

June 23, 2009

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
Chairman, Committee on Health,  
Education, Labor and Pensions  
317 Russell Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Michael B. Enzi  
Ranking Member, Committee on Health,  
Education, Labor and Pensions  
379A Russell Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Kennedy and Ranking Member Enzi:

On behalf of patients, physicians, researchers, and other stakeholders in the medical research enterprise, we commend your efforts to enact true health reform, and we support your commitment to include a regulatory pathway for follow-on biologics, or biosimilars, in the Committee's healthcare reform legislation. We appreciate the difficult balance you are trying to establish between the need to reduce costs and increase access to biologic therapies while also advancing patient safety and incentives for the development of new life-saving biologics.

We jointly express our support for the inclusion of the *Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2007*, S. 1695, the compromise legislation reported by the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, in the *Affordable Health Choices Act*, and oppose replacing that language with the *Promoting Innovation and Access to Life-Saving Medicine Act*, S. 726. While we understand additional modifications will be needed before passage, including the addition of pediatric incentives, we urge the Committee to respect the carefully crafted balance between access, patient safety, and future medical breakthroughs inherent in S. 1695.

Thank you again for your leadership and we look forward to working with you on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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