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Subject: [EXT] CIRM Grant #TRAN1-16026: Please fund Dr.Natalia Cortez-Ospina's CURE for Gaucher disease

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TO: CIRM Application Review Subcommittee

FROM: Max Weiss. I am 12 years old and suffer from Gaucher Disease

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

Dear Members of the Application Review Subcommittee,

Please fund Dr.Natalia Cortez-Ospina's CURE for Gaucher disease!

My name is Max Weiss, and I wish I didn't have Gaucher's disease.

This disease has influenced my life in many negative ways. Whenever I'm with my friends, I feel different, like I don't belong because of my disease. People laugh at me for my weight because I can't digest food properly. I feel alienated and betrayed because of my own body. I dream of becoming a scientist. I understand how genes, genomes, and CRISPER work. I am afraid that if I am stuck with this disease in my body, I may never reach my goals. What Doctor Gomez is doing could change my life. I could feel like I belong with other kids, like I'm normal. So please, help change the lives of not just me, but every kid who feels different because of this disease.

Please, help fund to make the technology that makes the future, because your help means everything.

Thank you for helping give me a normal, ordinary life,

Max Weiss

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