

June 18, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
237 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Joe Pitts
420 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Gene Green
2470 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Diana DeGette
2368 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton, Ranking Member Pallone, Chairman Pitts, Ranking Member Green, and Representative DeGette:

We, the undersigned 251 organizations, represent a widely diverse community of patients and family caregivers with distinct perspectives; yet we stand united in support of H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act.

This bill is based on the hard work and thoughtful recommendations of the entire health community, and we thank you for your tireless work to incorporate our feedback into the legislation.

This is a patient-focused bill that will advance the discovery and development of treatments, strengthen the patient voice in the regulatory environment, increase funding for the National Institutes of Health and Food and Drug Administration, and greatly improve our innovation ecosystem.

Just as Democrats and Republicans have come together to craft a bipartisan bill that cleared the Energy and Commerce Committee with a unanimous vote, so, too, do we affirm our support of this game-changing legislation.

Sincerely,

National Organizations:

A Kids' Brain Tumor Cure (aka The Pediatric
Low Grade Astrocytoma Foundation)
Abigail Alliance for Better Access to
Developmental Drugs
Addario Lung Cancer Foundation
Adrenal Insufficiency United

AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children,
Youth & Families
The AIDS Institute
Ali's Angels Foundation
Allergy & Asthma Network
Alliance for Aging Research

Alliance for Lupus Research
 Alliance for Patient Access
 Alliance for the Adoption of Innovations in
 Medicine (Aimed Alliance)
 Alpha-1 Foundation
 The ALS Association
 Alstrom Syndrome International
 Alzheimer's Association
 Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation
 American Aging Association
 American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
 American Association for Long Term Care
 Nursing
 American Association for Respiratory Care
 American Association of Diabetes Educators
 American Association of Kidney Patients
 American Autoimmune Related Diseases
 Association
 American Behcet's Disease Association
 American Brain Tumor Association
 American Epilepsy Society
 American Federation for Aging Research
 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
 American Foundation for the Blind
 American Kidney Fund
 American Neurological Association
 American Nurses Association
 American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders
 American Society of Nephrology
 Amputee Coalition
 Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation
 Arthritis Foundation
 Assisted Living Federation of America
 The Association for Frontotemporal
 Degeneration
 Association for Glycogen Storage Disease
 Association for Research in Vision and
 Ophthalmology
 Association of University Centers on Disabilities
 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
 Autism Speaks
 Batten Disease Support and Research
 Association
 Bcureful
 BRBN Alliance
 Bridge the Gap– SYNGAP Education and
 Research Foundation
 CancerCare
 Cardio-Facio-Cutaneous International
 Caregiver Action Network
 Celiac Disease Foundation
 Childhood Brain Tumor Foundation
 The Children's Medical Research Foundation,
 Inc.
 Children's PKU Network
 Choroideremia Research Foundation, Inc.
 Chris4Life Colon Cancer Foundation
 Coalition for Clinical Trials Awareness
 Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis
 Colon Cancer Alliance
 Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Research,
 Education & Support Foundation (CARES
 Foundation, Inc.)
 Continuing Medical Education Coalition
 COPD Foundation
 Cure Alzheimer's Fund
 Cure Cancer, P.C.
 Cure HHT
 CureDuchenne
 Dementia Alliance International
 Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
 Dysautonomia International
 Easter Seals
 The Eden Alternative
 Emphysema Foundation for Our Right To
 Survive
 Epilepsy Foundation
 Erdheim-Chester Disease Global Alliance
 EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
 FasterCures – A Center of the Milken Institute
 Fibro Gal Agency LLC
 Fight Colorectal Cancer
 The Foundation for Ichthyosis & Related Skin
 Types, Inc.
 Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
 Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance
 Friends of Cancer Research
 Garrett the Grand – Batten Fighter
 GBS-CIDP Foundation International
 Gene Giraffe Project
 Genetic Alliance

The Gerontological Society of America
GIST Cancer Awareness Foundation
Global Colon Cancer Association
Global Genes
Global Liver Institute
GNE Myopathy International
Guardian Hands Foundation
Hannah's Hope Fund
HealthHIV
Hepatitis Foundation International
Hispanic CREO
Huntington's Disease Society of America
Hydrocephalus Association
Immune Deficiency Foundation
Intacranial Hypertension Research Foundation
International Cancer Advocacy Network
International Essential Tremor Foundation
International Foundation for Autoimmune
Arthritis
International Myeloma Foundation
International Pemphigus & Pemphigoid
Foundation
International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia
Foundation
JDRF
Jonah's Just Begun – Foundation to Cure
Sanfilippo
Judson's Legacy
Klippel-Feil Syndrome Freedom
The Kortney Rose Foundation
The LAM Foundation
LatinosAgainstAlzheimer's
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Little Miss Hannah Foundation
LuMind Research Down Syndrome Foundation
Lung Cancer Alliance
Lung Transplant Foundation
LUNGevity Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of America
Lupus Research Institute
LymeDisease.org
Lymphangiomatosis & Gorham's Disease
Alliance
The Mastocytosis Society
M-CM Network

MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation
Men Against Breast Cancer
Men's Health Network
Mental Health America
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's
Research
Miracle for Madison & Friends
MLD Foundation
Moebius Syndrome Foundation
The Mucopolidosis Type IV (ML4) Foundation
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America
The Myositis Association
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Uniformed Services
National Association of Hispanic Nurses
National Coalition for LGBT Health
National Council for Behavioral Health
National Down Syndrome Society
National Eczema Association
National Foundation for Celiac Awareness
National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias
National Fragile X Foundation
National Health Council
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Kidney Foundation
National MPS Society
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
The National Organisation for People Living
with Hepatitis B
National Organization of Vascular Anomalies
National Osteoporosis Foundation
National Pancreas Foundation
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Prostate Cancer Awareness Foundation
National Psoriasis Foundation
National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities
and Dementia Practices
National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases
Association
NBIA Disorders Association
Noah's Hope
NTM Info & Research

Oncology Nursing Society
Oncology Resource Networks, LLC
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation
OWL – The Voice of Women 40+
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Parkinson's Action Network
Parkinson's Disease Foundation
Patient Services, Inc.
PCD Foundation
Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation
PKD Foundation
Platelet Disorder Support Association
Powerful Patient Inc.
Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (USA)
Preeclampsia Foundation
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Pulmonary Fibrosis Advocates
PXE International
Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer
Research
Rare and Undiagnosed Network
Rare Cancer Research Foundation
Rare Disease United Foundation
RARE Science, Inc.
RASopathies Network USA
Relapsing Polychondritis Awareness and
Support Foundation, Inc.
Research!America
ResearchersAgainstAlzheimers

RetireSafe
Rush To Live
S.L.E. Lupus Foundation
SaludUSA
Sanfilippo Foundation for Children
Sarcoma Foundation of America
Save Your Liver Foundation
Self-Management Alliance
The Simon Foundation for Continence
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation
Solidarity Project Advocacy Network
Sophia's Fund
Spina Bifida Association
Taylor's Tale
Tourette Association of America
Transplant Buddies
Tremor Action Network
The United Leukodystrophy Foundation
US Pain Foundation
Us TOO International, Prostate Cancer
Education and Support Network
USAgainstAlzheimer's
USAgainstAlzheimer's Activists Network
USAgainstAlzheimer's Clergy Network
Veterans Health Council
Vietnam Veterans of America
Vitiligo Support International
Volunteers of America
WomenAgainstAlzheimer's

State and Local Organizations:

Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of
Wisconsin
Alzheimer's Tennessee
Banner Alzheimer's Institute
Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging
Boley Centers
Center for BrainHealth at The University of
Texas at Dallas
Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Elder Care Advocacy of Florida
Florida Society of Clinical Oncology
H.E.A.L.S of the South
Institute of Human Virology at the University of
Maryland School of Medicine

Louisiana Women's Network
Lupus Alliance of Long Island/Queens
Lupus Foundation of Florida, Inc.
Lupus Foundation of Northern California
Lupus Foundation of Pennsylvania
Lupus Foundation of Southern California
Lupus LA
Lupus Society of Illinois
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Illinois
New England Regional Genetics Group
New Orleans Council on Aging
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition
USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute
Yerkes National Primate Research Center