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The Honorable Alex Azar
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Azar:

I am writing to request that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) expedite implementation of Trevor's Law, otherwise known as Section 21 of the *Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act* (P.L. 114-182).

In one of the counties that I represent there are more than one dozen cases and counting of Glioblastoma, which is an aggressive type of cancer that occurs in the brain or spinal cord and affects roughly 13,000 people in the United States each year. We owe these families every conceivable effort to determine if the prevalence of this deadly disease in St. Lucie County qualifies as a cancer cluster.

As you know, Trevor's Law requires HHS to provide technical assistance for state and local health departments, consult with community members as investigations into potential cancer clusters are conducted, and collect and disseminate reports on investigations of potential cancer clusters. I am, therefore, requesting an explanation for delays in implementation of this law and a written response detailing all steps taken to date to implement Section 21 of P.L. 113-182.

Furthermore, I urge you to coordinate with the Florida Department of Health specific to the potential cancer cluster in zip code 34982, and in the interim, I would like to invite you to St. Lucie County, Florida to meet with the families impacted by the disease personally.

Thank you for your attention to this life-or-death matter. I look forward to greater coordination with you on these important issues.

Sincerely,



Brian Mast
Member of Congress