

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

<p> 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 </p>	<p> 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 </p>
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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
LUNGevery 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