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My letter to NINDS Director Dr. Walter Koroshetz, Dr. Vicky Whittemore and NIH Director Francis Collins objecting to scheduled lecture by Toronto ME/cfs Denier Ed Shorter at NIH November 9th for reasons given:

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Dr. Walter Koroshetz

Director, NINDS

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Dear Dr. Koroshetz,

I am afraid that having Ed Shorter address any group at NIH on the subject of ME/cfs cannot by any stretch of the imagination be considered an "exchange of information and widely divergent scientific opinions," as you have suggested in your note on the subject of his forthcoming appearance at NIH on November 9th, 2016.

That you can say so suggests you have not had time to adequately review Shorter's writings on ME/cfs. I sympathize entirely that you find better use for time.

Shorter neither has nor offers "information" on ME/cfs. He has no peer-reviewed research on the topic. His printed record on the topic constitutes only cruel and hate-filled venom -- useful for a National Socialist rally perhaps, but hardly suitable for America's National Institutes of Health.

Nor can one argue for "divergent scientific opinions." There is nothing scientific about Shorter's opinions on ME or CFS. He has conducted no such science. Others have failed mightily to prove and defend views anywhere akin to his. Notably, the UK's famous PACE TRIAL now has been uncovered for a fraud and thoroughly debunked, while the UK scientists promoting psychiatric cure (cognitive behavioral therapy) nonetheless disavow psychiatric causation.

Ed Shorter is the equivalent of a Holocaust denier; his words trumpet the hatred of Holocaust denial even as he mouths his slight variation, ME/cfs denial. Such hatred peals forth loud and clear. This is no science.

Is this what NIH wishes to stand for? Hatred, prejudice and ranting?

To me it seems obvious that booking Shorter was done by someone eager to sabotage your efforts and Dr. Whittemore's, aimed as they are at focusing science where it serves America's needs -- by

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healing disability and fending off untimely death for one million Americans or more, and for 19 million persons world-wide.

Should Shorter address the NIH next week the occasion will amount to blessing his hatred and ignorance with the fresh authority of having addressed the greatest and mightiest institute of bio-medical research in all the world. It will have koshered a vileness of ignorance and hate, destroying science while it desecrates. And it will distract and de-motivate the scientists at NIH from curing this ill.

Is this cruel and careless man now to avail himself of NIH employees' time, funded by American taxpayers, while sheltered and staged in an NIH building, owned and maintained by American citizens? Shall he be exalted there in order to betray the trust and diminish the wellbeing of the American people? Shall he be so aided to inculcate the personnel of the National Institutes of Health in false, disproven and unscientific ideas, all this to be amplified unchristianly, with venom?

The only possible situation in which his appearance can be considered an acceptable use of US government facilities and staff time would be in the format of a debate against well-informed scientists such as Dr. Komaroff, Dr. Klimas, Dr. Hanson, etc.

Otherwise Shorter's appearance before US government workers in a US government facility would amount to heinous diversion of resources belonging to the American people for instruction of staff in falsehoods, hate, prejudice and bullying.

I look forward to learning who among NIH's staff has been so insubordinate as to attempt to sabotage the Institute's progress on ME/cfs in this fashion.

Sincerely,

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