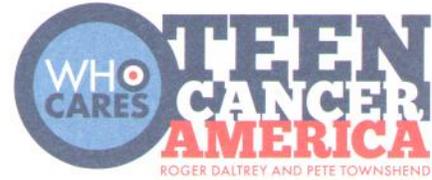


Improving the lives of teenagers and young adults with cancer



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May 18, 2015

Dear Chairmen Upton and Pitts and Ranking Members Pallone, Green and DeGette,

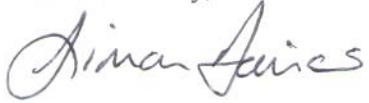
Re: Sections 2082 and 2083 of the 21st Century Cures Act

Teen Cancer America is the only charity working nationally to guide and support hospitals in the development of specialist facilities for teenagers and young adults with cancer. Our founders Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend of the legendary rock band The Who established the charity in 2012 to replicate the success of the UK charity Teenage Cancer Trust.

Young people generally get rare and difficult-to-treat cancers which is further complicated by medical staff having to deal with early onset adult cancers and late onset pediatric cancers. Regrettably, improvements in survival in the age group we focus on, which is thirteen to twenty-five, have not matched either children or older adults with the same cancer diagnosis. Furthermore, teenagers that are under eighteen are often denied access to adult trials because of prohibitive regulations.

The 21st Century Cures Act is a profoundly important step forward that Teen Cancer America fully supports. In particular we support the inclusion of Section 2082 requiring companies to make their compassionate use policies public, and Section 2083 requiring the FDA to provide more regulatory certainty to companies and patients. These sections will provide important substance to the Act and we urge you to include them.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Davies". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Simon Davies
Executive Director
Teen Cancer America