

My name is Karen Barth. On November 9, 2021 my husband contracted COVID-19. On that day we had no idea just how much our lives would change. Unlike others, my husband did not get better in a few weeks, a few months or even in a year. Instead, he was diagnosed with Long COVID and struggles to this day.

Let me tell you, watching someone you love struggle with this illness is hell!

My husband lives with chronic pain, fatigue, brain fog, dizziness, memory issues, blood pressure fluctuations and now added depression. This is not an all inclusive list of the many symptoms he is forced to deal with daily.

Just last week, I found myself begging my husband to not leave me as he talked about how he felt he would be better off dead. Yes, this is the reality of just how painful and hopeless Long COVID is on individuals.

It seems that people with Long COVID, to the world, the Government, and the Healthcare system are just another statistic and/ or test dummies, instead of human beings.

I want our "new normal" to be a life where those impacted by Long COVID are respected and treated with kindness and compassion. We need join together and help these individuals get back up on their feet and live again.

We need your help. We need your support. We need a cure!

Vote yes to the bill and be the change we need!

Thank you!