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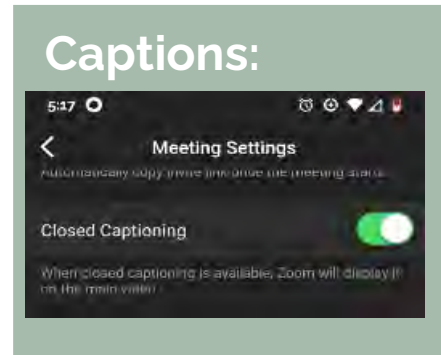
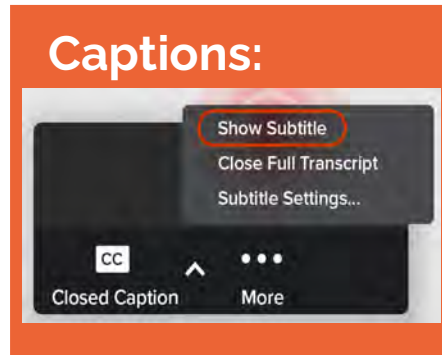
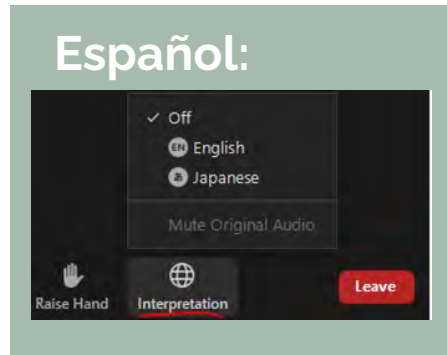
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Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:31 AM

To: Caroline Smith <carolinesmith1547302@gmail.com>

Subject: Schedule for ZLA Virtual Hill Day 2022

Hello Caroline Smith,

You can view your schedule for ZLA Virtual Hill Day 2022 here: <https://zla.constituentvoice.net>

To access your meeting schedule, click on the link above and log in with the following credentials:

Username: carolinesmith1547302@gmail.com

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- You will receive an **automated email from Advocacy Associates** on **May 3rd**
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Meeting With: Andrew Furman, Legislative Assistant, and Rep. Greg Pence,

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-OR-

You can copy and paste this into your email client of choice

To
hillary.lassiter@mail.house.gov

Subject
Thank you for meeting with us

Body
Thanks for taking the time to meet with me over the phone on December 15th to discuss issues of importance to our industry. I look forward to connecting with you in the future to discuss these issues further.

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☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5

Will the Member co-sponsor S. 123/ H.R. 1234?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Undecided

If not or undecided, why?



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[H.R. 6800: The Heroes Act](#)

Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

05/12/2020: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction 05/12/2020: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction 05/12/2020: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction 05/12/2020: Introduced in House 05/14/2020: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 967 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 965 and H.R. 6800. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. Rule provides for one hour of debate on H. Res. 965 and two hours of deb 05/14/2020: House Committee on Rules Hearing (11:00 5/14/2020 1100 LHOB) 05/15/2020: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. 05/15/2020: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 208 - 199 (Roll No. 109). (text: CR H2042-2220) 05/15/2020: On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 198 - 209 (Roll no. 108). 05/15/2020: Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2254-2255) 05/15/2020: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule 19 further proceedings on H.R. 6800 were postponed. 05/15/2020: The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. 05/15/2020: DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rigglesman motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to strike in subtitle A of t 05/15/2020: Mr. Rigglesman moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Ways and Means. (text: CR H2253) 05/15/2020: The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. 05/15/2020: DEBATE - The House proceeded with two hours of debate on H.R. 6800. 05/15/2020: Rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 965 and H.R. 6800. Measures will be considered read. Bills are closed to amendments. Rule provides for one hour of debate on H. Res. 965 and two hours of debate on H.R. 6800. 05/15/2020: Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 967. (consideration: CR H2042-2253) 05/15/2020: Rule H. Res. 967 passed House. 05/20/2020: Received in the Senate. 05/21/2020: Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time. 06/01/2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 455. 07/23/2020: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. 07/23/2020: Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Hearing (10:00 7/23/2020 SD-430)

Votes

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions: H R 6800 HEROES Act

Yea:

Nay: 209

Friday, May 15, 2020

Legislator voted: Y

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- Relevant bills with voting record



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Thursday, December 30, 2021

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Hillary Lassiter, Legislative Director ; Rep. Greg Pence

9:00 AM EST
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Rep. Trey Hollingsworth

10:00 AM EST
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Sen. Mike Braun (R) [IN]
2 Constitution Avenue, NE, Washington DC
Sen. Mike Braun
at 374 Russell Senate Office Building

11:00 AM EST

TBD

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Sen. Todd Young (R) [IN]
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June Smith

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10:00 AM

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Event Bills

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

INVEST in America Act Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act

Addresses provisions related to federal-aid highway, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, research, hazardous materials, and rail programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Among other provisions, the bill extends FY2021 enacted levels through FY2022 for federal-aid highway, transit, and safety programs; reauthorizes for FY2023-FY2026 several surface transportation programs, including the federal-aid highway program, transit programs, highway safety, motor carrier safety, and rail programs; addresses climate change, including strategies to reduce the climate change impacts of the surface transportation system and a vulnerability assessment to identify opportunities to enhance the resilience of the surface transportation system and ensure the efficient use of federal resources; revises Buy America procurement requirements for highways, mass transit, and rail; establishes a rebuild rural bridges program to improve the safety and state of good repair of bridges in rural communities; implements new safety requirements across all transportation modes; and directs DOT to establish a pilot program to demonstrate a national motor vehicle per-mile user fee to restore and maintain the long-term solvency of the Highway Trust Fund and achieve and maintain a state of good repair in the surface transportation system.

Latest Status: Tuesday, Mar 15, 2022 - Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Hearing (14:30 3/15/2022 SD-538)

- Click the “More” tab
- Click “Bills”
- Click on the Bill to get more information

The screenshot shows the AdvocacyDay Demo website. The header is dark red with the logo and name 'AdvocacyDay Demo' on the left, and a user profile 'June Smith' on the right. Below the header is a dark grey navigation bar with links: Home, Meetings, Legislators, Messages, Directory, Support, and a 'More' dropdown menu. The main content area has a red header for 'Federal Bill H.R. 3684'. Below this is a tabbed interface with four tabs: 'Summary', 'Votes', 'Sponsors', and 'Status'. The 'Summary' tab is selected and highlighted with a red rectangular box. The content under the 'Summary' tab is a paragraph describing the bill's provisions related to federal-aid highway, transit, highway safety, motor carrier, research, hazardous materials, and rail programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT). It also includes a source link: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117-congress/house-bill/3684>.

- Click the “More” tab
- Click “Bills”
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- Summary, vote history, sponsors and co-sponsors, bill status



Relevant Information and Reminders

- Check your **SPAM/JUNK folder** to ensure you didn't miss the email with the link to your schedule (domain is @advocacyassociates.com)
- Please call/video into the meeting **10 minutes prior to the start time**, in order to discuss with your group on who will open the conversation and who will be speaking
- All times will be **shown in the time zone you are located in when viewing your schedule**
- You will receive a reminder email **1 hour prior to each meeting** from Advocacy Associates with a link to your schedule
- If the office does not join the meeting within **10 minutes past the start time**, contact Advocacy Associates
- There will be a **help number** listed in the **Support** tab to call if you need to get ahold of Advocacy Associates
- Meetings may last anywhere from **15-30 minutes**, prepare your pitch and talking points accordingly. **ASK** how much time the office has
- Any **changes to your schedule** the day of the event **will be sent to you via email**. Please be sure to check regularly throughout the day
- Make sure you are in an area with a **good Wi-Fi connection**
- **Mute your microphone** if you are not speaking
- Know your audience - ensure you have **an appropriate background**



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Introducing Samantha!



- Virtual Training and Event Manager
- serb@solvecfs.org
- Answer questions, adjust scheduling, send copies of training materials, and more!



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Storytelling Tips

Storytelling: Do's and Don'ts

- Do be honest and authentic
- Do make it personal, it's ok to share and express emotion
- Do connect your experience to the asks
- Do repeat the asks
- Don't be negative (just the facts)
- Don't get distracted or connect to unrelated topics
- Don't make accusations/assumptions
- Don't counter or disagree with other advocates

It's ok if you don't want to share!

"I am not well enough to share today, but I stand with my fellow advocates. Please cosponsor these two important bills."



Best Practices During Your Meeting

- Be Positive
 - Practice Active Listening
 - Take Notes
 - Ask Questions
-
- Correct with Kindness – *“Actually, we prefer the term...”*
 - Make “eye” contact – *Look at your camera*
 - Jeopardy rules – *State your asks in the form of a question*
 - Remember – *You don’t have to have all the answers*
 - If you lose your place – *Refer to your handout*



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Sample Meeting Outline

The Role of Group Leads

- Open the meeting
- Take Notes (or assign another note taker)
- Make sure everyone has a chance to speak (including the group lead!)
- Keep track of time, gently ask speakers to wrap up if they have gone too long
- Ask for follow-up contact information (can be at the beginning or at the end)
- Group leads are experienced advocates, able to help others
- If you are listed as a group lead, but do not wish to be, please contact Samantha (serb@solvecfs.org)

Introductions (5-7 minutes total, 1 min per person)

The Group Lead begins the meeting when the congressional office joins the call. Invite the congressional representative(s) to introduce themselves. After they are finished, invite all advocates to introduce themselves.

Sample opening:

"Hello. Welcome everyone. Thank you so much for meeting with our group today as part of Solve M.E. Advocacy month. We'd like to share some of our experiences to show why we support these two important bills. Shall we start with introductions?"

Always include 1) Full Name, 2) City & State, 3) Your Connection

Storytelling (10-15 minutes total, 3-5 min per person)

The Group Lead calls upon each person one at a time to share their thoughts and experiences. Group Lead may remind storytellers of time limitations, if necessary. Group lead should also have an opportunity to speak.

Storytelling resources:

- Worksheet in your participant packet
- **12pm PT / 3pm ET Friday** May 6 Advocacy Café
- #MEAAction Storytelling Workshop
- Training video “Meeting with Congress: A Beginners Guide” (<https://youtu.be/ZhDdqSTNsLk>)

Remember to include the ask to “cosponsor these two important bills”

Questions and Repeat the Request (5-7 minutes, all)

The Group Lead may conclude the meeting by answering questions, repeating our requests, and sharing contact information.

The Asks:

- **HOUSE:** Please cosponsor the TREAT Long Covid Act (HR 7482) and the COVID-19 LONGHAULERS Act (HR 2754)
- **SENATE:** Please cosponsor the CARE for Long Covid Act (S 3726) and the TREAT Long Covid Act (S 4015)

“What is the best way for us to follow up on these requests?” or “When should we reach out for an update?”



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About the Asks

“There is no question that there are a considerable number of individuals who have a post-viral syndrome Brain fog, fatigue, and difficulty in concentrating so this is something we really need to seriously look at because it very well might be a post-viral syndrome associated with COVID-19,”

– *Dr. Anthony Fauci, July 2020*



Long Covid is not new. It is the latest in a long history of illnesses triggered by infections.

Post-infection illnesses are an urgent public health crisis that requires an immediate response.

Our Narrative

- Post-infection illness is not new. Millions suffered from “Long Haul” diseases (like ME/CFS, POTS, EDS ad more) before the pandemic

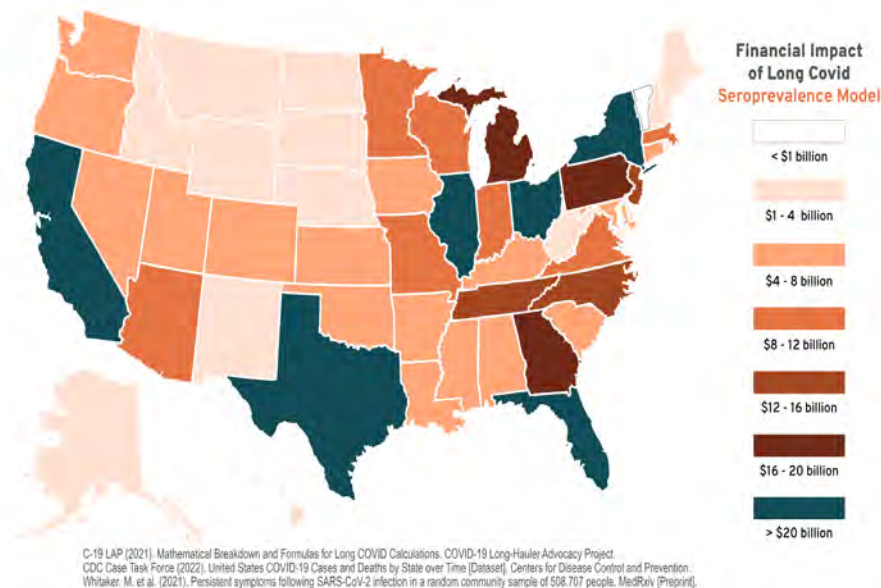
- The pandemic has caused an explosion of cases; “Long COVID” is experienced in 10-30% of infections

- Use the State tracker tool for your state and share an important fact

WWW.SOLVELONGCOVID.ORG

THANK YOU for \$1.25 billion in NIH Research,
but.....

- NIH research takes time, we need to CARE and TREAT Long COVID NOW!



Long Covid's Impact on BIPOC communities

“The people who are likely to suffer the worst brunt of long COVID and the lack of an infrastructure to be able to deal with it are already the poorer and more marginalized communities that were hardest hit by the virus.”

– *Hari Sreenivasan, PBS NewsHour*



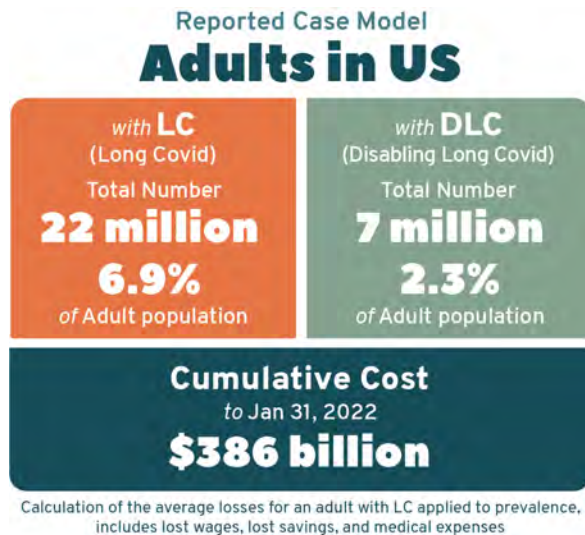


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Our Talking Points

*Please show your support for
Long COVID by co-sponsoring
CARE and TREAT*

- **CARE** for Long COVID Act (S. 3726)
- **TREAT** Long COVID Act (H.R. 2754)



CARE for Long COVID (H.R. 2754 / S. 3726)

- Accelerate Long COVID research through research infrastructure;
- Educate Long COVID patients and medical providers, including information about related conditions like ME/CFS, Fibromyalgia, POTS and other forms of Dysautonomia;
- Improve understanding of long COVID treatment efficacy and disparities by expanding the Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse research database to include long COVID and related conditions
- Develop partnerships between community-based organizations, social service providers, and legal assistance providers to help individuals with long COVID access needed services.



TREAT Long COVID (H.R. 7482 / S. 4015)

- Authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants up to \$2,000,000 to health care providers, including community health centers;
- Granting funding for the creation and expansion of multidisciplinary Long COVID clinics to address the physical and mental health needs of patients;
- Prioritizing funding for health providers with expertise in other post-viral conditions;



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Schedule of Events

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All events are accessible through a phone, tablet, or computer.



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LOW: Short Event, optional, or requires minimal to no participation

MEDIUM: Might require participation, note taking, or cognitive effort

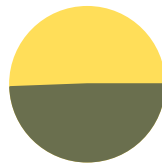
HIGH: Requires participation, note taking, and cognitive effort

Advocacy Month Kickoff Monday, May 2nd at 10:00am PT / 1:00pm ET — 1 Hour Event	Remote Congressional Meeting Training Wednesday, May 4th at 10:00am PT / 1:00pm ET, 1 Hour Event - Recording Available
Advocacy Cafe Chat Friday, May 6th at 12:00pm PT / 3:00pm ET	Congressional Meeting Tuesday, May 10th Advance Registration Required See Personalized Schedule
Congressional Meeting Wednesday, May 11th Advance Registration Required See Personalized Schedule	Advocacy Cafe Chat Friday, May 13th at 12:00pm PT / 3:00pm ET
Congressional Meeting Tuesday, May 17th Advance Registration Required See Personalized Schedule	Long Covid: Research, Policy, and Economic Impact Thursday, May 19th — All Day Event Advance Registration Required
Advocacy Cafe Chat Friday, May 20th at 12:00pm PT / 3:00pm ET	EmPOWER M.E. : Local Advocacy Thursday, May 26th at 10:00am PT / 1:00pm ET — 90 Minute Event
Advocacy Cafe Chat Friday, May 27th at 12:00pm PT / 3:00pm ET — 1 Hour Event	



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Advocacy Café Chats



These weekly virtual gatherings are designed to enrich the community's experience, recap highlights of Advocacy Month, and offer an opportunity for casual and open discussion with experts.

Featured Guests:

Cynthia Adinig, Solve M.E. Board Member & Person with Long Covid
Sarah Ramey, Author, *The Lady's Handbook for Her Mysterious Illness*
& Person with ME/CFS and POTS
Sarah Tompkins, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Patient Advocate &
Ms. Wheelchair Washington USA 2022

May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 12 pm PT

May 12: World ME Day

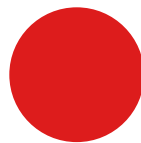
Solve M.E. is a proud member of the World ME Alliance. This May 12th, the Alliance is launching the first World ME Day and asking, "What can the world #LearnFromME?"

This year's theme aims to highlight how people with ME/CFS and experts have a huge wealth of knowledge that could help to improve the management of this disease across the world. But even with the best management approaches that are available, there is no effective treatment or cure for ME/CFS. This is why members of the Alliance are calling for more research funding for this disease.



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Long Covid: Research, Policy and Economic Impact



In partnership with the Global Interdependence Center, this conference will explore Long COVID's long-term healthcare, policy, and economic impact.

Virtual and In-person options available.

Congressional Meeting participants receive free virtual registration. Check your email after May 17 for details.

Featured Guests:

Emily Taylor, Solve M.E.

Oved Amitay, Solve M.E.

Dr. Peter Hotez and Dr. Maria Elena Bottazzi, 2022 Nobel Peace Prize nominees



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IN-PERSON EVENT!

LONG COVID: RESEARCH, POLICY AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

Thursday, May 19, 2022
New York City, NY



Long Covid
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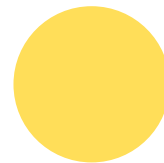


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EmPOWER M.E. Roundtable: Learning from State and Local Leaders



This year, our EmPOWER ME roundtable will focus on local advocacy. They say "all politics is local." What does that mean for creating change for ME/CFS and Long Covid?

Join our panel of veteran state advocates as they discuss the importance of local and state advocacy. We'll hear about initiatives in CA, FL, MA, MD, MN, DE, and NY, and learn tips for starting projects in your neck of the woods.

May 26 | 10 AM PT

EmPOWER M.E. Roundtable: Featured Speakers



Laura Bucholtz
ME/CFS Advocate
Florida State Lead



Charonda Johnson
United States Air Force Veteran,
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