

Testimony of Ellyn Miller
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Enhancing Public Health: Legislation to Protect Children and Families
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Chairwoman Eshoo, Ranking Member Guthrie, and members of the Subcommittee, my name is Ellyn Miller, and I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of passage of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0, legislation sponsored by my hometown Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton of Virginia. I am very grateful to her and to the Members of this Committee for your shared leadership in working on a bipartisan basis to fight the scourge of pediatric cancer and childhood disease.

Introduction

When my daughter was only 9 years old, she was diagnosed with a terminal-upon-diagnosis brain cancer called diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG). This is the same brain cancer that Neil Armstrong's daughter, Karen, died from in 1962. Sixty years later, our children diagnosed with this cancer are receiving the exact same ineffective treatment: radiation and a Phase I clinical trial.

In those 60 years, we have gotten men and women to the moon and safely back home. We have a rover on Mars. We can chart the meteors that will never enter our atmosphere and the deepest depths of our oceans. But we can't solve something a few inches under our skin?

In the 1980s, AIDS was a death sentence. Today, it is a chronic disease. A handful of years ago Ebola was also a death sentence. Now it is curable. We, as a country, can claim these incredible accomplishments because we banded together to make them a national priority. We must make our children that are battling cancer and other childhood diseases a national priority as well. We all recognize the special tragedy of a life cut short in childhood or adolescence, and that we as adults owe a special reasonability to prevent harm to children. This legislation helps us keep that commitment.

Background

After my daughter died, I worked to learn as much as I could about childhood cancer.¹ I have learned that the rate of childhood and adolescent cancer has steadily risen since 1975.² From 2014 to 2018, an average of 47 kids were diagnosed with cancer every day – that is over 17,000

¹ Childhood cancer is typically defined as cancer occurring between ages 0-19. *See, e.g.*, National Institutes of Health: National Cancer Institute (NCI), Cancer in Children and Adolescents, <https://www.cancer.gov/types/childhood-cancers/child-adolescent-cancers-fact-sheet> (last updated Apr. 20, 2021).

² *See* American Cancer Society, Cancer Facts & Figures: 2021 (2021), <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/annual-cancer-facts-and-figures/2021/cancer-facts-and-figures-2021.pdf>.

children per year.³ This year, an estimated 1,780 children will die from cancer.⁴ More children are lost to cancer in the U.S. than to any other disease.⁵

I have also learned that while dozens of new cancer therapies have been introduced over the last several decades, there are very few treatments that are specifically designed to treat pediatric cancer. As of 2020, only six drugs have received FDA approval in the first incident of cancer treatment for children.⁶ None of these drugs treat pediatric brain cancer. Survivors of childhood cancer often suffer long-term health consequences due to the side effects of the treatment regimens available today. More than 95 percent of childhood cancer survivors will experience a significant health-related issue by the time they are 45 years of age – not only due to their illness, but also due to the lack of available treatments.⁷

The lack of pharmaceutical company involvement leaves the government and private charities as the main backers of childhood cancer research. But only 4 percent of the National Cancer Institute's budget is specifically allocated to childhood cancer research.⁸ Pediatric oncologists lack funding for important research and can struggle to get access to promising drugs.

The Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act

Recognizing the need for additional resources to meet this challenge, Congress worked on a bipartisan basis to pass the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act, enacted in 2014⁹ – landmark legislation that opened the door to new avenues of research through significant federal investments in the fight against childhood cancer and disease.. Then-House Majority Leader Eric Cantor was so moved by Gabriella's activism in the face of terminal cancer that he named legislation after her. The Act shifted funding that was previously allocated for political conventions to pediatric disease research. It was signed into law less than six months after Gabriella's death.

The Act also established a ten-year Pediatric Research Initiative Fund and authorized \$12.6 million in annual funds for childhood disease research through Fiscal Year 2023. It led to the creation of the National Institute of Health's Kids First Pediatric Research Program and Data Resource Center and has allocated millions of dollars to research grants looking into pediatric cancer, supporting over 60 research projects [**Appendix 1**].¹⁰

³ Calculated from NCI, Age-Adjusted and Age-Specific SEER Cancer Incidence Rates, 2014-2018, Table 2.1 (Apr. 15, 2021), https://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2018/results_single/sect_02_table.01_2pgs.pdf.

⁴ Rebecca Siegel, et al., *Cancer Statistics, 2021*, 71 CA Cancer J. for Clinicians 7 (2021).

⁵ See *Cancer in Children and Adolescents*, *supra* note 1.

⁶ See NCI, *Drugs Approved for Childhood Cancers*, https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/drugs/childhood-cancer-fda-approved-drugs?cid=eb_govdel (last updated Aug. 18, 2021).

⁷ Melissa Hudson, et al., *Clinical Ascertainment of Health Outcomes Among Adults Treated for Childhood Cancer*, 309 JAMA 2371 (2013).

⁸ See NCI, *NCI Funded Research Portfolio*, <https://fundedresearch.cancer.gov/nciportfolio/> (last accessed Oct. 16, 2021).

⁹ The Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act, Pub.L. 113–94 (2014) (codified at 42 U.S.C. 282(b)).

¹⁰ NIH: Office of Strategic Coordination – The Common Fund, *Gabriella Miller Kids First: Funded Research*, <https://commonfund.nih.gov/kidsfirst/fundedresearch> (last reviewed Sept. 9, 2021).

The Kids First program at NIH helps researchers discover new insights into the biology of childhood cancer and other pediatric disorders. The Data Resource Center has focused on building a large-scale database for both clinical and genetic data from kids with cancer, with the goal of finding patterns that will accelerate research into cures and less harsh treatments. Currently, over 25,000 samples have been genetically sequenced to promote new scientific discoveries.¹¹

The Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0

As you can see, the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act opened the door for many new opportunities. We applaud what Congress has done, and we're grateful to this committee for its bipartisan support. The Act setting an amazing foundation for work that still needs to be done. As the initial funding period approaches its close, it especially important we continue to find a way to fund all of the incredible work researchers are doing in this space.

We're asking this committee to move the ball forward. Building on our shared progress to date, the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0 will take us to the next level in the fight. Kids First 2.0 proposes a new method to fund childhood cancer research: take money away from companies that behave badly and use it to pay for desperately needed pediatric disease research.

The bill was introduced in the House by Representative Jennifer Wexton. It has had bipartisan support in this Committee, with 21 co-sponsors, and enjoys bipartisan support in the House and the Senate, with over 70 representatives and 7 senators co-sponsoring. The bill would institute a new, stable and robust source of funding for the Kids First program. Specifically, it would redirect money from penalties paid by pharmaceutical, cosmetic, supplement, and medical device companies found in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act¹², or FCPA. The Kids First Act 2.0 would require the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer these funds directly into the Pediatric Research Initiative Fund established by the original Act. This legislation would allow the government to fund an important cause without taking money away from the NCI.

Channeling fines or penalties into a dedicated program fund is nothing new. Congress has been doing this for many years. For example, the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, which funds Medicare Part A, receives civil penalties from violations of the False Claims Act and criminal fines and forfeitures from violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.¹³ And, once collected, the Secretary of the Treasury transfers a wide range of criminal fines into the Crime Victims Fund, including criminal fines collected in FCPA cases.¹⁴ This bill uses a source of funding that has yet to be dedicated: civil FCPA penalties. The Gabriella Miller Kids First Act 2.0 proposes to use this untapped resource to make a difference in the battle against childhood cancer – to work towards the goal of accomplishing Gabriella's dream.

¹¹ Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Program: Data Resource Center, <https://kidsfirstdrc.org/> (last accessed Oct. 16, 2021).

¹² 5 U.S.C. §§ 78dd-1, et seq.

¹³ 42 U.S.C. § 1395i.

¹⁴ 34 U.S.C. § 20101.

Conclusion

Before she died, Gabriella recorded a video. When asked what she wanted elected officials to do about childhood cancer, she stated “stop talking and start doing.” This committee has already stepped up to answer Gabriella’s call once – I ask that you do that once more. I ask that this committee to proceed through markup and to move this critical piece of legislation to the floor as swiftly as possible.

A letter of support [**Appendix 2**] to the House and Senate for this new bill garnered signatures from over 300 foundations and organizations [**Appendix 3**] and more than 1,400 advocates from all 50 states [**Appendix 4**]. The Alliance for Childhood Cancer also submitted a letter in support of this legislation [**Appendix 5**]. My daughter's name is on this legislation but, in reality, it could be any number of the hundreds of thousands of children afflicted with cancer and disease across the country. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony to the subcommittee.

Appendix 1
NIH Gabriella Kids First Pediatric Research Program: Funded Research

PI Name	Institution Name	State	Title
2021			
Cody, Jannine De Mars	University of Texas Health Science Center	Texas	The Genomic Basis of Structural Birth Defects Associated with Chromosome 18 Copy Number Changes
Diskin, Sharon	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	The Genetic Basis Of Treatment Outcomes And Late Effects After High-Risk Neuroblastoma
Gelb, Bruce D	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	New York	Expanding Our Understanding Of The Role Of Noncoding Variation Causing Congenital Heart Defects
Krantz, Ian D	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Rnaseq In Cornelia De Lange Syndrome, Related Diagnoses And Structural Birth Defects
Letra, Ariadne M	University of Texas Health Science Center Houston	Texas	Whole Genome Sequencing Studies Of Multiplex Nonsyndromic Cleft Lip/Palate Families
Lupo, Philip J	Baylor College of Medicine	Texas	Genetic Overlap Between Anomalies And Cancer In Kids In The Childrens Oncology Group: The COG GOBACK Study
Meshinchi, Soheil	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center	Washington	Germline And Somatic Variants In Pediatric AML
Resnick, Adam Cain	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Germline And Somatic Disease Modifiers Of Pediatric Brain Tumors
Scheurer, Michael E	Baylor College of Medicine	Texas	Genomic Analysis Of Histiocytosis
Shlien, Adam	Hospital For Sick Children (Toronto)	Ontario (Canada)	Discovering The Timing And Origins Of Bone And Soft Tissue Cancers
2020			
Chung, Wendy K (contact); Shen, Yufeng	Columbia University Health Sciences	New York	Genomic Analysis of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia and Associated Congenital Anomalies

PI Name	Institution Name	State	Title
Marazita, Mary L. (contact); Feingold, Eleanor	University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	Kids First: Genomics of Orofacial Cleft Birth Defects in Latin American Families
Weaver, Kathryn	Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	Ohio	Genetic diagnoses in a cohort of individuals with valvar pulmonary stenosis
Gabriel, Stacey	Broad Institute, Inc.	Massachusetts	Genome Sequencing in support of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program
Levy, Shawn E (contact); Zhang, Jinghui	Hudson-Alpha Institute for Biotechnology	Alabama	Characterizing pediatric genomes through an optimized sequencing approach
2019			
Chung, Wendy K (contact); Shen, Yufeng	Columbia University Health Sciences	New York	Genomic Analysis of Esophageal Atresia and Tracheoesophageal Fistulas and Associated Congenital Anomalies
Gharavi, Ali G	Columbia University Health Sciences	New York	Whole Genome Sequencing in Congenital Anomalies of the Kidney and Urinary Tract
Gleeson, Joseph	University of California, San Diego	California	Whole Exome, Genome, and RNA Sequencing in Recessive Structural Brain Defects in Children Whole Exome and Genome Sequencing in Structural Defects of the Neural Tube
Lesile, Elizabeth	Emory University	Georgia	Genomics of Orofacial Clefts in the Philippines
Lupo, Philip J (contact); Plon, Sharon E.	Baylor College of Medicine	Texas	Genomic Analysis of Pediatric Rhabdomyosarcoma
Martin, Donna	University of Michigan at Ann Arbor	Michigan	Genomic Etiologies of CHARGE Syndrome, Related Conditions and Structural Anomalies
Teachy, David	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Comprehensive Genomic Profiling to Improve Prediction of Clinical Outcome for Children with T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

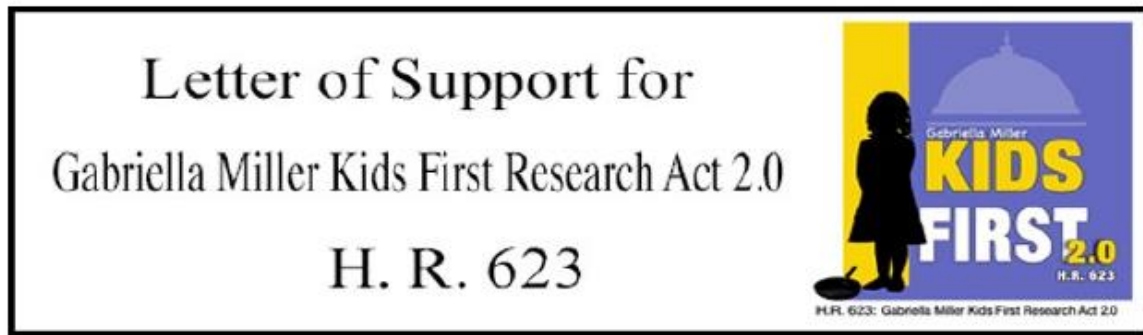
PI Name	Institution Name	State	Title
Ware, Stephanie	Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis	Indiana	Genomic Analysis of Laterality Birth Defects
2018			
Chambers, Christina	University of California, San Diego	California	Discovery of Genetic Basis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
Chung, Wendy K (contact); Shen, Yufeng	Columbia University Health Sciences	New York	Genomic Analysis of Esophageal Atresia and Tracheoesophageal Fistulas and Associated Congenital Anomalies
Drolet, Beth A	Medical College of Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Analyzing the Genetic Spectrum of Vascular Anomalies, Overgrowth and Structural Birth Defects
Gharavi, Ali G (contact); Wong, Craig S	Columbia University Health Sciences	New York	Genetics of Structural Defects of the Kidney and Urinary Tract
Jelin, Angie Child	Johns Hopkins University	Maryland	Single gene pathogenic variants associated with BEEC (Bladder extrophy, Epispadias, Complex)
Krantz, Ian D	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Genomic Diagnostics in Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, Related Diagnoses and Structural Birth Defects
Lau, Ching Ching (contact); Poynter, Jenny N.	Jackson Laboratory	Connecticut	Genetic Predisposition to Intracranial Germ Cell Tumors
Lupo, Philip J (contact); Rabin, Karen R; Sherman, Stephanie L.; Yang, Jun J	Baylor College of Medicine	Texas	Genomic Analysis of Congenital Heart Defects and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in Children with Down Syndrome
Meshinchi, Soheil	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center	Washington	Germline and Somatic Variants in Myeloid Malignancies in Children
Seidman, Christine E	Harvard Medical School	Massachusetts	Somatic and Germline Mutations in CHD
Seidman, Jonathan G	Harvard Medical School	Massachusetts	The Genetics of Microtia in Hispanic Populations

PI Name	Institution Name	State	Title
2017			
Boyadjiev Boyd, Simeon A (contact); Romitti, Paul A	University of California Davis	California	Whole Genome Sequencing of Nonsyndromic Craniosynostosis
Butali, Azeez (contact); Beaty, Terri H.	University of Iowa	Iowa	Whole Genome Sequencing of African and Asian Orofacial Clefts Case-Parent Triads
Chung, Wendy K (contact); Shen, Yufeng	Columbia University Health Sciences	New York	Genomic Analysis of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia and Associated Congenital Anomalies
Hakonarson, Hakon (contact); Resnick, Adam Cain; Sleiman, Patrick Martin	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Genetics at the Intersection of Childhood Cancer and Birth Defects
Luquetti, Daniela Varela	University of Washington	Washington	Craniofacial Microsomia: Genetic Causes and Pathway Discovery
Schiffman, Joshua David	University of Utah	Utah	Expanded Ewing Sarcoma Cohort for Tumor Genomics and Association with DNA Repair Deficiencies, Clinical Presentation, and Outcome
Siegel, Dawn H	Medical College of Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Genomic Analysis of a Cohort with Infantile Hemangiomas Associated with Multi-Organ Structural Birth Defects
Sobreira, Nara	Johns Hopkins University	Maryland	Genome-wide Sequencing to Identify the Genes Responsible for Enchondromatoses and Related Malignant Tumors
Resnick, Adam Cain (contact); Davis-Dusenbery, Brandi Nicole; Ferretti, Vincent; Grossman, Robert L.; Hakonarson, Hakon; Kural, Deniz; Margolin, Adam Arne; Stein, Lincoln D; Taylor, Deanne Marie; Volchenboum, Samuel	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Innovation Through Collaboration at the Intersection Of Childhood Development and Cancer: A Platform for the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Data Resource Center

PI Name	Institution Name	State	Title
2016			
Chung, Wendy K (contact); Shen, Yufeng	Columbia University Health Sciences	New York	Genomic Analysis of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia and Associated Congenital Anomalies
Marazita, Mary L. (contact); Feingold, Eleanor	University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	Kids First: Genomics of Orofacial Cleft Birth Defects in Latin American Families
Maris, John M	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	Genetic Basis of Neuroblastoma Initiation And Progression
Mullighan, Charles G (contact); Metzger, Monika; Nichols, Kim Erika; Sandlund, John; Yang, Jun J	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	Virginia	Genomic analysis of familial leukemia
Plon, Sharon E.	Baylor College of Medicine	Texas	Identifying Novel Cancer Susceptibility Mutations from Unselected Childhood Cancer Patient and Parent Trios
Rios, Jonathan	UT Southwestern Medical Center	Texas	Genomics of Orthopaedic Disease Program
Seidman, Christine E.	Harvard Medical School	Massachusetts	Discovery of De Novo and Inherited Mutations that Cause Prevalent Birth Defects
Shen, Jun (contact); Morton, Cynthia Casson	Brigham And Women's Hospital	Massachusetts	Hear-n-Seq: Sequencing Kids First for Hearing
Gabriel, Stacey	Broad Institute, Inc.	Massachusetts	Genome Sequencing in support of the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program
Levy, Shawn E (contact); Zhang, Jinghui	Hudson-Alpha Institute For Biotechnology	Alabama	Characterizing pediatric genomes through an optimized sequencing approach
2015			
Chung, Wendy K.	Columbia University Health Sciences	New York	Genomic Analysis of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
Engle, Elizabeth C.	Children's Hospital Corporation	Massachusetts	BCH Structural Birth Defects Collaboration: Syndromic Cranial Dysinnervation Disorders

PI Name	Institution Name	State	Title
Marazita, Mary L.	University of Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	Genomic Studies of Orofacial Cleft Birth Defects
Onel, Kenan	The University of Chicago	Illinois	An Integrated Clinical and Genomic Analysis of Treatment Failure in Pediatric Osteosarcoma
Schiffman, Joshua David	University of Utah	Utah	Genetic Contribution to Ewing Sarcoma in 330 parent-Offspring Trios
Seidman, Christine E.	President and Fellows of Harvard College	Massachusetts	Discovery of the Genetic Basis of Structural Heart and Other Birth Defects
Vilain, Eric	University of California Los Angeles	California	Genetic Basis of Disorders/Differences of Sex Development (DSD)
Gibbs, Richard A	Baylor College of Medicine	Texas	The Human Genome Sequencing Center
Wilson, Richard K	Washington University	Washington	A Platform for Large-Scale Genomic Discovery

Appendix 2
Letter of Support for the Gabriella Kids First Research Act 2.0



The Honorable Jennifer Wexton
US House of Representatives
1217 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter Welch
US House of Representatives
2187 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
US House of Representatives
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
US House of Representatives
2227 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 623 - The Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0

Dear Ms. Wexton, Mr. Cole, Mr. Welch, and Mr. Bilirakis,

The undersigned organizations and advocates are writing in full support of H.R. 623 - The Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0. Each year, approximately 16,000 children are diagnosed with childhood cancer and thousands more are diagnosed with rare disease. Childhood cancers and adult cancers are not the same. Chemotherapies are designed to kill the fastest growing cells (cancer) in an adult's body. Due to a lack of research, and the fact that only four child-appropriate drugs are available, most children have to rely on adult cancer drugs and therapies. Chemotherapy used on children also kills fast-growing cells, but that is the major problem, because all cells in a child's heart, bones, body, and vital organs are fast growing. Survivors of childhood cancer are at a 15-fold increased risk of developing congestive heart failure and six times more likely than the general population to be diagnosed with breast cancer later in life. Today, there are over 500,000 childhood cancer survivors in America and more than two-thirds will have serious, life-threatening health issues before age fifty.

According to the National Cancer Institutes' NCI Funded Research Portfolio, from 2007 until 2018, only 4.08% of the NCI budget was used for childhood cancer research.

In 2014, Congress passed the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act which established the Ten Year Pediatric Research Initiative Fund and authorized \$12.6 million in annual funds for childhood disease research, including important areas of emerging scientific opportunities, rising public health challenges, and knowledge gaps. Since it was enacted, the bill has provided \$88 million to childhood cancer and disease research. It is expected to provide another \$38 million over the remaining three years.

As funding will expire in fiscal year 2023, *H.R. 623 - The Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0* will provide a new and continuing source of funding for the Kids First Research Initiative Program. This new source of funding, which is expected to be exponentially larger, does not have an end date, is not supported with taxpayer funding, and is invaluable to consistently improve the outcomes of children fighting cancer and other rare diseases.

Appendix 3
**Foundations and Organizations Who Signed in Support of the Gabriella Kids First
 Research Act 2.0**

1 Million 4 Anna Foundation	Batcole Foundation	Cannes-N-Kids Foundation
1Voice Foundation	Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation	Carson Leslie Foundation
3/32 Foundation	Beat Cancer Today, Inc.	Cash Hyde Foundation
4Another	Because of Daniel	Chabad of Loudon County
Addie's Tea Party	Benjamin's Hope for the Future	Children's Brain Tumor Foundation
Aidan's Avengers	Bite Me Cancer	Children's Cancer Cause
Alexa Nawrocki Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Inc.	Blaser Cancer Research Fund	Chris Lantos Foundation
All In To Win Foundation	Braden's Hope For Childhood Cancer	Cory's Project
Along Comes Hope	BraveCort Foundation	Courtney's Courage
Always Dancing With Grace	Brennan's Buddies, Inc.	Crowns Fight Cancer
American Childhood Cancer Organization	Brooke's Blossoming Hope for Childhood Cancer	CURE Bears for Hope and Love
Angels for Change	Bryanna's Love	Cure Kids Cancer Now
Ari's Bears	Cal's All-Star Angel Foundation, Inc.	Dance Hope Cure
Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation	Caleb's Crusade for Childhood Cancer	Dawson's Circle of Hope
Athletes Crush Cancer	Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake, Inc.	Declan's Army
AYJ Fund	Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of	Delaney Donates
Baby Jay's Legacy of Hope	Southern Arizona	DIPG Advocacy Group
Bald Beauties Project	Candlelighters NYC	Dragon Master Foundation
Band of Parents		Dreaming of Axel
		Ellie's Hats
		Elizabeth's Hope

Fighter Maverick / Maverick's Comfort Mission	Infinite Love for Kids Fighting Cancer	Lily LaRue Foundation DIPG
Finn's Fighters	IPromise 15	Liv Like a Unicorn
Forever and a Day Foundation	Isabella's Journey	Love for Liberty Arnold- Simon DIPG Foundation
Forever Lil	Jack's Angels	Lucy's Lights
Four Square Clobbers Cancer	Jake's Dragon Foundation	Luke's Posse: DIPG Ends Now
Friends of Emily	Joey's Wings Foundation	Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation
Friends of the Voiceless	Johnny Volpe's Childhood Cancer Awareness Page	Max Cure Foundation
Gabriella's Smile Foundation	Jonathan Cancer Fund, Inc.	Maynard Childhood Cancer Foundation
Gage Overton Memorial Fund	Journey4ACure	Michael Mosier Defeat DIPG Foundation
Gamers for Children's Health	Julia's Grace Foundation	MikeyNation
Gianna's Force of Hope	Kate's Cause	Miracle for Ryan
Gianna Nicole's Heart Of Hope	Kaylan Stronger Fight Like A Warrior Foundation	Momcology
Gold In September (G9)	Kegs and Corks for Kids Cancer	Moms Making Miracles
Grace's Gold Ribbon Gang	KIDS NEED MoRE	My Dog Named Hope, Inc.
Grandparents in Action	Kira Spedale Foundation	Mystic Force Foundation
Heroes for Hope	Koenig Childhood Cancer Foundation	Nevus Outreach, Inc.
HOPE FASTER	Kyle's Crusaders	Nico's Army
Hope For Gold Now	Kyle's Kamp	Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation, Inc.
Hope4ATRT	Kylie Rowand Foundation	Off The Charts Club
Hugabox	Lace 'Em Up for Libby	Oncoheroes Biosciences
	Lily Chiquet Strength Foundation	Open Hands Overflowing Hearts

Orange Ribbon Foundation	Smiley for Kylie, Inc.	The Chase Ryan Olsen Foundation
Osteosarcoma Collaborative, Inc.	Sophia's Fund	The DIPG Advocacy Group
Our Amazing Fighters	Spaeda Pediatric Sarcoma Foundation	The Kortney Rose Foundation
Our Amazing Owen	Step Sisters	The Lilabeen Foundation
P.U.N.T. Foundation	Stillbrave	The Matilda Project
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation	Strong Little Souls	The Pediatric Compass Foundation, Inc.
Pediatric Cancer Awareness 24/7	Swirls Around the World Foundation	The Reflections of Grace Foundation
Pierce Phillips Charity	Talia's Legacy Children's Cancer Foundation	The Super Nova Project
Praying for Caroline	Team Arnav Foundation	The Taylor Matthews Foundation
Precious Jules Childhood Cancer Foundation	Team BT	The Truth 365
Race for CHAnge	Team Colton DIPG Foundation	The Wes Strong Foundation
Rally for Ally	Team Cozzi Foundation	This Star Won't Go Out
Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research	Team Lucas	Tiny Dancer Project, Inc.
Richi Childhood Cancer Foundation	Team Sabrina	Unravel Pediatric Cancer Foundation
Ryan Bartel Foundation	The Alexander Muñoz Memorial Fund	Virginia Polar Dip
Ryan Homes	The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation	West Virginia Kids Cancer Crusaders
SADD	The Blue Lollipop Project	Wings for Ewing Sarcoma
Sadie Keller Foundation	The Brad Kaminsky Foundation	Wonder Capes
Sara's Acts of Kindness	The Brooke Healey Foundation	Wylie's Day Foundation
SkiFast Foundation	The ChadTough Foundation	You Are The Hero, Inc.
Smashing Walnuts		

Appendix 4
Advocates (and Their States) Who Signed in Support of the Gabriella Kids First Research Act 2.0

Anne Abbott VA	Michelle Arnold VA	Theresa Beech MD
Colette Abramo NJ	Sam Atapour VA	Susan Beerman DE
Donna Abshire VA	Navid Attayan NC	Kevin Beezhold PA
Vanessa Accetturo FL	Paula Augenstein VA	Amanda Bekric MN
Rebecca Adams VA	Joe Baber VA	Emily Belcher VA
Matt Adams VA	Paili Bachrach IL	Tiffany Bell-Alanis OR
Wendy Addington MD	Mary Beth Bader NJ	Teodora Beloreshka IL
Jake Adler IL	Trista Baker VT	Wendy Benoit NY
Innocentia Afa VA	Tracy Banas PA	Tia Benyshek KS
Jonathan Agin VA	Anna Baratelle PA	Janine Betsey IN
Suhile Alami VA	Judy Barnes ID	Katherine Bigeagle OR
Vicki Albaugh IN	Lisa Barrett FL	Bailey Bindle NE
Alyssa Alber IL	Suzie Bartel VA	Carol Birch NY
Kristen Alexander CT	Jay Bartlett VA	Maddie Birk IL
Melissa Alexander VA	Carol Bartlett-Stewart NC	Laura Birnbaum IL
Chris Alexander CT	Sarah Bartosz WI	Kathleen Bisignano NJ
Ken Altshuler GA	Mary Barwick WI	Sheryl Blackington VA
Joshua Altshuler NJ	Carol Basso TX	Jana Blakey OK
Deanna Amoriello NJ	Mara Battaglia IL	Angela Blaser IL
Barbara Anderson NJ	Michele Batz IL	Emma Blaser IL
Monica Angel FL	Jennifer Baxa IL	Christine Bloom PA
Kathy Arabia MA	Mackenzie Beal PA	Debbie Boggess MT
Sara Arnold MA	Jeffrey Beard MI	Sharon Bolasny FL

Lisa Bolton OH	Laura Burnopp FL	Tara Castleberry KY
Delaney Bopp IA	Leah Burns TX	Abby Ceane IL
Hope Bott FL	Gina Buscetta NJ	Richelle Chapman FL
Isabelle Boullier RI	Victoria Bussey IL	Heather Charre TN
Mary Bowler CA	Aimee Cabral NJ	Ashish Chawla VA
Eric Bowman WV	Eileen Campagne TX	Cindy Chejfec IL
Aimee Boyd ID	Lindsay Campbell-Reidhead VA	Premil Chery NY
Dina Bradford IL	Deb Campion CT	Kelley Cheverino NJ
Rosni Bradley MD	Kirk Campion CT	Michelle Chiquet CA
Kristen Brady CT	Christopher Campo NY	Michelle Church UT
Janet Braverman FL	Ashley Campolattaro VA	Andrea Church CA
Laura Bray FL	Judy Cannedy LA	Emily Cleland VA
Brianna Brodak CO	Allyson Capotorto NJ	Danielle Cloakey WA
Cheryl Brooks VA	Robin Carlini FL	Jay Coakley VA
Amanda Brooks TX	Erin Carlucci NJ	Stacey Coates IL
Ethlyn Brooks VA	Donna Carmical VA	Miriam Cohen MD
Peter Brown DC	Wendy Caron NH	Maria Cohen VA
Staci Buchholz IL	Melissa Carr MI	Yehudis Cohen VA
Robert Budlow NY	Ashley Carrington FL	Cindi Colby VA
Kim Buff FL	Jennifer Caruso MA	Shawn Collard WI
Paige Bulmer NY	Caroline Casey IL	Connie Colton FL
Jeannine Buono NJ	Stephanie Cassabria NJ	Salvatore Conigliaro NJ
Madisyn Burk IL	Desiree Castellano FL	Ann Connors TX
Josephine Burke WY	Roxce Castillo VA	Maribeth Conroy MA
Emily Burke VA	Jenica Castillo-Harden OR	Courtney Conway MI

Lisa Cook VA	Robert Davis VT	Tamra Downing IL
Emily Cook MT	Catherine Davis VT	Jamie Drake UT
Bennett Corley TN	Norma Davis VA	Sara Draper WA
Dave Cormier NY	Tiffany Dawson FL	Carol Dugan CT
Paul Cozzi WA	Joe Dean WI	Christine Dugdell VA
Cynthia Cozzi WA	Shela Dean VA	Beth Dunn VA
Brian Craddock TN	Lynda Dean Duru VA	Cindy Duplissey VA
Susan Creager FL	Janelle Deardurff UT	Cathy Durante FL
Pat Cregar VA	Madeline Dee NM	Jennifer Durniak VA
Donna Criner IN	Janet Demeter CA	Noelea D'Antonio NJ
Marisa Cromey SC	Megan DeNicola VA	Lori Earl MA
Alissa Cronin FL	Meghan Denny SC	Heather Eck AZ
Dean Crowe GA	Lindsey Deshazer MT	Rebecca Eck OH
Chelsey Crowne CA	Jennifer Diaz FL	Emma Edwards NJ
Laura Cubarney VA	Ann DiCicco VA	Ellen Eggenberger MA
Kathy Cundiff IL	Linda Dim IL	Debra Eggleston VA
Jeanine D'Antonio NJ	Sheldon Dim IL	Kendra Eigenhuis GA
Andrea Dahlberg CA	Candi DiMarzio VA	Tamara Ekis PA
George Dahlman DC	Lynn Divers VA	Kristin Elder MO
Jen Daino NJ	Sarah Dlabal KS	Jean Marie Episcopia NJ
Ann DAlessandro NY	Amanda Dobrzenski NY	Julie Erickson IL
Kim Daly IL	Ammy Doeden VA	Tawnya Ertel CT
Riley Damiano NY	Amanda Dolinsky CT	Jennifer Estremera CA
Stacey Danielson VA	Vincent Donofrio NJ	Ann Ewbank MT
Amanda Danna VA	Maria Donofrio NJ	Jenna Fabbrini AZ

Wendy Fachon RI	Kerry Galarza IL	Chrissy Gomez TX
Courtney Fahn IL	Cristy Gallagher VA	Brenda Goodman VA
Shannon Fairbanks VA	Ricardo Garcia MA	Fiona Goodwin MD
Heather Farrell NY	D Gargiulo FL	Ellen Gossage IL
Josh Faulk OH	Christine Garritano NY	Sundeeep Goswami VA
Ann Marie Feldman PA	Kim Gary FL	Christen Gray FL
Kelly Fenzel FL	Amanda Gauldin VA	Jura Greeley MA
Sharon Ferraro VA	Jeri Geary TX	Susan Green NJ
Joe Ferullo MI	Cristib Geimer IL	Lexi Grillo NJ
Patti Ferullo MI	Riley Gelacak VA	Ginny Grivas VA
Lori Fields OH	Mike Gelacak VA	Sarah Gruettner IL
Melissa Firmes NY	Joyce Gelacak VA	Shannon Grunwell MD
Donna Firtier VA	Meredith Gelacak NY	Kristen Gryglas IL
Karissa Fischer NY	Michael Gelacak VA	Melissa Guarino PA
Kezia Fitzgerald MA	Lacee Gengenbacher MT	Kait Gureno IL
Caryn Franca VA	Cyndi Gilbert CA	Cori Gustman VA
Heidi Frank OR	Mike Gillette VA	Amanda Haddock KS
Tim Frank OR	Kristen Gillette NJ	Kyley Hagan FL
Heidi Frank WI	Debra Giordano CT	Cindi Hager PA
Arthur Frankel VA	Nicole Giroux MD	Rob Hahne VA
Stephanie Freeman VA	Kerry Glynn VA	Janice Halash MI
Ann Friedholm MI	Lisa Goldberg VA	Lindsey Hall KS
Judith Fulmer SC	Ranna Golden VA	Julie Hall TX
Stacy Gad FL	Andrew Goldin CO	Sharon Hallman VA
Becky Gadomski IL	Dee Gomer NJ	Kimberly Hampton OH

Julie Hansen GA	Tara Hickey VA	Amanda Huhnke IN
Emily Hardy IN	Mike Hickey VA	Sydney Hurley AL
Abby Harrison VA	Michael Hickey VA	Lizette Hurtado AZ
Kelly Hart NC	Emma Hill WY	Kalli Hyde MT
Jean Hartley CA	Madison Hill ID	Alma Ibanez IN
Rebecca Hastings WA	Erin Himes PA	Jennifer Ieraci NY
Amber Hathaway CA	Kira Hnidey TX	Megan Imbert TX
Lauren Hating VA	Heather Hobbs OR	Margarita Iosiphakis NJ
Lauren Hating VA	Tracy Hobiena VA	Crystina Irwin OR
Heather Hayes NC	Jackie Hodge CO	Lauren Isbell AR
Michela Haywood HI	Samantha Hoey IL	Dylan Ivy LA
Veronica Headings KS	Deliece Hofen KS	Kaylan Ivy LA
LeAnna Headley VA	Ruth Hoffman MD	Alissa Jacobs NJ
Steve Healey NJ	Dawn Holstein WV	Janeel James MD
Katie Healy VA	Jamie Homan NY	Rachel Jansheski MI
Dana Heino VA	Tamara Homolka IL	Tammy Jenkins MT
Harriet Heisler FL	Carla Hood WA	Lauren Jennings UT
Jamie Heisler FL	Sharon Hood WA	Tiffany Jensen IL
Jared Henderson UT	Ella Horan UT	Bridget Johnson MT
Stacy Hendron IL	Aaron Horn IA	Karen Johnson MT
Shannon Hensler MT	Michele Horn TX	Hayley Johnson NC
Mariana Hernandez GA	Annie Horner GA	Lindsay Johnston PA
Marlene Herschander FL	Robyn Howard-Anderson CA	Sheri Jones IA
Tanja Hess CO	Jacqueline Hubbard CT	Kelli Jones OR
Jessica Hester TX	Kimmy Huggins VA	Kaitlyn Jones NJ

Teresa Jones OH	Lynda Key AZ	Ashleigh Kussman OH
Courtney Joy CT	Liz Keyser VA	Emily LaBelle SC
Michael Judkins WI	Angela Killinger VA	Brandon Lambert VA
Nicole Kabel Ny	Ellie Rose Killinger VA	Barbara Landau CT
Sarah Kaczor VA	Donna King UT	Kathy Landmesser VA
Jennifer Kaiz IL	Joy Kirby LA	Kelly Lang VA
Raleigh Kalbfleisch IL	Kristena Kitchen MD	Jennifer Langlois VA
Emily Kallos GA	Debbi Kitin VA	ilona lantos VA
Sara Kaltunas MI	Tracy Klainer NC	Iлона Lantos VA
Adam Katkhouda VA	Lili Klainer NC	Christine LaPuma IL
Lauren Katz VA	Peter Klainer NC	Emma Larouche MA
Linda Katz VA	Julie Kluth IL	Susan Larrick IL
Michael Katz ME	Caryn Knapp MD	Baylie LeBlanc MS
Maureen Kaufman IL	Jane Knight KS	Lisa Lebowitz NJ
Gregg Kaufman CA	Ann Knox VA	Carrie Leece IA
Judy Keiper SC	Donna Knutson VA	Neona Leloo VA
Sarah Keller TX	Mandy Koelzer MT	ReLeah Lent GA
Shawn Keller TX	Rena Koenig NY	Jon Leopold MI
Sheila Kelly LA	Jeff Konal MI	Annette Leslie TX
Patricia Kelly MT	Lesley Konigsburg VA	Christine LeTourneau VA
Jayne Kepsel UT	Candace Konrad CT	Devra Lewin MN
Abby Kerber MN	Chris Kostik MN	Candace Lezak IL
Heather Kern VA	Claudia Koziner FL	Bill Liedy NC
Maurice Kessler VA	Sunita Krishna PA	William J. Liedy FL
Lynn Kessler VA	Susan Kriz IL	Haley Lightfoot IL

Jena Lilly NJ	Pam Maroulis VA	Kate McGuire NJ
Silvia Linarez IL	Angela Marra NJ	Matt McHugh PA
Camille Lindsay MT	Emily Marra IL	John McKay NV
Janice Lindsay-Kruzich WY	Lisa Marsh VA	Amanda Mclawhorn NC
Shea Line ID	Joshua Martensen KS	Cathy McLernon VA
Kathy Liu CA	Elvira Martinez IN	Sarah Mcnamara IL
Lucy Lloyd UT	Kimberley Martini Young WA	Jerilynn McSorley VA
Camille Loccisano NY	Sonia Martins NJ	Andrea McSorley VA
Vicki Lodden MI	Cyndi Massie WV	Amy Meinch NC
Barbara Lonergan IL	Mary Ann Massolio FL	Kate Melzer IL
Lesley Lopez WV	Colleen Mastrandea VA	Monti Mercer VA
Amy Lourenco VA	Jean Matsuk NJ	Amanda Methven MS
Aimee Love VA	Sue Matthews NY	Douglas Mewis WY
Donna Lucchese NJ	Anne Maurer IL	Sharon Meyers VA
Karen Lucht SC	Alexandra Maurer NJ	Kelly Meza CA
Andrea Lundy FL	Tracy Mawyer VA	Amy Michetti NY
Maya Luria AZ	Vicki Maynard OH	Carol Migliore NJ
Monique Maher CA	Brian Maynard OH	Lisa Millar VA
Jackie Maloney NC	Cindy Maynard VA	Bonnie Millender MA
Alison Maoli NJ	Shannon McArthur OR	Mark Miller VA
Lee Marchiano CA	Michael McCown TX	Sara Beverly Miller FL
Anthony Marcinak NY	Kimberly McCullen MA	Aileen Miller VA
Ellyn Margulies IL	Joe McDonough DE	Paul Miller CO
Irina Mariano-Brown, LCSW NJ	Emily McFadden WI	Janet Miller Eveland PA
	Linda McGregor KY	Tom Mitchell VA

Mary Mitchell MI	Suzie Navarro CA	Karina Ortiz AR
Dustina Mitchell TX	Joann Nawrocki NJ	Tonia Osburn CA
Olivia Mollo NJ	Kirstin Neal Wy	Bethany Outen VA
Katie Moore OR	Deborah Neff FL	Amy Owen VA
Olivia Moran MN	Michele Neiman VA	Rebecca Owens VA
Deborah Morbeto VA	Molly Nemelka MT	Laura Owens MO
Lindsay Morillo VA	Tina NeSmith TN	Jerry O'Hara VA
Jill Morin CO	Surya Neupane PA	Shannon O'Neill PA
Ana Morrad VA	Rita Neupane VA	Steve Paine VT
Amanda Morris CT	Shriya Neupane VA	Eshini Panditharatna MA
D Morrison MA	Sunshine Newmeyer PA	Amy Pankratz SD
Jenny Mosier MD	Leigh Newport VA	Roe Paradiso FL
Fran Moss IL	Ana Nichols IL	Liza Passarelli IL
Michelle Mott VA	Danielle Nicholson MI	Kate Passow VA
Beth Mowery Dunn VA	Onyinye Nnenji NJ	Gregg Pauletti CT
Kathy Mueller VA	Lori Nordsven NM	Darlene Pearson LA
Jenny Mulks CA	Mandy North VA	Muffin Pellegrino MA
Susan Mura IL	Esperanza Nunez TX	Jennifer Pepper MN
Carmen Murray CA	Katie Oja NY	Colleen Perez NJ
Laura Muñoz NJ	Maureen Olsen NJ	Sandra Perkins AZ
Mark Myers GA	Amy Olson IL	Ellen Petko VA
Gwen Mysiak NY	Kristina Olson PA	Cheryl Pettit NJ
Kim Nacyk IL	Marci Orchard UT	Brandi Phillips OK
Erin Nahumyk IL	Diana Orjuela IL	Brenda Pickering IN
Sharon Nalls VA	Wilnelia Ortega PA	Dayna Pierzchala IL

Lynn Pintavalle FL	Kay Rawlins FL	Katie Ross PA
Laura Pishkur IL	Renee Ray IL	Anita Roussell CA
Tracey Pitcock WV	Wendy Reece CO	Breanne Rowand AZ
Stephanie Place VA	Christine Remy VA	Angela Ruckman OH
Lisa Poczatek IL	Danielle Renken VA	Sandy Rupp VA
Pat Polhemus CO	Amy Reynolds CA	Beth Ruscitti IL
Lynda Poole NY	Lindsay Rhoades VA	Joanne Salcido NC
Keith Poole NY	Nancy Richards IL	Victor Sanchez CO
Corina Pope VA	Nicole Ricken CA	Christina Scavone NJ
Sam Potts NJ	Alyssa Ricken SC	Andrea Schiffman VA
Nicole Poulard CT	Robert Ricken SC	Tim Schmelz MO
Taylor Powell MO	Kimberly Ricker MI	Lisa Schmidt VA
Christine Prichard TX	Virginia Rigolini NJ	Debbie Schodrof IL
Robin Prove OR	Abigail Ringel UT	Cyndi Schofield IL
Christie Pruyn IL	Shannon Ritchie KY	Carly Schragger VA
Nicole Puglisi NJ	Maureen Robbins VA	Robert Schreiber VA
Kim Purper MD	Chantill Roberts VA	Shannon Schulze NC
Greg Puryear NC	Ann-Charlotte Robinson VA	Julianna Sclafani ME
Melanie Pyle Coulter FL	Claire Rodrigues NJ	Sandy Scola SC
Cassie Quick IL	Pamela Rodriguez CA	Katie Sennhenn NV
Michael Quinlan NJ	Yazmin Rodriguez WV	Cindy Sergot IL
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Jyothi Raghavan VA	Amie Roos VA	Jennifer Seven VA
Kimberly Ramsdell AZ	Nancy Roscelli CA	Hannah Severyns IL
Molly Rand IL	Lauren Roscoe ND	Christina Shannon NJ

Alan Shapiro MD	Jennifer Skuches NJ	Anthony Stoddard NH
Lainie Shapiro MI	Jami Smith FL	Irene Stout VA
Hannah Shapiro VA	Kim Smith VA	Stephanie Strotbeck PA
Kelley Sharp NC	Hailey Socha IA	Steve Stuck MD
Lisa Shaw VA	Adrienne Sorensen NJ	Glenn Stuck CA
Erin Shaw VA	Erica Souter KS	Kathryn Stuck MD
Kelly Ann Shea Corrigann NY	Lisa Spaulding MI	Amanda Suazo VA
Sabrina Sheck IL	Jess Spearrin CT	Campbell Sullivan CO
Gayle Sheck IL	Ryan Spearrin CT	Ryan Sullivan ID
Robert Sheck IL	Logan Speckhard VA	Melany Summers VA
Shannon Sheffield TN	Lisa Spedale IL	Susan Summers TX
Dena Sherwood NJ	Carrie Staknaker VA	Angie Suther KS
William Sherwood NJ	David Stalnaker VA	Alexis Swatt VA
Sydney Sherwood NJ	Danielle Stanchi FL	Cassandra Sweet Ct
Michelle Shoemaker IL	Whitney Starr AK	Karni Syed CA
Pamela Shrauger MT	Kelly Steffee FL	Laura Syme CO
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Rachel Siegman CA	Hazel Stein FL	Ulrike Szalay VA
Dinine Signorello NY	Anne Stein IL	Kristie Szejner IL
Daniela Silva NJ	Dana Steinecker IL	Adela Taboada VA
Heidi Silvestri MD	Tammy Steintl MT	Rachael Taillie AZ
Brenda Sims VA	Kai Sternstein IL	Susan Talbott VA
Bob Skiffington NA	Betsy Stevons VA	Kim Tapper VA
Pam Skinner GA	Scott Stewart VA	Joel Tarantal AZ
Christopher Skorpion AZ	Lynne Stiefler NY	Gianna Taranto NJ

Joelle Taranto NJ	Gina Tufano VA	Mary Vissichelli NY
Tonilynn Taranto NJ	Regan Turner MD	Jeanne Vivona NY
Anthony Taranto NJ	Mel Turner MD	Carla Volpe NJ
Linda Taranto NJ	Melissa Turner MD	Janie Voorhis OK
Anthony Taranto NJ	Erika Tursi NJ	Serena Wade VA
Rosemary Taranto NY	Gerry Tye NSW	Hillary Waldeisen MT
BethAnn Telford PA	Peggy Tyree VA	Patty Walker PA
Amy Terrell MS	Ava Uditsky IL	Kendall Wallace WA
Stacie Terry VA	Samantha Uditsky IL	Alix Walmsley CT
Sandra Therrien MO	Barbara Uditsky IL	Ken Walsh VA
Alicia Thomasson VA	Ana Ughetti CT	Brenda Walsh SC
Christy Thrailkill MD	Courtnie Umland MT	Kathleen Walters NY
Beverley Tidwell AZ	Sandra Valle NY	Judy Walworth MI
Ashley Timmons AZ	Jordan Van Curen OH	La Tisha Wammack ID
Timothy Toler TX	Mimi Van Houten FL	Barbara Wamsley MD
Amanda Tolman IL	Jennifer Van Weezendonk VA	Lisa Ward KS
Evita Tomblin KY	Robin Vander Voort VA	Elaina Ward VA
Dana Toohey KS	Silvia Vanni FL	Stephanie Wargin IL
Isabel Torres TX	Edwin Veazey VA	Christina Wascher FL
Gail Toth VA	Linda Venezia NJ	Madison Watson PA
Megan Tracy IL	Andrea Verdone Gorsegner NJ	MaryBeth Weber NC
Vicki Trajcevski IL	Elizabeth Vermette VA	Lauren Weber MI
Zac Triumph IN	Emily Vigness MT	Vanya Weglarz IL
Jackie Truzzolino NJ	Brandi Visser MT	Jennifer Weidner IL
Kelly Tucker MS		Matthew Weidner IL

Melissa Weinstock VA	Laura Wise IL
Randy Weiss NJ	Emma Witham VA
Jill Weiss VA	Lisa Wood ID
Tina Welliver ME	Marcia Woodward IL
Jessica Welsh VA	Amber Wright UT
Robert Whan FL	Kelly Wymer WV
Janessa Whatcott UT	Alexandra Wymer WV
DebiJo Wheatley VA	Jaymi Yamoah FL
Lynn Whipple VA	Jaymi Yamoah FL
Nancy Whipple MA	Elaine Yeager AZ
Lauren White VA	Jaclyn York FL
Samantha White IL	Alexi Zacarias NJ
Jennifer White MT	Patricia Zambardi NJ
Margaret Whitt VA	Raven Zeigler IL
Melissa Wiggins FL	Sarah Zematis IL
Shea Wilch VA	Beth Zemcik VA
Jeremy Wilch VA	Jillian Zielinski FL
Maddy Wilkens IL	Kathy Zillman-Ogden AZ
Angela Willis VA	Emily Zimmerman PA
Claire Wilson ID	Coby Zobell UT
Carol Wilson OK	Barbara Zobian NY
Kelly Wing VA	Susie Zuckerman FL
Carol Winnefeld IN	Michele Zuckerman VA
Scott Winner IL	
Geralyn Winters VA	

Appendix 5
Letter of Support from Alliance for Childhood Cancer for the Gabriella Kids First Research Act 2.0



June 22, 2020

Representative Jennifer Wexton
U.S. House of Representatives
1217 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Tom Cole
U.S. House of Representatives
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Peter Welch
U.S. House of Representatives
2187 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Gus Bilirakis
U.S. House of Representatives
2227 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Wexton, Representative Cole, Representative Welch, and Representative Bilirakis:

The undersigned childhood cancer organizations are members of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer, consisting of patient advocacy groups, healthcare professionals and scientific organizations, representing millions of Americans who care deeply about childhood cancer. We are writing to offer our endorsement of H.R. 6556, the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0. Thank you for your leadership in the fight against childhood cancer.

More children are lost to cancer in the U.S. than any other disease. Before they turn 20, about 1 in 285 children in the U.S. will have cancer; about 16,000 children receive a cancer diagnosis each year. While recent decades have seen dozens of new cancer therapies, there are very few cancer treatments that are specifically indicated for pediatric cancer. Further, survivors of childhood cancer often suffer long term health consequences due to the side effects of the treatment regimens available today. Despite the significant unmet medical need, the research in pediatric cancer has not met the medical needs of children and families.

The Gabriella Miller Kids First Act 2.0 will build upon the successes of the original Gabriella Miller Kids First Act, enacted in 2014, which has invested \$75 million in childhood cancer research and is expected to fund another \$50 million before it sunsets in 2023. Further, the Act will expand the Kids First Program, which supports collaborative research to uncover the genetic etiology of childhood cancer and structural birth defects. The Kids First Program holds promise to facilitate more refined diagnostic capabilities and ultimately more targeted therapies or interventions.

The Gabriella Miller Kids First Act 2.0 authorizes continued resources to improve treatment of childhood cancer by advancing the research that brings us closer to finding a cure. Thank you for your leadership on behalf of children with cancer. We look forward to working with you enact The Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0. Should you have any questions or need



additional information, please contact Sarah Milberg, Co-Chair of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer, at smilberg@allianceforchildhoodcancer.org.

Sincerely,

The Alliance for Childhood Cancer

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American Childhood Cancer Organization

American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation

Association for Clinical Oncology

Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses

Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers

Children's Brain Tumor Foundation

Children's Cancer Cause

Children's Oncology Group

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation

National Brain Tumor Society

Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research

Sarcoma Foundation of America

St. Baldrick's Foundation