

**Subject:** [EXT] Regarding Grant Application TRAN1-16907

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Dear CIRM Grant Application Review Committee,

I am writing regarding the grant application TRAN1-16907 for Sanfilippo Syndrome Type B research. As a parent myself, I have been deeply moved by the struggles of my friends in the Bay Area, who has a son with this rare disease.

Translational research for rare diseases often faces significant funding challenges, particularly in bridging laboratory findings to potential clinical applications. The burden of rare diseases like Sanfilippo Syndrome falls heavily on affected families, who face substantial caregiving and financial challenges. Many rare diseases remain underserved by traditional drug development pathways due to limited funding opportunities.

I would appreciate the committee's consideration of this translational research proposal on your meeting on Jan 30, 2025.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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