

THE CURE ALLIANCE APPLAUDS HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMM FOR PASSING 21st CENTURY CURES BILL

(May 21, 2015 Washington, D.C.) **The Cure Alliance** issued a statement today supporting the unanimous vote (51-0) by the House Energy and Commerce Committee to pass the nonpartisan bill called The 21st Century Cures Act.

"Today's vote sends a loud and clear message that it's time to unravel the red tape, free up the funds and give our federal agencies the tools they need to keep pace with the rapid innovations in medicine," said Shelley Ross, president of **The Cure Alliance**.

Founding board member, Dr. Camillo Ricordi, added, "This is a big step towards our #1 goal to end suffering by developing cures for chronic, debilitating and fatal diseases and accelerate potential cures from the laboratory to the bedside."

Ross and Ricordi met with Committee staff members earlier in the day and were present for the historic vote. Dr. Charles Brunicardi of **The Cure Alliance** joined by Skype.

The bill, H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act, will help modernize and personalize health care, encourage greater innovation, support research, and streamline the system to deliver better, faster cures to more patients. It was authored by full committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI), Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Ranking Member Diana DeGette (D-CO), full committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), Health Subcommittee Chairman Joe Pitts (R-PA), and Health Subcommittee Ranking Member Gene Green (D-TX).

"We have all said too many early good-byes to people we love and treasure. Every single person has a common goal: we want more time with those we love. In this, the greatest country in the world, Americans deserve a system second to none. We can and must do better. The time for 21st Century Cures is now," Rep. Fred Upton said.

"In the last century, American medicine leapt from medicine shows to the mapping of the human genome," said DeGette. "With the 21st Century Cures Act, we seek to support the biomedical community in making a similar leap forward in this next century. With billions in support for our premier research and development institutions and comprehensive reform of our systems, 21st Century Cures will make a real difference in the lives of patients and their families."

The Cure Alliance is an invitation-only non-profit group of leading scientists, researchers, medical doctors and innovators, plus those who support their efforts to end suffering by developing cures for chronic, debilitating and fatal diseases. Its #1 goal is to help accelerate potential cures from the laboratory to the bedside.

#

www.thecurealliance.com
shelley.thecurealliance@gmail.com