

March 17, 2022

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

The Honorable Richard Burr
United States Senate
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
United States House of Representatives
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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 write to strongly endorse the Give Kids a Chance Act, HR 6972 and to ask that Congress pass it into law.

We are the leading pediatric cancer clinical and preclinical consortiums. Almost all medical centers that treat children with cancer are members of one or more of us. Through our networks, children with cancer can access therapies the collective expertise of world-renowned pediatric specialists. We develop and coordinates cancer preclinical and clinical trials conducted at multiple institutions. We conduct studies of novel therapies as single agents and in combination in a variety of preclinical and clinical trial settings, supported by strong scientific rationales

The Give Kids a Chance would support our efforts to access and study combinations of novel targeted oncology therapies in children's cancers. Combinations of targeted cancer therapies often lead to the best chances of durable responses for the children with untreatable cancers. At this time, when there are hundreds of combination studies of targeted cancer agents in adult preclinical and clinical settings, we look forward to increasing our opportunities to study combinations in children's cancers

We urge Congress to pass the Give Kids a Chance Act.

Sincerely,

Children's Oncology Group (COG)
Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium (PBTC)
New Approaches to Neuroblastoma Therapy (NANT)
Pacific Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Consortium (PNOC)
Pediatric Oncology Experimental Investigators' Consortium (POETIC)
Collaborative Network for Neuro-Oncology Clinical Trials (CONNECT)
Beat Childhood Cancer
DIPG Preclinical Consortium