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To the Editor of *Wall Street Journal*:

Regarding Jeremy Devine's "[The Dubious Origins of Long Covid](#)" (op-ed, March 22): The author states that activist patients and the media invented Long Covid and Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS), to avoid accepting that their symptoms are manifestations of mental illness. We trust patients. We trust ethical and experienced scientists who have verified that Long Covid and ME/CFS are biologically based diseases. We agree that Long Covid deserves "serious study"—as do ME/CFS and other post-viral diseases. We continue to support rigorous research designed to identify what causes people to become ill and how to help them. Let's spare those with Long Covid the disrespect, denial and gaslighting that has been inflicted on people with ME/CFS for decades. The answers we find today will prevent the suffering of millions tomorrow.

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