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*Elias Wagner*

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Dear CIRM Review Team,

Thank you for this opportunity and thank you for considering the Charlotte & Gwenth Gray Foundation's application for CLIN2 funding.

My name is Heike Wagner. Together with my partner Koray Önal, I am the parent of Elias Wagner, who was diagnosed with Batten CLN6 disease. This funding gives our family real hope – the hope of slowing down the progression of this devastating disease, and perhaps becoming the cure we have been waiting for.

If this trial is not funded, there will be no clinical study in the near future, and time is not on Elias's side. Batten disease is cruel and moves at a rapid rate of progression. Every day that passes without treatment is a day we cannot get back.

The Charlotte & Gwennyth Gray Foundation has kept us informed throughout this process, and we were heartbroken to learn that CIRM may not fund this trial. We urge you to please reconsider. Behind every application, there are real patients – real children – waiting for a real chance at life. Elias is one of them.

Sincerely,

**Heike Wagner & Koray Önal**

Parents of Elias Wagner

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