

December 14, 2016

President-elect Donald J. Trump  
Transition Office  
1800 F Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405

Dear President-elect Trump:

The next four years present an opportunity to build a health policy agenda for all Americans. We write on behalf of the millions of Americans living with chronic, serious and life-threatening diseases who need access to affordable health insurance and quality health care.

The individuals we represent have daily health care demands that can span the course of a lifetime. Every day, this population grapples with managing their health needs while navigating complex insurance plans within a fragmented delivery system.

Americans who rely heavily on the health care system must be assured of adequate and affordable insurance that covers their health care needs. The high cost of care and inadequate insurance has led many to skip or delay care. They deserve a health care system that will help enable them to lead longer, healthier lives.

Policies that expand access to coverage, such as those that prevent preexisting condition exclusions and allow young people to remain on their parents' plans until age 26, are critically important to this population. These policies alone, however, are not enough to ensure meaningful access to health care.

We look forward to working with you and your Administration to ensure that the needs of the patients we represent are fully considered as the health insurance and health care systems are reevaluated.

Sincerely,

ALS Association  
American Brain Coalition  
American Lung Association  
American Parkinson Disease Association  
American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders  
Amyloidosis Support Groups Inc.  
ARPKD/CHF Alliance  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association of Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders, Inc.  
Batten Disease Support and Research Association

Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN)  
CADASIL: Together We Have Hope  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy  
CurePSP  
Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Familial Hypercholesterolemia Foundation  
The Fibrous Dysplasia Foundation  
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered  
Foundation for Prader-Willi Research

Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Global Genes - Allies in Rare Disease  
Hannah's Hope Fund for Giant Axonal  
Neuropathy  
Hepatitis Foundation International  
Hide & Seek Foundation for Lysosomal Disease  
Research  
Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartomas  
Huntington's Disease Society of America  
Hydrocephalus Association  
Immune Deficiency Foundation  
International Bipolar Foundation  
International Foundation for Functional  
Gastrointestinal Disorders  
The International Essential Tremor Foundation  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
JDRF  
Kids v Cancer  
The Marfan Foundation  
METAvivor  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation  
MLD Foundation  
Moebius Syndrome Foundation  
Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation  
National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS  
Directors

National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Organization for Rare Disorders  
National PKU Alliance  
National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases  
Association  
NephCure Kidney International  
Neurodegeneration with Brain Iron  
Accumulation Disorders Association  
Pachyonychia Congenita Project  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
The Parkinson Alliance  
The Parkinson's Unity Walk  
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome  
Sarcoma Foundation of America  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Society for Women's Health Research  
St. Baldrick's Foundation  
Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes  
T1D Exchange  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Wilkins Parkinson's Foundation  
Wilson Disease Association  
Wishes for Elliott: Advancing SCN8A Research

CC: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell  
Incoming Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer  
Speaker of the House Paul D. Ryan  
House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy  
House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi