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RE: Letter of Support

Dear Dr. Okamura and Members of the CIRM ICOC,

I am very pleased to write this letter of support for Dr. Kathleen Sakamoto's CIRM grant "Small molecules to Inhibit Nemo-like Kinase for the Treatment of Diamond Blackfan Anemia." Dr. Sakamoto works closely with my son's hematologist, Dr. Bert Glader. My son, Nathan, was diagnosed with Diamond Blackfan Anemia sixteen years ago, and as a parent of a child with DBA, I understand the importance of advancing research to find new treatments for this disease. Dr. Sakamoto's exciting project focuses on new molecules to inhibit NLK in DBA models. It is important that her grant is funded so that children with DBA can benefit from her discoveries.

I urge the ICOC to fund Dr. Sakamoto's project. It will provide much needed hope and encouragement for children with DBA and their families.

I would like to thank CIRM for all they are doing for the citizens of California!

Sincerely,

*Cherene Zingg*