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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
House Energy & Commerce Committee

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
House Energy & Commerce Committee

Re: 21st Century Cures

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Pallone,

The Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC) commends the Energy and Commerce Committee for passing HR 6, 21st Century Cures legislation. ACCC is committed to improving health outcomes for cancer patients. HR 6 is a tremendous step toward advancing research in the field of oncology and healthcare, as well as improving the process for bringing new technologies into oncology programs nationwide.

ACCC members include hospitals, physicians, nurses, social workers, and oncology team members who care for millions of patients and families fighting cancer. ACCC represents more than 20,000 cancer care professionals from approximately 1,100 hospitals and more than 1,000 private practices nationwide. These include Cancer Program Members, Individual Members, and members from 32 state oncology societies. It is estimated that 60 percent of cancer patients nationwide are treated by a member of ACCC.

Please feel free to contact Leah Ralph, Manager, Provider Economics and Public Policy, at (301) 984-5071 if you have any questions or need any additional information. Thank you again for your attention to this very important matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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