December 3, 2024

Subject: Letter of Support for TRAN1-16907

Dear Members of the Application Review Subcommittee.

We are Ryan and Stephanie Chang from California, writing to encourage the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) to provide funding for TRAN1-16907 led by Katelyn Masiuk, MD, PhD.

A close friend's son has been diagnosed with Sanfilippo Syndrome Type B, a devastating neurodegenerative disease that gradually takes away the abilities, personalities, and futures of affected children. Watching their family grapple with the overwhelming emotional and caregiving burden has been heartbreaking. This research offers a potential lifeline—not just to their child, but to countless others. It represents hope for a cure and the possibility of saving lives that would otherwise be tragically cut short.

It is our fervent hope that children impacted by Sanfilippo Syndrome will have the opportunity to experience the fullness of childhood and live meaningful, healthy lives. We advocate for the committee to fund this important project, recognizing its potential to change the trajectory for children who have this debilitating condition of which there is no cure.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing medical breakthroughs. We strongly implore you to approve funding for TRAN1-16907.



Sincerely,

Ryan & Stephanie Chang