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December 2, 2019

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Democratic Leader Schumer, Chairman Alexander, and Ranking Member Murray:

The undersigned organizations, representing millions of patients, advocates, caregivers, and health care providers, would like to affirm our support for President Trump's nomination of Dr. Stephen Hahn as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). We urge the Senate HELP Committee to swiftly advance his nomination and the full Senate to vote to confirm Dr. Hahn.

The United States is at a pivotal moment in terms of public health. A confirmed commissioner is critical to ensure FDA is best positioned to continue to carry out the agency's important mission for millions of Americans.

Dr. Stephen Hahn is well qualified and has received broad-based support. As Chief Medical Executive at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, he not only has the knowledge and experience gained by managing the cutting-edge research and medical practices of one of the world's most innovative teaching hospitals, but also firsthand expertise of patient needs and a deep understanding of the breadth of work that needs to be achieved on their behalf.

Due to his knowledge and experience, Dr. Hahn is the right person to ensure the FDA keeps pace with science and innovation without sacrificing the safety and efficacy gold standard established by the agency.

Additionally, we know that Dr. Hahn can maximize value for patients through the FDA. Congress must ensure that FDA continues its important mission to provide patients with safe and effective treatments. We ask the Senate to do what is right for patients and swiftly confirm Dr. Stephen Hahn as FDA Commissioner.

Sincerely,

Acromegaly Community Inc.
Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation (ACCRF)
Alliance for Aging Research
American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Bridge the Gap - SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation
Cancer Support Community
CancerCare
CARES Foundation Inc
Children's Cancer Cause
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases
FasterCures
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Friends of Cancer Research
Genetic Alliance
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
Grandparents in Action
KidneyCAN
LUNGevity Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Lymphoma Research Foundation
Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA)
Melanoma Research Foundation
Men's Health Network
MLD Foundation
MRSA Survivors Network
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)
National Osteoporosis Foundation
National Patient Advocate Foundation (NPAF)
NBIA Disorders Association
The Nicholas Conor Institute
NTM Info & Research
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Personalized Medicine Coalition
Prevent Cancer Foundation
Prostate Cancer Foundation
PXE International
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United Leukodystrophy Foundation