

"[R]iveting.....equal parts medical mystery, science lesson, political advocacy primer and even a love story." -- San Francisco Chronicle

Mass. State House screening of an excerpt of a Sundance award-winning & Oscar-shortlisted documentary

"UNREST" with a discussion of ME/CFS

(Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome)

and Telemedicine

Tues. April 24 1:30-2:30pm Senate Briefing Room (Rm 428)

For Legislators, Staff, Healthcare Professionals, Researchers

EVENT HOST & opening remarks: Senator Pat Jehlen Additional remarks: Senator Jason Lewis

EVENT CO-HOSTS: Sen. Jamie Eldridge, Joan Lovely Reps. Ruth Balser, Jennifer Benson, Marjorie Decker, Shawn Dooley, Kay Khan, Stephen Kulik, Frank Smizik, Ted Speliotis

DISCUSSION WITH

Scientific researcher, people with ME/CFS and telemedicine supporters

Co-organized by Massachusetts CFIDS/ME & FM Assoc. www.MassCFIDS.org



About the Event: This MA State House event is in support of access to Telemedicine, which would allow homebound patients to see doctors using videoconferencing. The speakers and film will shed light on the hidden lives of 1-2.5 million Americans (21,000-52,000 in MA) disabled by ME/CFS (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome), a disease the CDC calls "American's hidden health crisis." Many with ME/CFS are too disabled to get to a doctor's office. Telemedicine will give them access to health care.

About the Film: UNREST film director Jennifer Brea is working on her PhD at Harvard when she gets a mysterious fever that leaves her bedridden. Disbelieved by doctors yet determined to live, she turns her camera on herself and discovers a hidden world of millions confined to their homes and bedrooms. UNREST won a Sundance and Boston Globe "Best Film" Award. The film trailer is here.

Media Attention: <u>Boston Globe</u>, <u>NPR's</u> Here and Now, NPR's <u>Science Friday</u>, <u>Cosmopolitan</u>, <u>Today Show</u>, <u>New</u> <u>York Times</u>, <u>Nature</u>, <u>Journal of NY State Academy of</u> Family Physicians and more.

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