

June 11, 2026

California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)  
Application Review Subcommittee (ARS)  
Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (ICOC)

**RE: CIRM PDEV-19728 - Letter of Support for “AAV Gene Therapy for Brain Metastases”**

Dear Members of the CIRM ARS/ICOC,

We are writing as California patients, survivors, and family members who have been personally affected by cancer, many of us with direct experience with cancer metastasizing to the brain. We represent a range of cancer diagnoses and backgrounds, and we are united in our support for Siren Biotechnology's CIRM PDEV application for an AAV immuno-gene therapy focused on brain metastases.

A brain metastasis diagnosis typically means the cancer has progressed despite prior treatment, and the options that remain for us carry real costs to our neurological function and quality of life. Living with the uncertainty of whether those options will hold, and for how long, is something many of us know firsthand. New therapies that can address the brain tumor portion without adding to that burden are not common, and SRN-101 represents a unique option in an extremely limited treatment landscape. **Patients with brain metastases are often excluded from clinical trials to treat our primary cancer precisely because we have a brain metastasis.**

What makes SRN-101 particularly meaningful to us is that it is designed to work across both primary and secondary cancer types. Brain metastases affect patients from many different primary diagnoses including breast, lung, melanoma, kidney, colon, and others. A therapy that does not require a specific tumor profile to work, delivered during a single procedure, has the potential to help a much broader population than most cancer therapies.

We also want to acknowledge how Siren has approached this work. They have engaged openly with the public throughout the development of this program, communicated clearly about their science, and made a genuine effort to involve the cancer communities. Their community investment round, which gave everyday cancer patients and advocates the opportunity to shape the direction of the program alongside institutional investors, is an example of the kind of patient and community orientation we want to see from companies developing therapies that will ultimately serve people like us.

CIRM exists to fund science that reaches California patients. Brain metastases affect tens of thousands of Californians each year, across nearly every cancer type, and the current standard of care has not changed in a meaningful way in decades. We respectfully urge the committee to support this PDEV application.

Respectfully and without a minute to lose,

Name	Connection	City	Personal Statement
Lauren Alderdice, FNP	Patient's family member / Clinician	Nevada City, CA	I am a healthcare provider at a rural public health clinic in California. New options for patients with hard-to-treat cancers are urgently needed!

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Dr. Steven Eisenberg	Supporter / Clinician	San Diego, CA	I'm a medical oncologist who sees these patients every single day. We need this innovative therapy STAT!
Alessandro Testori, MD, PhD	Supporter / Clinician	Bakersfield, CA	I have treated several patients afflicted by this horrible condition.
Gun Landwehr	Patient's family member	Benicia, CA	I am a retired hospice nurse. Do I need to say more? Thank you for working hard and diligently on these horrible cancers.
Robert Ritter	Patient	Highland, CA	My brother-in-law died of brain cancer.
Mark Umbach	Patient's family member	--	My mother died of brain cancer.
Andrew Ward	Patient's family member	San Diego, CA	My mother-in-law was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer that included a brain lesion. There is a great need for targeted therapies for primary brain cancers, which is why I fully support Siren Biotechnology.
Abbas Chothia	Patient's family member	Stockton, CA	I am the uncle of the patient who died of metastatic brain cancer, with the primary in the breast. She had just graduated from medical school and finished her internship before the breast cancer was diagnosed with metastatic disease to the brain.
Roberta Blair Thompson, DC	Patient's family member	Stanton, CA	My mother ultimately succumbed to brain mets from breast cancer.
Michael Baird	Patient's family member	Morro Bay, CA	Lost first wife to pancreatic cancer; new wife fighting Non-Hodgkin lymphoma.
Juan Carlos Soto	Patient's family member	Kensington, CA	A close friend is battling glioblastoma. In the past two weeks, another family member recently succumbed to two highly metastasized cancers. Cancer sucks.
Ju Park	Supporter	Los Angeles, CA	I have a close cousin who is currently suffering through treatment for stage 4 breast cancer. We need safer treatments with better efficacy, and Nicole's lab is embarking on something novel and potentially revolutionary.
Dan Royer	Patient's family member	Azusa, CA	My son-in-law has survived malignant brain cancer surgery but fears a recurrence.
Rik Woudwijk	Supporter	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	I have two close friends with brain cancer and fully support Siren to increase their chance of survival, and hopefully many others.

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Greg Peters	Patient's family member	San Rafael, CA	--
Travis McClintic	Patient's family member	San Francisco, CA	--
York Huang	Patient's family member	San Jose, CA	--
Greg Mack	Supporter	Long Beach, CA	--
Richard Harmon	Patient's family member	Walnut Creek, CA	--
Raf Podowski	Patient's family member	Pleasant Hill, CA	--
Michael Ventnor	Patient's family member	Lafayette, CA	--
Scott Paterson	Patient's family member	Menlo Park, CA	--
Kristine Enea	Supporter	San Francisco, CA	--
Carol Alderdice	Supporter	Nevada City, CA	--
Dawn Nguyen	Patient's family member	Anaheim, CA	--
Vivek Mungali	Supporter	Belmont, CA	--
Babak Baradaran	Supporter	Trabuco Canyon, CA	--
Anthony Gallardo	Supporter	Fontana, CA	--
Evan Smith	Supporter	Fair Oaks, CA	--
Jonathan Wright	Patient's family member	San Francisco, CA	--
Prakash Sripathy	Patient's family member	Cupertino, CA	--
Romain Bouziat	Patient's family member	San Francisco, CA	--
Ricardo Rodriguez	Supporter	Lake Forest, CA	--
Joanne Tang	Supporter	San Francisco, CA	--
Cynthia Mocko	Supporter	Stockton, CA	--
Jason Rivera	Patient's family member	San Francisco, CA	--
Everett Moiseff	Patient's family member	San Diego, CA	--
Andrew Kaminski	Patient's family member	Culver City, CA	--
Jim Schindler	Supporter	Irvine, CA	--
Al Ortiz	Supporter	Torrance, CA	--
Donnis Stradley	Patient's family member	Clayton, CA	--
Maria Ortiz	Supporter	Clovis, CA	--
Walter O'Brien	Supporter	Murrieta, CA	--
Leon Kelly	Patient's family member	Folsom, CA	--
Robert Kneen	Cancer survivor	El Dorado Hills, CA	--
Randy Lim	Cancer survivor	San Francisco, CA	--
Jaso Nakatani	Patient's family member	Los Angeles, CA	--

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Anca Duquette	Patient's family member	Kenwood, CA	--
Jim Laitner	Supporter	Santa Rosa, CA	--
Hartwig Adam	Patient's family member	Marina del Rey, CA	--
Jurgen Jandeleit	Supporter	Pleasanton, CA	--
Erlinda Jandeleit	Supporter	Pleasanton, CA	--
Neema M.	Supporter	San Francisco, CA	--
Don Basanes	Patient's family member	Fairfield, CA	--
Anthony Young	Supporter	Los Angeles, CA	--
Jacob Theil	Patient's family member	Woodland, CA	--
Scott Clough	Supporter	San Juan Capistrano, CA	--
Richard Hoey	Supporter	Lancaster, CA	--
Raghu Subramanian	Patient's family member	San Ramon, CA	--
Christophe Paillart	Patient's family member	San Francisco, CA	--
Scott Ogden	Supporter	Roseville, CA	--
Gary Baughman	Supporter	Newcastle, CA	--
Ronald Mattarolo	Patient's family member	Grass Valley, CA	--
Karonie Mattarolo	Supporter	Grass Valley, CA	--
Pedro Munoz	Supporter	Chula Vista, CA	--
Dominic Valdez	Patient's family member	Fresno, CA	--
Meister	Supporter	Livermore, CA	--
Gary Pashby	Patient's family member	Arroyo Grande, CA	--
Jate Samathivathanachai	Supporter	Belmont, CA	--
Yash Rathod	Supporter	San Francisco, CA	--