640)

2718. Rashi V (ZIP code: 85284)

2719. Jessica Leeds Richman (ZIP code: 60641)

2720. Jaytlen Cantos (ZIP code: 88101)

I am aware of several individuals with ME/CFS, who are unable to leave their bed for hours on end, because one small action can debilitate their bodies. This is a serious health condition, that although may affect a small minority, still devastates people's lives. I kindly request you add ME/CFS and Long COVID as "medically frail", this work requirement is crazy, and I am disappointed this is even a discussion.

2721. Poppy Mason (ZIP code: 3224)

2722. Eliana Derr (ZIP code:)

2723. Lissa Davies (ZIP code: 0176)

Tautoko, every one who has ME/CFS and Long Covid need support

2724. Kirstie Bezuidenhout (ZIP code: 9010)

2725. Elihu Fleury (ZIP code: 11368)

We are all our brother's keeper. The moment that we lose sight of that is the moment that we lose our humanity.

2726. Áine Kelly-Costello (ZIP code: 0626)

2727. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 94112)

2728. Hannah Parrott (ZIP code: 03057-1308)

2729. Laura McElhannon (ZIP code: 27518)

2730. Baron Rucker (ZIP code: 15147)

2731. Ubong Uko (ZIP code: 21201)

2732. Ken Nukaya (ZIP code: 05404)

2733. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 11418)

2734. Sophie Greer (ZIP code: 19147)

2735. Charlotte Thompson (ZIP code: 11222)

2736. Kristin Krathwohl (ZIP code: 60185)

2737. Laurie Woodruff (ZIP code: 74127)

Please help people with ME/CFS. My sister is so medically frail she's been unable to work for 10 years, and has been 100% bedbound for 2 years. People like my sister simply cannot work, despite their aching desire to work and live a full life.

2738. Daniela Bologna (ZIP code: 10003)

2739. Katherine Thompson (ZIP code: 60302)

2740. Noah Schofield (ZIP code: 88101)

2741. Tobias Kreuzer (ZIP code: 2113)

I didn't quit. My body did

2742. Darian Ruffin (ZIP code: 10033)

2743. Maya Lindemann (ZIP code: 90405)

I can't even pour myself a drink. I'm still a valuable member of society and have so much to contribute, but I need Medicaid to survive!

2744. Lilia San Miguel (ZIP code: 11385)

2745. Natasha San Miguel (ZIP code: 07095)

2746. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 226030)

2747. Camila Conesa (ZIP code: 11217)

2748. Sydney Stein (ZIP code: 60647)

2749. Martha McClintock (ZIP code: 10471)

This new requirement is both cruel and a waste of taxpayer money. The money would be much better spent trying to find a cure for the millions of people who are desperate to get well and get back to normal lives where they can support themselves.

2750. erin moore (*ZIP code: 11238*)

2751. Lynne Westphal (*ZIP code: 53593*)

ME/CFS takes away our ability not just to work but to do basic tasks everyone takes for granted. Like brushing our teeth. Chewing our food. Getting the mail. Studies find ME/CFS is one of the most debilitating diseases there is. It MUST be included in the list of “medically frail”.

2752. MacKenzie Wilson (*ZIP code: 95928*)

Frail and Furious!! Long Covid since 2020 and MECFS since 2023. We deserve research, answers, and support!

2753. Taylor Dorward (*ZIP code: 29054*)

2754. Denise Urick (*ZIP code: 77566*)

2755. Stefanie (*ZIP code: 43235*)

2756. Lise Ann Caldara (*ZIP code: 02144*)

2757. Valerie Brice (*ZIP code: 40203*)

2758. Mona Dai (*ZIP code: 95630*)

2759. Justina Amponsah (*ZIP code: 27284*)

2760. Jasmine Jordan (*ZIP code: 03809*)

2761. Zel Hurewitz (*ZIP code: 92122*)

2762. CAROL KOESTER-RUSSO (*ZIP code: 29572*)

dear Mr. Kennedy, My daughter has been struggling with ME/CFS since having EpsteinBarr infection in college--she is now 39 yrs old and on SS and lost her medicaid. This has been a stressful drain on her and has burdened her family financially also. Please compassionately consider this letter of appeal to you and your administration. Appreciatively, Mom

2763. Tyler Mobray (*ZIP code: 94306*)

2764. Loretta Mountcastle (*ZIP code: 24327*)

Please protect Medicaid for people with ME/cFS and long term COVID.

2765. Ana LoCascio (*ZIP code: 92103*)

2766. James Grey (*ZIP code: 97401*)

2767. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 11105)

2768. Maiyee Yuan (ZIP code: 97202)

2769. Lauren C (ZIP code: 99223)

2770. Emalee Crews (ZIP code: 95815)

2771. V C (ZIP code: 11205)

2772. brenda lu (ZIP code: 95112)

2773. Alyssa Wells-Lewis (ZIP code: 80301)

Signing for Julia, a close friend of mine through whom I've seen just how devastating the effects of ME/CFS can be. Please retain these protections. People like Julia are where our tax dollars should be going.

2774. William Vaughn (ZIP code: 57104)

2775. Maria Appleby (ZIP code: 61821)

I fully support any and all efforts being made to recognize people with ME/CFS and Long COVID as "medically frail" so that their access to Medicaid is protected. Requiring an 80 hour work requirement for people suffering from such serious and debilitating illness is unreasonable, troublesome, unkind, and unaccommodating. We can do better. These folks deserve better. They matter.

2776. Sarah Ackerman (ZIP code: 94609)

Dear Bobby, as an advocate for a more holistic approach to understanding and treating diseases that have been historically abandoned by the western medical establishment, please include ME in the list of diseases that constitute medical frailty - most people with ME, even with mild cases, are it able to accomplish normal ADLs, not to mention perform work tasks of any kind. Thank you

2777. Teresa Beattie (ZIP code: 80122)

2778. Ruth Spalding (ZIP code: 48030)

2779. Jade Kandel (ZIP code: 27510)

2780. Paige Schutts (ZIP code: 07801)

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2781. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 91320)

2782. Jennifer Adrian (ZIP code: 98112)

2783. Lily Huang (ZIP code: 94703)

2784. Caroline Aki (ZIP code: 60010)

2785. Liezel Saldivar (ZIP code: 90802)

2786. Morgan Davies (ZIP code: 11226)

2787. Sean Egan (ZIP code: 95833)

2788. Genevieve Thiel (ZIP code: 91910)

Try to imagine trying to keep up with daily living activities while on the worst day of the flu (or that day when you think you're getting better so you try to do some normal thing but that one thing you do sends you back to bed realizing you're not well enough yet) and running on 3 hours of sleep...forever. That is what having ME is like. That is what ME with a brain injury is like. Try to imagine having to re-prove how medically frail you are every 6 months. For disabled people (whether recognized by the system or not) losing Medicaid will mean more people will end up in institutions, more people will avoid going to the doctor out of necessity be it due to lack of insurance, finances or getting a ride there which will lead to increased illness, disabilities and death. Losing Medicaid will prevent disabled people from having safe homes and nutritious meals. Please include both ME and brain injuries under the medically frail definition so we do not lose life saving Medicaid benefits.

2789. Kate Ezra (ZIP code: 06511)

Please protect Medicaid benefits for patients with ME/CFS. This disease is devastating and prevents them from working. If they could, they would!!!

2790. Tamara Peters (ZIP code: 95926)

Very necessary

2791. Bennett Verderame (ZIP code: 80203)

2792. Delani Rose (ZIP code: 97007)

2793. Jenna (ZIP code: 11228)

2794. Leslie Martinez-Garcia (ZIP code: 11369)

2795. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 97306)

2796. Josephine Hovis (ZIP code: 10009)

2797. William Sachau (ZIP code: 23230)

2798. Catalina Burk (ZIP code: 49269)

2799. Richard Greene (*ZIP code: 78745*)

2800. Ethan Hartle (*ZIP code: 50021*)

2801. Kat Overland (*ZIP code: 20002*)

Forcing patients with ME/CFS and Long COVID to work to receive Medicaid is sentencing them to get even more sick. It will only exacerbate their diagnoses and degrade their quality of life further.

2802. Jeremy Putnam (*ZIP code: 98512*)

2803. Marika Levidow (*ZIP code: 94608*)

2804. Janey Skinner (*ZIP code: 94801*)

2805. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 27712*)

I am not on Medicaid but recognize how important it is for many others with severe ME. It is vital that this access to care be protected

2806. Tom Gervais (*ZIP code: 55726*)

Please protect Medicaid access

2807. Mikaela Capalby (*ZIP code: 80521*)

2808. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 98115*)

2809. Rachel Jacobs (*ZIP code: 11050*)

2810. Jonathan Ng (*ZIP code: 10314*)

2811. Jane Comyns (*ZIP code: 98290*)

2812. Joaquin Loughlin (*ZIP code: 90405*)

2813. Ruby Tam (*ZIP code: 55439*)

Long COVID and ME/CFS are real diseases affecting real people caused by diet and environmental issues. We hope you can step up and be a voice for us.

2814. Eileen Sclafani (*ZIP code: 12570*)

2815. Ron Hill (*ZIP code: 38305*)

Please help assure the patients with ME get the help they need.

2816. Juliana Carvalho (*ZIP code: 3118*)

2817. Lauren B (*ZIP code: 55372*)

2818. Christine DeLuca (*ZIP code: 10022*)

This is very important!

2819. Casi Johnson (*ZIP code: 29455*)

2820. Steven Johnson (*ZIP code: 29455*)

2821. Janice Cavanaugh (*ZIP code: 02886*)

2822. Matthias Bergmann (*ZIP code: 55120*)

2823. Jane Weingart (*ZIP code: 27858*)

2824. Maya Rayner Fried (*ZIP code: 80525*)

2825. lee b (*ZIP code: 25430*)

2826. Phoebe Grady (*ZIP code: 85224*)

2827. Reese McCray (*ZIP code: 30344*)

2828. Georgene Nunn (*ZIP code: 03867*)

ME/CFS and Long COVID are conditions that are still under a great deal of study, but the consensus is clear on one thing: pushing what you are physically capable of doing with one of these conditions makes them worse. For many, that capability limit is well below the proposed 80 hours a month. Time spent not working, or resting, by people with these conditions is not leisure time. It is necessary to avoid complications.

2829. Katherine Shapiro (*ZIP code: 06514*)

2830. Kevin Cutter (*ZIP code: 80112*)

People with ME/CFS often times cannot work due to the physical exhaustion it causes. The treatment can be quite expensive and being unable to work, there is no way to pay for it. Many often require constant or near constant caregivers. Please consider removing ME/CFS from the 80/hr a month work requirement. Thank you

2831. Shusheng Wang (*ZIP code: 70122*)

My daughter has been bedbound for almost two years due to long COVID and associated ME/CFS. As a scientist, I have tried to look for mechanisms and solutions, surprisingly none. Even there is no established diagnosis. Because of this the medical system is a mess dealing with these patients. No doctors want to treat this condition. apparently, funding is not enough for this research. These reveal the defects of our current medical system, changes are needed.

2832. Katy Yang (ZIP code: 11215)

2833. Raeshell lea (ZIP code: 70422)

2834. Pamela Brugger (ZIP code: 34475)

2835. Jaden Isaacs (ZIP code: 32839)

2836. Susan Surma (ZIP code: 23834)

2837. Tahlia Richardson (ZIP code: 32708)

2838. Dominique Nau (ZIP code: 32701)

2839. Jennifer Gillan (ZIP code: 32827)

2840. Cynthia Langley (ZIP code: 32701)

2841. Tracy Davies (ZIP code: 01776)

2842. Ekatherinn Melendez (ZIP code: 34475)

2843. Anna Arnade (ZIP code: 12561)

2844. Faith Travis (ZIP code: 70441)

My husband has severe ME, and cannot get out of bed most days. Forcing him to work to receive medicaid is nothing short of a death sentence. Please keep my husband and many more people like him safe, by designating ME/CFS and long COVID as "medically frail" conditions to protect them from losing access to Medicaid.

2845. Carol Stagg (ZIP code: 70535)

Please add EM/CFS and Long COVID to Medicaid coverage.

2846. Maha Zaman (ZIP code: 91384)

2847. Julianna Silva (ZIP code: 02155)

2848. Kathleen Jones (ZIP code: 07419)

2849. Megan Nibbelink (ZIP code: 66044)

2850. Emilie Silva (ZIP code: H9G1V1)

2851. Delfina Vannucci (*ZIP code: 77007*)

2852. Destiny Gervais (*ZIP code: 55726*)

2853. Carol Wu (*ZIP code: 91780*)

Please recognize this debilitating condition

2854. Chris Hoffmann-Grant (*ZIP code: 32701*)

2855. Alayna Hernandez (*ZIP code: 33637*)

2856. Moritz Krämer (*ZIP code: 55116*)

2857. blythe dim (*ZIP code: 07726*)

2858. Andrew Stewart (*ZIP code: 23228*)

2859. Halle Mims (*ZIP code: 28451*)

2860. Laura Degoursey (*ZIP code: 06359*)

2861. Tyler Wood (*ZIP code: ME7 5PH*)

2862. Jennifer DiJoseph (*ZIP code: 94122*)

2863. Daniel Gaertner (*ZIP code: 1970*)

2864. Ilene Graff (*ZIP code: 91604*)

2865. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 11220*)

2866. James Danley (*ZIP code: 70454*)

2867. Kathleen Goll-Derstine (*ZIP code: 95033*)

I have lived with M.E. for 45 years and am frail! I cannot leave my house. I cannot get care at home.

2868. Matthew Derstine (*ZIP code: 95033*)

2869. Valarie Wright (*ZIP code: 48193*)

2870. Joseph Hackett (*ZIP code: 70058*)

2871. Clare Glomb (*ZIP code: 32819*)

2872. Kimberly Sieber (*ZIP code: 32819*)

We need to be supporting those who need support. Not leaving them stressed about where to get care.

2873. Kristin Meekes (*ZIP code: K1Y4X9*)

2874. Jayla H (*ZIP code: 33635*)

2875. Brooke Hahn (*ZIP code: 15223*)

2876. Faith Donahue (*ZIP code: 32608*)

2877. Kimberly Vollmerhausen (*ZIP code: 48183*)

2878. catherine popper (*ZIP code: 11102*)

2879. Kristen Radde-Gallwitz (*ZIP code: 46530*)

Work with ME and Long Covid would make many with these conditions much sicker. People can be chronically, debilitatingly ill without looking awful.

2880. Eileen Ridge (*ZIP code: 23518-3835*)

2881. Christy Hartnett (*ZIP code: 08225*)

My daughter suffers from this debilitating condition.

2882. Jennifer Strom (*ZIP code: 77382*)

2883. Kathleen Ragusea (*ZIP code: 17837*)

2884. Helen Jenkins (*ZIP code: 23225*)

The ME community deserve to have their medical condition tried with the respect it deserves. It is a medical disability.

2885. Sarah Haak (*ZIP code: 55426*)

2886. Amy McCollow (*ZIP code: 55422*)

2887. Scott Mangino (*ZIP code: 80224*)

2888. Matthew Healy (*ZIP code: 55426*)

2889. Jeff Coy (*ZIP code: 92071*)

For Chris graber!

2890. Daniel Haak (*ZIP code: 55435*)

2891. Sara Buswell (*ZIP code: 98030*)

2892. Carita Gould (*ZIP code: 87112*)

I am a person with ME/CFS, and I eventually stopped going to college because I was too weak to take the classes. Since then, I've been unable to work. The law is meant to protect people like me.

2893. Lara Healy (*ZIP code: 55347*)

ME/CFS is a debilitating disease that needs more research and protection for those living with it. Please protect the rights of our loved ones.

2894. Jon Miller (*ZIP code: 55422*)

Please don't take away healthcare and medical services from Americans.

2895. Lavina Ng (*ZIP code: 94608*)

2896. Shanae Phillips (*ZIP code: 55112-2837*)

2897. Teresa Neiswanger (*ZIP code: 37862*)

2898. Brian Healy (*ZIP code: 32164*)

2899. Leslie McFarland (*ZIP code: 15801*)

2900. Cas Soulier (*ZIP code: 33613*)

2901. Shiloh Kittles (*ZIP code: 70535*)

2902. Adam L (*ZIP code: 33613*)

2903. April Ingram (*ZIP code: 90029*)

2904. Sarah Worthington (*ZIP code: 85712*)

2905. Emmeline Kaiser (*ZIP code: 06461*)

2906. Jennie Smith (*ZIP code: 55423*)

2907. Peggy Farrelly (*ZIP code: 07419*)

Protect Medicaid access! Now!

2908. Alanna Green (*ZIP code: 95618*)

2909. Nancy Davila (*ZIP code: 32779*)

2910. Wendi Vargas (*ZIP code: 94610*)

2911. K Robinson (*ZIP code: 53216*)

2912. dawn bentivoglio (*ZIP code: 08873*)

2913. Rhiannon DeCora (*ZIP code: 27519*)

2914. Carol Robshaw (*ZIP code: 57103*)

2915. Maxwell Guttman (*ZIP code: 20853*)

2916. Rich Padgen (*ZIP code: 48152*)

While I appreciate Medicaid work requirements for the able bodied, those suffering with ME cannot be expected to meet them. DO NOT take their Medicaid coverage.

2917. Chris Smith (*ZIP code: 55423*)

2918. Michael Reis (*ZIP code: 95110*)

2919. Gwendolyn Jones (*ZIP code: 07836*)

Pulling support for the weakest among Us will prove to be a societal downfall

2920. M P (*ZIP code: 93101*)

2921. Elyse Silverman Jack (*ZIP code: 34481*)

2922. Stephanie Koehnen (*ZIP code: 55386*)

2923. Sarah Anassori (*ZIP code: 34241*)

2924. Sunny Jundt (*ZIP code: 85032*)

2925. Angela Sanchez (*ZIP code: 33021*)

2926. Marcia Wagner (*ZIP code: 03946*)

2927. Megan Hartle (ZIP code: 50111)

2928. Elizabeth Gibbons (ZIP code: 32605)

2929. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 40475)

2930. Kevin Monahan (ZIP code: 02142)

2931. Leanne Le (ZIP code: 94607)

2932. Tammi Cahill (ZIP code: 06010)

2933. Lauren Wyeth (ZIP code: 60651)

2934. Dasha Nicolson (ZIP code: 94566)

2935. Vivian LeVine (ZIP code: 11205)

2936. Abby Zaspel (ZIP code: 98466)

Entire families are at risk of death, further disablement, or homelessness without Medicaid. These are people who want to live and heal, and be a part of life and society. They can't do that without affordable high-quality medical care.

2937. Tuan Tran (ZIP code: 20852)

2938. Timothy Graham (ZIP code: 80202)

2939. Verena Chatfield (ZIP code: 90028)

2940. Zachary Henry (ZIP code: 27886)

2941. Sokhna Seye (ZIP code: 30238)

2942. DARREN BURROWS (ZIP code: 75069)

2943. Donald Woodard (ZIP code: 99577)

2944. Misha McKoy (ZIP code: 02118)

2945. Misha McKoy (ZIP code: 02118)

It's the duty of the government to care for the people!

2946. casey cookson (ZIP code: 97214)

2947. roger morgan (*ZIP code: NP4 5ET*)

2948. Cari Allshouse (*ZIP code: 33334*)

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2949. Maggie Cerro (*ZIP code: 33981*)

Stop hurting the pain patients even more than they are going through physically!!

2950. Amanda Roberts (*ZIP code: 33569*)

2951. Ann Bakaleinikoff (*ZIP code: 25701*)

2952. Beatriz Cabrera (*ZIP code: 30263*)

2953. Spades Konstantinidis (*ZIP code: 98109*)

2954. Dora Howard (*ZIP code: 33436*)

Keep helping the ones in need

2955. Valérie Huyghe (*ZIP code: 1950*)

2956. Jan Durham (*ZIP code: 14450*)

2957. Dana Schnick Haff (*ZIP code: 48377*)

With ME/CFS, I am homebound. I am unable to shower daily or cook myself a meal. I rely on friends to make sure I have groceries. I am considered to have moderate ME/CFS—people who have severe or worse forms of this syndrome can't even get out of bed. If I couldn't even live independently, how on earth could I possibly work 80 hours a month? I would LOVE to go back to work and have financial independence again, but ME/CFS has taken that away from me. Please understand how much ME/CFS affects patients afflicted by this syndrome and place them on the medically frail list. The quality of life of the average person who has ME/CFS is widely understood by experts to be considerably worse than people who have MS, AIDS, or even cancer. Please understand that making an 80-hour monthly work requirement for someone who is unable to meet their own basic daily needs amounts to a death sentence. Please put ME/CFS patients on the medically frail list for Medicare work requirements.

2958. Emily Trzeciak (*ZIP code: 43021*)

2959. Elisabeth Chenoweth (*ZIP code: 23228*)

I have a friend with ME/CFS and witness firsthand the daily fatigue that prevents him from engaging in activities of daily life.

2960. Barbara Silverman (*ZIP code: 07751-1512*)

2961. Ladelle McWhorter (*ZIP code: 23231*)

2962. Emily Zwiger (ZIP code: 61073)

2963. Ken Paradise (ZIP code: 22060)

Pls give serious consideration to this, lives are at serious risk.

2964. Katherine Milberger (ZIP code: 27704)

2965. Nicolina (ZIP code: 95928)

2966. Molly Pfaff (ZIP code: 49007)

2967. Rowan Kittles (ZIP code: 70535)

My cousin has ME/CFS and I just wanna support in anyway I can

2968. Alex Collins (ZIP code: 30032)

Please recognize ME as a real, dire, and debilitating medical condition that needs more research, support, funding, and honestly, just acknowledgement of existence.

2969. Melody Kittles (ZIP code: 70535)

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. We're talking about real people with an actual, legitimate struggle every day. Thanks, again.

2970. Laura Day (ZIP code: 70444)

2971. Terry Wilson (ZIP code: 95973)

Our country must take care of its vulnerable citizens. Please do not cut funding for this portion of our population.

2972. Heather Hubbard (ZIP code: 91505)

2973. Stephanie Delgado (ZIP code: 90042)

2974. Vianica Arguello (ZIP code: 34771)

2975. Hannah Fetter (ZIP code: 15232)

2976. Alexandra Galbraith (ZIP code: 30168)

2977. Molly Rigdon (ZIP code: 92627)

2978. Peter Paradise (ZIP code: 22032)

My nephew has been suffering with this for 4 years, it is devastating to our entire family. More help needs to be given to working parents to help their kids overcome this rapidly - not the long drawn out process that is in place now. More in patient evaluations and testing should be covered. Please help

the families trying to heal their family members.

2979. Andrew Lavin (*ZIP code: 95926*)

As someone with ME/CFS, I urge you to protect my vulnerable community. Many of us cannot work at all without worsening our symptoms and risking permanent degeneration. Please protect the vulnerable.

2980. Lisa Fuller (*ZIP code: 32835*)

2981. Kellie Marie Lavin (*ZIP code: 95926*)

2982. Sarah Nehez (*ZIP code: 44133*)

2983. phoebe Morse (*ZIP code: 34210*)

2984. Harry Strickland (*ZIP code: 95973*)

2985. Jose Moreno (*ZIP code: 95125*)

2986. Sky Neamhain (*ZIP code: 95928*)

2987. Tesla Waters (*ZIP code: 95926*)

ME/CFS and long COVID sufferers are absolutely medically frail in many cases. I have friends who cannot reliably predict whether or not they will be well enough get out of bed the next day. That's pretty frail if you ask me.

2988. Lillie Berry (*ZIP code: 97214*)

2989. Susan Park (*ZIP code: 92833*)

2990. Sam Park (*ZIP code: 92833*)

2991. Jennifer Hibbitt-Kocina (*ZIP code: 95969*)

2992. Brooklyn Jubenville (*ZIP code: 46107*)

I was diagnosed with long covid and pots in 2023. I am still so severely sick. I need my health coverage protected. They decided to remove me from medically frail after my diagnosis's.

2993. Stephanie Willis (*ZIP code: 55025*)

I was donated a medical consultation stating I have experienced this from contracting Co-Vid 19/SARS THRICE IN 3 YEARS despite nearly 3 years later minus being when contagious. Original onset showing positive results received through a home test kit of the 50% partly differently abled sole local family whom I was their 1 fully social security eligibly certified disabled [7 years retarded] member 3 offsprings of a single mom who is her eldest son's legal guardian. (She filled for divorce & it was granted due to husband domestically abusing them, including abandonment) Us 5 attended her

2nd born son's graduation in June 2021. We're pretty sure those people surrounding us coughing throughout the ceremony was how we contracted it because we were required to have masks on while riding a shuttle bus round trip to The Minneapolis Convention Center. This was when I first exhibited probably the 3rd worst symptoms of these sorts which seemed second worse based on not being able to even be permitted examinations at a free community clinic prohibiting acquiring adequate treatment.

The 2nd Saturday of October 2021 proceeding 1st confirmed exposure after only the 2nd time the mother & I ever went out in public minus any of her offspring as they were now of legal ages to be taken care of amidst themselves & the oldest had then been under a former partial P.C.A. worker's watch. We accepted a public special invitation event for healing. It had been extended on behalf of their past same neighborhood church congregation's eldest members. Their new head Pastor sent an email notification to the my closest peer aged female who I beginning Autumn 2009 previously was her family's main co-caretaker. 50 other members, their first & locals had gone into their individual medical entities because all were experiencing the same symptoms we did within a few days once both us middle aged women got baptized in a container of water & each son used a wash cloth dipped into those basins prior to anyone's body being in any since the liquid was blessed. My regular practitioners office performed a nasal swab & oral throat samples collection which reaffirmed all our presumptions. The only time I ever had a Doctor examine me who was supposed to be a specialist didn't prescribe proper immune boosting protocols despite my agreement to start auto immune regimen upon my existing pre-existing compromised immune system protocols I reiterated during this urgently scheduled appointment. I was informed about such after an urgent care post care follow-up visit showing the detriment on an EKG correlated to causing more mild heart afibrillation which was exasperated from insufficient care at the aforementioned practitioner who shortly after relaying my complaints & requesting a grievance claim be made in my name, the Doctor ceased working there by my 2nd after urgent care release exam with my primary nurse.

The third contraction was the worst as there are still complications I am awaiting all my major bodily systems be reexamined ahead of referring onto a state medical review in order I for the 2nd time possibly reapply for the medical exemption process so I won't starve to death should my standing professional's reviews not be accepted. I will simultaneously lose my food support minus approval. Where I most recently am leasing proceeding fleeing domestic abuse across numerous regions in The United States of America doesn't offer a full Paratransit service so I am unable to live unafflicted 100% yet, especially in Washington County. Every 3rd party payée I have been in a contract & transferred has upheld lawful conduct or dispensing my grant funds. I shall likely perish as an outcome this preposterous bill passes. Countless others I've exchanged my time in efforts of advocating against these non patient business personelle concoct claiming as a cost cutting reform actually are closest to a rather soon death sentence to the masses misdiagnosed & under treated. It's not like we are purposely not taking care of ourselves. Those half jokes of insurance, federal medical & supportive housing programs the differently abled are supposed to get help from actually are leading into their demise. They decay no matter if we air our complaints to maybe circumvent our grievances frequently expends our decreased energy as well as finances on appealing the featured appalling & insulting policies insinuating we aren't worth receiving equal rights plus well-being. None of the people I know who have any functionality to take any care of themselves alone still may survive solo without another cut into their medical correlated benefits. Most can't even be properly accommodated using so-called disability compliant agencies services to manage acquisition of essentials to upkeep their hygiene & sanitary dwelling spaces to continue keeping up with legal disabled qualifications changes. Despite displaying a property & employer are equal opportunities often their prospective & current clientele tends to be whom actually addresses how they're typically under compliant, particularly when not a directly government specified urban housing development site. By the time, their patients get them educated & they catch up modifying at minimum our private quarters, we spent an estimated 75% of generally annual leases to give us partial reprieve of

multiplied energy use just to safely get personal care & nourishment done plus minimal household cleaning. Imagine if this mandate goes through the vast majority won't have time to actually meet their wellness & housing priorities. It makes zero sense to me when we are blessed for even 25% volunteers assisting us how we are meant to reciprocate so we may "do extra to earn our livelihoods"?! We technically are extending above average awareness merely by living in the present & sharing with these non peer people who don't seem humane to me by taking away some individuals only means. I think there ought also be an elongated period of renewal by at least 4 times the present restrictions have pending, too. 50% of not congenitally certified disability diagnoses took 3 counter actions before approved. Those prices fell onto the medically frail to find legal respiteation so they won their appeals. This ties up countless court cases I estimate extra shall commence opposing if a new bill is started. These expenses seem will them be one higher than the current fiscal regulations operating model.

The final week of July 2024, I ended up in the E.R. at the 1st week of August. In roughly half of 1 week & had to take an oral liquid suspension medicine in order I even swallow without becoming teary eyed from pain so intense I couldn't even swallow. These excruciating symptoms creating such a raw throat I ended up splitting blood across 48 HOURS before a same date appointment could be booked at the nearest non hospital oriented network. My regular clinic wasn't affiliated with that building either.

All my symptoms this 3rd round directly resulted from an extreme amount of mucus production which required multiple over the counter remedies, including an expectorant, cough drops, respiratory enhancing tea, electrolytes solutions. I wasn't able to eat solid foods neither the last half of a medically mandated sequestering for 10 days. However, I had a ruthless fraudulent landlord threatening on many levels that I must vacate by 7/31/26 out of my not legally A.D.A. accommodative apartment while there was forewarnings on the highest heat & humidity that is unsafe for those like me. Compounded heat exhaustion incurred necessitating a whole month of rest plus added care amongst 2/3rds to 3/4ths of August on behalf of a former male 8 years older fiancée who was simultaneously sequestered alongside me that also caused him to have a near death experience while undergoing a surgery on his heart that was the outcome of contracting it. He now is in moderate heart afibrillation & has had too much reactions to prescribed medicines attempting to regulate abnormal sinus rhythms that he can't take any other prescriptions except an anti-coagulant & pressure regulator to semi prevent a final fatal heart attack at anytime. Somehow he barely qualifies for disability or social security no matter he hardly can get through an 8 hours partial calendar dates a week employment schedule of 5 business days. His formal findings

Additionally I am trying to survive conjunctively with multiple Vector Borne Illnesses, Co-Infections, Co-Factors plus Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as well as almost 3 dozen other chronic conditions I was finally fully diagnosed earliest since age 13. My present age is 47. Further suspected diagnosis are probable once I am no longer going through vulnerable adult abuse so I may relocate in order I formally can switch insurance carriers who offer the intensive regimens which can additionally alleviate my quite high portions of suffering within the last 3.5 decades I somehow existed. A rough projected full recovery period I am aware a vast number are provided to gain above lowest level functioning is no less than 1 year for each abused so long as no trauma again takes place. Given those odds, chances are they will suffer all their time upon this Earth. I believe universal aid somewhat can reduce this but FOREMOST FURTHERMOST input from the recipients so a suitable fitting administration can be developed then implemented. That would allow us to invest in ourselves & others as a charitable response.

Tactful replies welcomed, including added advocacy options regardless on how I may conquer what's trying to logistically oppress us rather than permitting basic liberation.

2994. Ashley Crocker (ZIP code: 29617)

2995. Katherine Hazlett (ZIP code: 80236)

It could be dangerously detrimental for people with ME/CFS and Long Covid to have to work to receive Medicaid. These diseases are energy vampires and make even the smallest tasks impossible. Even the stress and worry to have to fill a work requirement can make somebody sicker. Do your research on these diseases and you will see they require exemption from Medicaid work requirements.

2996. Pam Danley (ZIP code: 70437)

2997. Jill Hancock (ZIP code: 49412)

2998. Seema Rupani (ZIP code: 94601)

2999. Jackie Hickey (ZIP code: 95928)

Stop cutting ANY funds from disabled folks! Cut your salaries instead...

3000. Trevor Blankenship (ZIP code: 55369)

Please protect americans!

3001. Nancy Perez (ZIP code: 33178)

3002. Vera Easley (ZIP code: 70441)

Please allow Medicaid funding for ME/CFS and long COVID.

3003. Sallie Rediske (ZIP code: 99603)

It could be you...

3004. Shea Oneil (ZIP code: 33542)

3005. Linda Odgers (ZIP code: 56304)

3006. C S (ZIP code: 05465)

3007. P Paul (ZIP code: 91604-1609)

3008. Lori Plants (ZIP code: 22025)

3009. Rebecca Sommers (ZIP code: 92120)

3010. Maribelle Dizon (ZIP code: 92867)

3011. Jordan Bloodgood (ZIP code: 50265)

3012. Zachary Brenner (*ZIP code: 91604*)

3013. Dakota Schlaff (*ZIP code: 38478*)

3014. Celeste Wong (*ZIP code: 94607*)

3015. Xion Smith (*ZIP code: 61101*)

3016. Heather Phillips (*ZIP code: 18917*)

As someone who has myalgic encephalomyelitis, I know how debilitating this condition is and I request continued funding for people who are being supported by disability because they truly need it. I am fortunate that I can still work, but the symptoms of this illness are unpredictable. One cannot commit to work at particular times - I work remotely and I'm able to mostly make my own schedule because I work for my husband. Many people cannot do that and many people who have ME could not work 80 hours per month. Many of them are bed bound and rely on financial aid from the government to survive.

3017. Gary Anderson (*ZIP code: 28451*)

3018. Eileen Bradley (*ZIP code:*)

3019. Angels Bowman (*ZIP code: 07050*)

I have a friend denied a necessary mammogram followup for a suspicious finding that is not covered anymore. Is she to die because her benefits are cut. I have friends with long covid that have had a series of illnesses explained and unexplained since. What we easily can do physically, can take them days to weeks to bounce back not just slowed down, some literally in bed that duration.

3020. Mary Hoffman (*ZIP code: 23235-1464*)

3021. Hannah Wald (*ZIP code: 20850*)

3022. Elizabeth Gifford (*ZIP code: 89519*)

3023. DANIEL ALBRECHT (*ZIP code: 05403*)

3024. Christopher Davila-Aponte (*ZIP code: 32708*)

3025. Pria Williams (*ZIP code: 72302*)

3026. Louis Stay (*ZIP code: 99203*)

ME means I am not able to work and rely on 24/7 caregiver support. I cannot lose that or my little quality of life will deteriorate and my health continue to get worse.

3027. Pat Giacomini (*ZIP code: 95461*)

3028. Colleen Lysen (ZIP code: 19312)

3029. Cara Foster (ZIP code: 99206)

Also do away with the work requirement while you're at it, thanks!

3030. William Silverman (ZIP code: 07751)

Protect Medicaid access for people with Me/CFS and long Covid

3031. Diane Valentino (ZIP code: 95472)

3032. Rebecca Snyman (ZIP code: 87124)

3033. Maureen Soliman (ZIP code: 94105)

3034. Anna Crowley (ZIP code: 11217)

3035. Catharine Eastman (ZIP code: 95066)

3036. Lisa Carmona (ZIP code: 95403)

People with ME/CFS & long Covid should be considered "medically frail" and NOT required to work.

3037. Kristopher Daniel (ZIP code: 19119-1130)

3038. Alison Wall (ZIP code: 94549)

3039. Diane Lefebvre (ZIP code: 33950)

3040. Veronica Leddy (ZIP code: 94954)

3041. Whitney Geertsen (ZIP code: 84404)

3042. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 08854)

3043. Ellen Stewart (ZIP code: 23504)

3044. Richard Gunvalsen (ZIP code: 94577)

Absolutely sign petition please!

3045. Haley Andres (ZIP code: 95403)

3046. Jesse Stay (ZIP code: 84094)

My son has ME/CFS and he can't even walk. Yet somehow he doesn't qualify for disability? Make it make sense!

3047. T J (*ZIP code: 1333MC*)

3048. Samuel Bowyer (*ZIP code: 38016*)

I live with severe to very severe ME/CFS. My life is a living hell I've been bed bound since August 2025. I am on TPN as my entire digestive track has shut down. My bladder has shut down and I am now on a suprapubic catheter that way I can empty my bladder most days. All I can do lay there with my mask on my eyes and my headphones on my ears hoping the pain will lessen counting down the hours. I would die without medical intervention. Why don't you consider that frail?

3049. Skye Smitham (*ZIP code: 90274*)

3050. John Poarch (*ZIP code: 23227*)

Please, I have two friends who are living with ME/CFS who are in danger of losing their Medicaid because they cannot work, due to their physical condition, any hours. Please add ME/CFS to your list of eligible conditions.

3051. Jessie Langer (*ZIP code: EX38 8AA*)

3052. Esther Twery (*ZIP code: 05408*)

3053. Jennifer Shilling (*ZIP code: 95401*)

3054. Pamela Edelson (*ZIP code: 08816*)

3055. Andy Little (*ZIP code: 27703*)

3056. Elizabeth Kempton (*ZIP code: 30068*)

Please I have been suffering for 30 years and tried everything holistic and medical.

3057. Katie McDonald (*ZIP code: 64016*)

3058. Jessica Munch (*ZIP code: 16506*)

3059. Rachael Kahn (*ZIP code: V8V 2h2*)

People with complex illnesses need care health care. The choice to not dx or treat people with complex conditions may not hurt you the Dr, but it is devastating lives. People are left suffering alone with no support or even validation from the medical community, which leads to family alienation because nobody believes us. We're not liars we don't have factitious disorder, please stop gaslighting us. The medical community is causing trauma, rather than helping and it needs to change.

3060. Alyssa Fulcher (*ZIP code: 22554*)

3061. Sara Abernathy (*ZIP code: 54235*)

I have this illness. I've missed so much life because of it- it is a devastating disease. I am exhausted today because I did a little cleaning and gardening yesterday. Even my eyelids are tired. It is

impossible to work, travel or do even the most normal things. Please help we are the millions missing.

3062. Valentine McKinney (*ZIP code: 32821*)

3063. Tracy Tolman (*ZIP code: 49935*)

3064. Ramona Wormley (*ZIP code: 02038*)

3065. Meredith Hurst (*ZIP code: 19805*)

3066. Chris Covell (*ZIP code: 10530*)

3067. Noelle Gensler (*ZIP code: 54220*)

3068. Stevie Rankin (*ZIP code: 02601*)

RFK Jr is a stain on our health system and needs removed.

3069. Megan Smith (*ZIP code: 80227-5609*)

3070. Patricia Ludwigen (*ZIP code: 07753*)

My cousin is cursed with ME/CFS. She has extreme trouble doing even simple things like preparing a meal, getting showered, and has been known to "crash" in bed for a day or 2 at a time. Losing her benefits would be a catastrophe for her and millions who have this. Sir, it is MORE than just being tired. Please read up on it...

3071. Loree Ciarkowski (*ZIP code: 48442*)

3072. Terra Dimarino (*ZIP code: 77388*)

We need help NOW and to be recognized. We need HELP!

3073. Cynthia Charters (*ZIP code: 48732*)

3074. Terri Walsh (*ZIP code: 23227*)

3075. Stacy Bowden (*ZIP code: 97361*)

3076. Steven Benninga (*ZIP code: 77379*)

3077. Cynthia Barnsley (*ZIP code: 77090*)

3078. Allie Trudel (*ZIP code: H2G 3G7*)

3079. Abby Ojard (*ZIP code: 55807*)

3080. Mandy fagan (ZIP code: 55807)

3081. Bonnie Ratajek (ZIP code: 55808)

Please find a cure.

3082. Alexis Schorik (ZIP code: 55811)

3083. Em_ Peterson (ZIP code: 55807)

3084. Miah Switzer (ZIP code: 55805)

3085. Kimber Herubin (ZIP code: 54880)

For my Abby.

3086. chloe c (ZIP code: 55811)

3087. Mia B (ZIP code: 92705)

people with ME/CFS deserve to live

3088. Kaitlyn Levings (ZIP code: 55808)

3089. APRIL O'Brien (ZIP code: A1K1L8)

3090. Adam Ojard (ZIP code: 77536)

3091. George M (ZIP code: 56301)

PLEASE PROTECT MEDICAID ACCESS AND FUND RESEARCH FOR ME/CFS! LONG COVID IS REAL.

3092. Laura Tanner (ZIP code: 36801)

3093. Brooklyn Otten (ZIP code: 55358)

3094. Lanelle Lovelace (ZIP code: 95310)

3095. Pete Mitchell (ZIP code: 80903)

3096. Bri Thatcher (ZIP code: 78731)

3097. Helen Vincent (ZIP code: SO19 7TN)

I live in UK and have moderate to severe me/ CFS. I had a full, self supporting life and now cannot work, walk or look after myself properly. It's such a disabling and debilitating illness and I cannot understand how it cannot be classed as a disability for state funding purposes. People will die as a result. It is hard enough living with this illness.

3098. Nora Scheunemann (ZIP code: 54880)

3099. Lindsey Bowen (ZIP code: 34677)

3100. Helle Rasmussen (ZIP code: 5000)

3101. Susanne C. S. Christiansen (ZIP code: 4300)

Keep ME/CFS and long covid safe, continue to give them access medicaid.

3102. Maria Larsen (ZIP code: 4560)

3103. Frances Munro Munro (ZIP code: CA11 0UL)

3104. Audrey Johnson (ZIP code: 03037)

3105. Karen Johnson (ZIP code: 03037)

Please protect those with ME/CFS and Long COVID.

3106. Jacqueline Kopp (ZIP code: 21224)

3107. Lynne Ouellette (ZIP code: 03031)

3108. Louise Gustavussen (ZIP code: 6720)

3109. Cari Spendlove (ZIP code: 97403)

3110. Chelsea Butrum (ZIP code: 21795)

3111. Dana Gabourie (ZIP code: K9H 6X1)

3112. Adam Werth (ZIP code: EN5 3LU)

Oxford University undergraduate when struck down. A lawyer and still struggling with ME/CFS 25 years later. If you have ME/CFS you have HUGE ISSUES with energy. These are some of the most motivated and driven individuals you know. Help provide them with the support they desperately need. They have not chosen this.

3113. Salma Mirza (ZIP code: 21244)

3114. Abby Canning (ZIP code: 78748)

This is absolutely critical

3115. Terry Miller (ZIP code: 19067)

People with ME/CFS, connective tissue disorders, and autoinflammatory conditions such as Yao syndrome, are frequently "medically frail".

3116. Rosa Sundquist (ZIP code: 22026)

3117. Ethan Pellatt (ZIP code: PO12 3EB)

3118. Ethan Pellatt (ZIP code: PO12 3EB)

3119. Arianna Griak (ZIP code: 55718)

3120. Catherine Deegan (ZIP code: CV3 5HY)

3121. Jeanette Hibbert (ZIP code: BS35 2FH)

3122. Vye (ZIP code: lv54 8xq)

3123. Stine Fox (ZIP code: 2400)

3124. Gwynn Dujardin (ZIP code: 21403)

3125. Lisa Brenner (ZIP code: PO19 1BZ)

3126. Maxine Dyer (ZIP code: S73 8QS)
Doing this for myself too with long covid/ME/CFS

3127. Alison Harding (ZIP code: TA20 2BU)

3128. Veronica ODonoghue (ZIP code: G13 3NB)

3129. Jan McKissock (ZIP code: G661NN)

3130. Summer Ojard (ZIP code: 77536)

3131. Vicky Maclean (ZIP code: PR3 0EY)
Having recently been diagnosed with ME/CFS I don't feel there is enough recognition or support and it's a real struggle.

3132. Karen Herzenberg (ZIP code: 87107)
I am a person with ME/CFS. I have been ill since 2022. I am unable to work, volunteer, or travel outside my city because of my illness. I am privileged to have retired, and with a small pension. But the vast majority of Americans with ME/CFS and Long COVID don't have the security I do. However, the unfortunate designation "medically frail" will at least protect their access to life-saving Medicaid.

3133. Sandy Pittman-Salow (ZIP code: 33403)
Please take this condition seriously! I have watched my friend's daughter go from a vibrant young woman to just a shell of herself. It has cost her the job she loved, her relationship and her

independence. She now has to live at home with her parents as she is no longer able to be independent and self-Sufficient.

3134. Stu Logan (ZIP code: 21017)

3135. lyn oleary (ZIP code: L23 7YH)

Since getting covid in Feb 2021 i have been bed bound diagnosed with me nov 24 my life is over

3136. Joanne Beaumont (ZIP code: WF8 3EX)

3137. Gloria Macht (ZIP code: 80111)

I'm sick as heck and it's been 31 years since I fell into the pit of ME/CFS. Doctors have told me that it's all in my head. My husband divorced me because he couldn't handle taking care of me. My family would tell me to exercise because all I do is lay around the house. What I've been through for 31 years with no chance of ever being able to walk a dog, drive a car, go to a picnic, enjoy family affairs, shopping, play with my granddaughter, cook a big meal and have company over. This is just part of my life. Going to the doctor's office is very, very, very difficult. Still no help but more prescriptions is needed. I take 15 pills a day. Only treating the symptoms. My mom and dad passed before I could get better. This is also a very expensive illness. I need care and have to hire someone for all the things I can't do. With the cost of medical bills, food (mostly frozen food). I use ride share to get places, order all my groceries, Please help me and my friends who are all praying for a treatment or a cure.

3138. Ren Marill (ZIP code: 20850)

3139. Rachael Cain (ZIP code: 74011)

3140. Al Lefebvre (ZIP code: 01852)

Please pass this bill. Thank you.

3141. Itzúl Gutiérrez (ZIP code: 95403)

3142. Vivian Burr (ZIP code: 30340)

3143. Sarah (ZIP code: 98503)

3144. Gail Friedland (ZIP code: 90004)

3145. Geraldine Lindsay (ZIP code: 21108)

Friend died one month ago as one with long covid being a cause one of the diagnosis. Her husband took care of her for 4 years

3146. Maren Sundby (ZIP code: 55426)

3147. Nicole Gunderson (*ZIP code: 55426*)

3148. Perry Fagan (*ZIP code: 55807*)

3149. Kagen Zethmayr (*ZIP code: 60501*)

3150. Alex Howe (*ZIP code: 01852*)

3151. Sawyer Jurgens (*ZIP code: 55358*)

3152. Rebecca Gray (*ZIP code: 64137*)

3153. Christina Dovell-Silveiro (*ZIP code: BH23 3EB*)

3154. Valerie Ramirez (*ZIP code: 95451*)

3155. jade de Trey (*ZIP code: V0R1S0*)

please understand that ME-CFS is not a joke or just people being "lazy".

The energy depletion is a real mitochondrial illness affecting ones energy stores in the brain and brain stem. There is NO WAY we could work 80 hours a month. I live from my bed and can do my most basic daily tasks - but still get sick and have a flu most days. If I could work I would SO LOVE TO! I hate being sick, please believe me, when I am my friends in the US with this illness say that they need full coverage medically and not have to cause more harm to ourselves by forcing ourselves (if that is even possible?) to work. Thank you, Jade de Trey

3156. Barbara Mckenzie (*ZIP code: 1071*)

3157. Valerie Cline (*ZIP code: 78757*)

3158. Susan Aaron (*ZIP code: 28801*)

3159. Lucinda Fletcher (*ZIP code: 94022*)

3160. Tanya Gardiner (*ZIP code: BA3 2PZ*)

3161. Sparks Sterne (*ZIP code: 21053*)

3162. 19 19 (*ZIP code: BS30 8LE*)

3163. Susan Farley (*ZIP code: 92881*)

I am 62. I was diagnosed with ME (ME/CFS) in 2017, but my ME/CFS specialist believes I've had it since (at least) 2011.

I am unable to work due to ME (ME/CFS). I depend on medical care and prescriptions and would not

have access to them without Medicaid.

3164. Jennifer Scholte (ZIP code: 55108)

3165. Mandalyn Mendoza (ZIP code: 90245)

3166. Christie M (ZIP code: SK7 5PQ)

3167. Robert McCarthy (ZIP code: SK7 5PQ)

3168. Emma Berry (ZIP code: GU8 4DL)

3169. Katherine Ong (ZIP code: 22003)

3170. Juli Stangel (ZIP code: 53189)

Im battling MECFS, its been 15 years.

3171. Deborah Mockabee (ZIP code: 20754)

I myself was diagnosed in the early 90's and desperately needed healthcare and didn't qualify. I am no longer in a position where I need Medicaid but I know how debilitating this disease is and how important it is to have medical insurance.

3172. Laura Schreiner (ZIP code: 98116)

Please protect access to essential care and support for those with chronic conditions, and act to reduce rather than increase the suffering and obstacles experienced by these individuals day-to-day.

3173. Christina Moriarty (ZIP code: V0N 1A0)

3174. Sabastian Soto (ZIP code: 11237)

3175. Una Conway (ZIP code:)

3176. Tara Kramer (ZIP code: 50309)

3177. Nicola Joyce (ZIP code: S6 4TJ)

This is such a cruel illness which steals the lives and futures of so many people. Please give us hope.

3178. Signe Leschly (ZIP code: 6000)

3179. Jade Brandt (ZIP code: 87108-4322)

3180. Christine Yeo (ZIP code: NE109AQ)

3181. Suzi Davis (*ZIP code: 20754*)

3182. robin justice (*ZIP code: 20678*)

3183. Kristin Hurst (*ZIP code: 30312*)

3184. Laura Sunderland (*ZIP code: 20736*)

3185. Sepehr Sadighpour (*ZIP code: 94010*)

The victims of this illness need help and protection. Millions are abandoned, dismissed, and unrecognized by the system. It is time to change that.

3186. Denise Lee (*ZIP code: NG27SE*)

Do something to help the invisible thousands

3187. Sarina Stein (*ZIP code: 11215*)

3188. Leah Johns (*ZIP code: PL1 4HW*)

Please help us all please please _

3189. Gillian Whitehouse (*ZIP code: DY6 0BD*)

3190. Giulia Cacciatore (*ZIP code: 33156*)

3191. Taysia Roering (*ZIP code: 55316*)

3192. Emily Schwartzwald Emily Schwartzwald (*ZIP code: 55308*)

3193. Craig Jasper (*ZIP code: PI1 5lp*)

3194. Finch Pfannenstein (*ZIP code: 56301*)

3195. Hans Vander Weyden (*ZIP code: 97304*)

3196. Patrick Teague (*ZIP code: HR9 7JE*)

I have ME and something needs to be done. COVID caused me to develop ME and dysautonomia. The government need to fix the wrongs they have caused in the past and actually do something.

3197. Janine Hart (*ZIP code: NN15 5BL*)

3198. Susan Morse (*ZIP code: 48118-9108*)

I have this illness and we need to have respect for the state of medical frailness.

3199. Darrell Caraway (*ZIP code: 70441*)

3200. Dustin Nguyen (*ZIP code: 32818*)

3201. Leigh Mitchell (*ZIP code: 296/*)

3202. Amy Salzman (*ZIP code: 19020*)

Forcing ME patients to work will only make them sicker. People with ME lose so much and have enough to worry about. They want to work and live, but only they can determine how much of that they can safely do. Taking away any financial help is sadistic and cruel, par for the course for this administration.

3203. Asher Quinn (*ZIP code: 55117*)

So many people I know have been affected by long covid. It's a life long illness that as of now has no cure. The government is supposed to help those that cannot help themselves

3204. Autumn Spurgin-Deason (*ZIP code: 95472*)

3205. Veronica Higginson (*ZIP code: TA10 0HY*)

3206. Kevin O'Neill (*ZIP code: 10471*)

Better yet, EXPAND Medicaid access for people with ME/CFS & Long Covid!

3207. Carly Butler (*ZIP code: 55443*)

3208. Eva Cavanaugh (*ZIP code: 55044*)

3209. Quill Zenith (*ZIP code: 55405*)

3210. Barbara Fusco (*ZIP code: 80027*)

3211. Simon Almberg (*ZIP code: 55405*)

3212. Nancy Koenigsberg (*ZIP code: 97108*)

3213. Ampersand Rhoda (*ZIP code: 55411*)

3214. Ann Raven (*ZIP code: 9510*)

3215. Teresa Sharman (*ZIP code: Cm2 8uq*)

Action desperately needed for more research on m.e. have now been suffering for 11 years . It is devastating.

3216. Joan Goss (*ZIP code: 54469*)

3217. Michelle Des Lauriers (*ZIP code: 55447*)