

Subject: Letter of Support for CIRM Grant #TRAN1-16065

Dear Members of the Application Review Subcommittee,

I am writing to you as a caregiver of a glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) patient to express my urgent and unwavering support for funding CIRM Grant #TRAN1-16065, submitted by Dr. David Tran. I urge you to fully fund this crucial research which offers vital hope to those impacted by this devastating disease.

My husband Jeff was diagnosed with GBM at the age of 51. The lack of effective treatment options for this aggressive form of brain cancer has been utterly devastating for our family. We have witnessed the limitations of standard treatments and the desperate need for innovative breakthroughs. Dr. Tran's pioneering work and his novel protocol combining TFields, pembrolizumab, and maintenance temozolomide have been a beacon of hope in our lives. My husband has benefited significantly from this groundbreaking approach, and I have firsthand experience of the potential for positive outcomes it offers.

Dr. Tran's research aims to revolutionize GBM treatment by targeting the very core of the disease. The proposed gene therapy, if successful, has the potential to provide much-needed relief and extend lives. It exemplifies the kind of cutting-edge medical innovation that could make a tangible difference for GBM patients and their families everywhere.

As a caregiver, I have seen the dire situation faced by the GBM community. This relentless disease steals lives and destroys families. We desperately need more effective tools, and Dr. Tran's exceptional work represents a real chance for progress. I implore you to fully fund this important research program. Your investment has the potential to not only save lives but also transform the landscape of GBM treatment. It's a crucial opportunity to provide hope and support to thousands of patients and families like mine who are battling this terrible disease.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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GBM Caregiver