

My journey is like so many others who have shared their stories with you today. I'm proud of each and every one of you for being brave and traveling here to stand with us. We can no longer accept the "wait it out approach" or the "give it time, I'm sure it will resolve" approach. I am on day 237 of this nightmare. Some are now 1 year into this disaster, and we are no closer to a cure. We demand to be heard and TREATED. None of us signed up for this never-ending disease. This has robbed me of the ability to be the mom I need to be for my 8 year old son, Max.

During the covid lockdown, I spent my time grocery shopping and taking care of the elderly in my community. I served hundreds of clients and provided critical support to keep them safe and at home. I received the Moderna vaccine on March 11 at a vaccine clinic at a local college in Northville MI. I willingly signed up to get the vaccine and was happy to do my part in keeping myself, community and my family protected. I had an immediate reaction landing me in the ER. Each of the next 7 ER visits was met with disbelief from the doctors along with them not knowing how to treat me.

Waking up on May 2nd with the inability to move my arms or legs at all was one of the scariest days of my life. Having to sit in the ER for 8 hours while they tried to figure out what to do was torture. They had already done the bloodwork, scans and the only thing they could come up with was "chronic inflammation". They tried sending me home to wait for my neurology appointment that was scheduled 2 months later. I had no choice but to advocate for myself and demand to be admitted into the hospital for further testing. On day 3, a neurologist finally came to see me. She did her evaluation and looked me in the eye and told me that there was "no way this was related to the vaccine". She had never seen this before and decided to order a LP, which came back abnormal. She wrote in my follow up notes "bilateral limb weakness due to lack of effort". I never saw her again and I gladly fired her from my team. Later I learned that she published a medical paper about a patient she treated, before me, with the same symptoms as I was experiencing due to a reaction to the Moderna vaccine.

In my own family and friends circle, I've experienced disbelief and those who remain cognitively dissonant. This journey is extremely lonely at times and frankly I'm at the end of my rope on getting others to believe me. When I tell my story on social media, I get labeled as misinformation. I am not misinformation, I am SHARING MY TRUE STORY. The constant censorship has to stop! What you don't see is the constant fear in my 8 year olds eyes each time mom has another set back and rushed to the hospital not knowing if he will ever see me again and his constant worry of if I'll ever be the same.

I have seen 2 cardiologists, 3 neurologists, rheumatologist and allergists. I've suffered through a lumbar puncture, CT scan, brain scans, tilt table test and surgery to remove a device that controls by bladder in order to have a full MRI of my spine, the list seems to never end. I have had 22 covid tests since March 11, ALL NEGATIVE. To say this has been torture is an understatement. My medical bills currently are \$139,112. One doctor told me that my inflammatory markers are amongst the worst they've seen, yet I cant afford the \$2,000 a month pill they suggested.

Recently, I had the opportunity to share my story for an upcoming film. It was an emotional experience. After filming, I realized that was the first step in my healing process. Being HEARD is incredibly important and I want you to know that you are all here today and experiencing your steps in healing. Take this opportunity as a step in healing.

For the media, I NEED you to hear us. I NEED you to share our challenges to the cognitively dissonant. We cant keep fighting this battle without the ability to tell the truth.

In preparing for this event, I found 2 artists who were singing my thoughts. Singing my inner cry for help. Hearing their music hit my soul and I knew I had to bring them to DC with us. These two Godly men support us and echo our cries for help. They see an awakening and we are beginning a revolution. A change is coming and you are all part of it today. Please get up and help me welcome Freedom Fighting, God Loving musician and rappers, Jimmy Levy and Hi-Rez!!!!!!!!!!!!