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Dear CIRM Board Members,

We'd like to thank you for the opportunity to be heard at the recent CIRM meeting in Oakland on July 23rd at the downtown Marriott. We appreciate the generous amount of time you allowed for public comment.

Our group at Summit4StemCell have been regularly attending the CIRM meetings for the past 18 months. Out of respect for Jeanne Loring PhD, we have typically shown up in "silent solidarity" but this meeting was different and many of us had an opportunity to speak publicly about our project, our progress and our desperate need for funding. The outpouring on Thursday was spontaneous and unexpected.

We at Summit feel strongly that we communicate with all board members that our presence at any of the CIRM board meeting is not orchestrated by Jeanne Loring, Dr Melissa Houser or anyone from the Loring lab. We are a passionate group of dedicated Californians that believe strongly in the probability of success of this research using pluripotent stem cell technology.

Dr. Loring has always counseled respect and brevity. We believe she would prefer that we be the face of the issue and not the strident voice. When confronted with the possibility that there could be no help (or hope) for over a year, the need to speak and be heard was overwhelming.

We sincerely believe that you and the board heard us and will do all you can to find an exception or some way to help.

Each and everyone of us with the Summit4stemcell team want to thank every CIRM administrative staff and board member as well as President Randy Mills for creating CIRM 2.0 which will continue to open up the possibility of getting likely therapies in to people

sooner. Parkinson's Disease is becoming an epidemic and we need a solution to this crises now.

In closing we want to thank you once again for all the CIRM board has continued to do to advance the use of stem cell therapy in people.

On behalf of all the patients, advocates and supporters of the "Summit Team", we look forward with hope to your efforts to find a way forward for all of us.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Gould & Jenifer Raub