

Dear [Senator or Representative] :

RE: Reauthorize the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

As Congress works to transform and shape the American health care system to be more patient-centered, I am writing to express my strong support for the reauthorization of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). PCORI's mission of conducting patient-centered outcomes research is critical to your goal of establishing a health system where patients and providers are empowered to make informed healthcare decisions.

PCORI was established in 2010 to fund and build the nation's capacity to conduct comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER). To date, PCORI has invested nearly \$2.4 billion in more than 600 patient-centered CER studies and related projects that support CER. The research funded by PCORI can support a value-based health care system by informing the development and use of tools such as decision aids as well as the health system infrastructure that empowers patients and providers to determine what therapies are right for each individual patient. PCORI-funded research also supports personalized care by discouraging ineffective and low-value care. In fact, the GAO concluded in its March 2018 report that PCORI is fulfilling its Congressional mandate to generate evidence patients and those who care for them can use to make better-informed health care decisions.

I support PCORI's mission to do research differently. For all the advances it produces, traditional research does not always address the questions patients and people with disabilities face daily about which approach works best in their particular situations. PCORI is the only organization dedicated to funding studies, driven by patient and stakeholder input, comparing which approaches work best, for whom, and under what circumstances. Additionally, PCORI has partnered with patients and clinical networks to build an infrastructure to support the nation's capacity to conduct CER called the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network (PCORnet), a large national network for conducting CER faster, more efficiently, and at lower cost.

[Insert why you or your organization supports PCORI]

If we hope to align our health system with our considerable investment in personalized and precision medicine, PCORI must be sustained. Please contact me at [insert your email address or phone number] should you have questions or seek further information.

Sincerely,

[Name, Title and Organization]