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The Research to Advance Cures and Equity for Children Act (RACE for Children Act) would promote pediatric studies of novel drugs developed for adults by updating the Pediatric Research Equity Act. As the science of cancer drug development has become one of development of drugs by molecular target, the RACE for Children Act would authorize the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to require PREA studies for pediatric cancers with the same molecular target as the adult cancers under study.

By enacting the RACE for Children Act, we expect to open up vast new opportunities for pediatric cancer drug development. In addition, the new pediatric trials would come with funding for hospitals and pediatric researchers.

The below 112 pediatric cancer advocacy groups strongly supports including the RACE for Children Act within the Senate innovation package so that children battling cancer today have a chance of better treatments. Thank you for your consideration of our request. For further questions, please contact Nancy Goodman, 646-361-3590 nancygoodman@kidsvcancer.org.

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AYJ Fund
BASE Camp children's Cancer
foundation
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Brooke's Blossoming Hope for
Childhood Cancer Foundation
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Caleb's Crusade
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Cancer Knowledge Network
CancerFree KIDS
Carson Leslie Foundation
Chase After a Cure
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Institute
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SMiles For Missy
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Sophia's Fund
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Swiftly Foundation
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Foundation
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Team Daniella's Foundation
Team Finn Foundation

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Cookies for Kids' Cancer
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Lights Camera Cure

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