



## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING: Leading Health Care Groups Applaud Introduction of Cures 2.0

### Friends of Cancer Research:

"I'd like to thank Representatives DeGette and Upton for their continued leadership and dedication to improve the lives of patients," **said Dr. Ellen Sigal, Chair and Founder, Friends of Cancer Research.** "As science continues to progress, public policy needs to keep pace to support the development and delivery of safe and effective new therapies. The Cures 2.0 bill can be a game changer for reaching that goal."

### American Medical Association:

"The American Medical Association commends Reps. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Fred Upton (R-MI) for introducing the Cures 2.0 Act and looks forward to working with Congress to ensure passage of this critical bipartisan legislation. The bill includes a host of provisions that would improve and modernize health care access, specifically by permanently expanding Medicare coverage of telehealth services and by authorizing the necessary funding to establish the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). This bill would build on the success of the original CURES legislation with more innovation and an understanding of what our patients need to remain healthy," **said American Medical Association President Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.**

### FasterCures and Center for Public Health, Milken Institute:

"We applaud Representatives Diana DeGette and Fred Upton's introduction today of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures 2.0, landmark legislation which will bring forward new solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing biomedical innovation. This bill addresses the need for greater diversity in clinical trials, facilitates the development of cell and gene therapies, and establishes a new approach to addressing antimicrobial resistance, all critical issues to patient communities. The legislation also calls for the creation of ARPA-H, an incubator for cutting-edge biomedical research within the National Institutes of Health, which will accelerate the discovery of next-generation treatments and cures. We look forward to working with Congress as this legislation makes its way through the committee process."

### **UsAgainstAlzheimer's:**

“This bill builds on the success of the original 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and stands to drive even more innovations that benefit patients, including the creation of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). ARPA-H will be key to accelerating innovations in health and medicine to diagnose, prevent, and treat diseases like Alzheimer’s, cancer, and other serious, life-threatening conditions,” **said George Vradenburg, chairman and co-founder of UsAgainstAlzheimers.** “I applaud Representatives DeGette and Upton for recognizing the tremendous value and hope ARPA-H offers and for making it a key element of this bill.”

### **Partnership to Fight Infectious Disease:**

**Candace DeMatteis, PFID Vice President, Policy and Advocacy:** “The past two years have demonstrated the urgent need for leadership and action to anticipate and prepare for the next major domestic public health emergency. We are encouraged to see Congress continue to explore what pandemic preparedness policies should entail, including the prioritization of policies like the Pasteur Act, which are aimed at combating antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Indeed, AMR is a mounting public health threat that we can anticipate, and that we must act now to address. To this end, we applaud the work of Representatives Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Fred Upton (R-MI), and look forward to continuing to work with them and others in Congress on these most pressing issues.”

### **Society of Thoracic Surgeons:**

**John H. Calhoun, MD, STS First Vice President:** “Linking claims data to clinician-led clinical data registries creates a powerful tool for quality improvement. It allows us to use real world evidence to see the full picture of health care delivery, not just an episode of care. Analyzing health care delivery longitudinally will help us make sure that future patients get the best care at the right time.”

### **Cancer Support Community:**

“Care that is truly patient centered goes beyond the physical symptoms of a disease and treatment side effects and also considers the social and emotional concerns and needs of cancer patients, survivors, and their loved ones. We applaud the inclusion of the patient experience data provision in Cures 2.0 and commend Representatives DeGette and Upton for their steadfast commitment to incorporating the patient experience throughout the research and care continuum. This legislation is a critical step forward in ensuring that patients and caregivers’ experiences assume their rightful, intended, and integral role in the drug development process.” **said Dr. Elizabeth Franklin, President of the Cancer Support Community.**