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The Honorable Patty Murray
United States Senate
Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Burr
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
United States House of Representatives
Committee on Energy and Commerce
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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
United States House of Representatives
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Murray, Ranking Member Burr, Chairman Pallone, and Ranking Member McMorris
Rodgers:

We, the undersigned pediatric cancer advocacy organizations, write to express our strong support for the **Give Kids a Chance Act, HR 6972**. This bipartisan legislation seeks to ensure that combinations of oncology therapies will be studied in children's cancer, a critical step in ensuring that clinical research maximizes the chance of producing cures for children with currently untreatable cancers.

The Give Kids a Chance Act is an expansion of the RACE for Children Act and the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA). In 2003, Congress passed PREA, authorizing FDA to direct companies applying for FDA approval for investigational therapies for adult diseases to also study their novel therapies in children with the same disease. In 2017, Congress extended PREA obligations to cancer therapies through the RACE for Children Act, empowering the FDA to direct companies to undertake pediatric studies of novel cancer therapies whose molecular targets were substantially relevant in pediatric cancers.

However, the RACE for Children Act only authorized FDA to require companies to study novel therapies as single drugs. Though there are many new and exciting cancer therapies being developed today, no one new drug is likely to be successful alone in addressing life-threatening cancers, including pediatric cancers. Effective combinations of drugs give patients with cancer the best chance of a durable response or cure. The Give Kid a Chance Act would correct this gap by empowering FDA to require companies to undertake pediatric studies of combinations of cancer drugs when the molecular targets of the therapies are also relevant in children's cancers. In addition, the Give Kids a Chance Act would enable the FDA to direct preclinical studies to establish the substantial relevance of the molecular targets of such therapies to children's cancers.

Without the Give Kids a Chance Act's passage, we will continue to face often insurmountable challenges to access the necessary drugs to undertake studies of combination therapies. We will continue run out of options for the children with the most deadly cancers even as combination trials are demonstrating promising results for adult cancers.

The Give Kids a Chance Act makes it possible for combinations of oncology drugs to be studied in children with cancer. We urge the passage of the Give Kids a Chance Act to create the opportunity for us to discover new combination treatments that might give these kids a durable response and even possibly a cure. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the undersigned hospitals directly.

Sincerely,

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Aiden Farr

Aiden's Army

Alex's Army Childhood Cancer Foundation

Angels for Change

Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation

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Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation

Beat Childhood Cancer Foundation

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Brent's Place

Brooke's Blossoming Hope for Childhood Cancer Foundation

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Children's Hospital Colorado

Christina Renna Foundation Inc.

Clinton County Progressives

Curing Kids Cancer

Curiosity Shots

DADA2 Foundation

DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Hematology / Oncology

Dragon Master Foundation

Elaine Roberts Foundation
End Kids Cancer
Gabriella's Smile Foundation
Gold In September
Gold Rush Cure Foundation
Grandparents In Action
Handstand Walk for Kids
Handstand walk with Eloise
Hannah's Cans For Cancer
Hunter's Cancer Journey
Joey's Wings Foundation
JR Schoen Memorial Foundation, Inc.
Kelsie's Crew
Kick Childhood Cancer Guild
Kids V Cancer
Love Smiles
Lymphedema Advocacy Group
Mackey Family Childrens Cancer Foundation
Making Headway Foundation
Matthew's Hope 4 Miracles
Maynard Childhood Cancer Foundation
McKenna Claire Foundation
Musella Foundation For Brain Tumor Research & Information, Inc
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Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation
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Pediatric Assessment, Learning & Support
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
Pediatric Cancer Foundation
Phoenix Stone Foundation
Press On Fund
Rally for Ally
Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research
Rett's Roost
Robby Butler Superhero Fund
Roe Roe's Heroes Childhood Cancer Foundation
Sadie Keller Foundation
Solving Kids' Cancer
Swiftly Foundation
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Teen Cancer America
The Alan B. Slifka Foundation
The Catherine Elizabeth Blair Memorial Foundation
The Cure Starts Now Foundation
The Gold Hope Project
The Kortney Rose Foundation
The Lilabeau Foundation for Pediatric Brain Cancer Research
The Maeve McNicholas Memorial Foundation
The Max Cure Foundation
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