Dear Members of the CIRM Board,

I am writing to you as Cade Jobsis's uncle and a supporter of his family's journey in the fight against SPG50, a rare and devastating neurodegenerative disorder. Like so many families facing rare diseases, Cade and his family are confronted with an uncertain future. However, gene therapy presents a real opportunity for hope. I urge you to join in advancing this crucial research—because children like Cade deserve a chance at a better future.

Rare diseases often struggle to secure the funding necessary for treatment development, despite their profound impact on those affected. Receiving a diagnosis of an ultra-rare disease is incredibly difficult, but it's even more heartbreaking knowing that progress is often stalled due to lack of funding. The advancements in gene therapy provide a pathway forward, and with your support, we can accelerate life-changing treatments—not just for SPG50 but for many similar conditions. Investing in this research is an investment in the future of countless children.

No family should have to watch their child's abilities slowly slip away. By supporting the SPG50 program, you are helping to drive a movement that brings real hope and change. Thank you for your time, your dedication, and your commitment to improving lives.

Sincerely,
Abe Levy