June 18, 2015

The Honorable Fred Upton
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Joe Pitts
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The Honorable Gene Green
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Diana DeGette
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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
Alström 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 Behçet'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
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
Latinos Against Alzheimer's
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The 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 Mucolipidosis 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
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