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Paul August  
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Attention: Dr. Paul August

**RE: Support for ReviR Therapeutics CIRM application**

Dear Mr. August,

My name is Therese Crutcher-Marin and I'm the President of [Huntington's Disease Society of America San Francisco Bay Area Chapter](#), an [author](#), [Huntington's disease advocate](#), [blogger](#) and a retired healthcare professional.

I'm writing in support of ReviR Therapeutic's application to secure funding for Huntington's Disease (HD) research. The funding from CIRM will help move ReviR forward in developing a CURE for HD. The combination of the oral treatments ReviR is working on could have transformative effects in HD patients and stop disease progression in HD.

Huntington's disease has affected my husbands' family for five (5) generations. For 24 years, I watched and cared for my three (3) sisters-in-law, my friends, on their long HD journey and my family lived with the stress of my husbands' unknown gene status. The mother of these four (4) siblings was placed in Napa State Hospital and because her chorea was uncontrollable, she was restrained, and she strangled to death. I call HD the cruelest disease on the planet because it slowly steals everything from a person.

I believe research is critical as it provides for HD patients and their families renewed **hope** by knowing organizations are developing effective therapeutics and conducting clinical trials. A successful drug, a CURE, will stop the suffering of HD patients and their families. Stopping the progression of HD will lower their tension, allow them to work and live longer, fix dinner for their family, enjoy their children, watch their grandchildren grow up, live normal lives and enjoy the highest quality to their lives.

The state of California has the highest number of at-risk and symptomatic patients in the country. A few of the effects rendered would be: California's disability claims would be lowered and Medicare application for young people would be reduced. The CIRM funding is critical to support ReviR efforts to advance their programs to the clinic as soon as possible. My family considers CIRM's approval of ReviR's application as a gift to all HD families in California.

Thank you for your commitment to the HD community.

Sincerely,

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President for HDSA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

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