

June 18, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
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  
 Intracranial 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  
 LUNGeivity 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