



## Caring for Carcinoid Foundation

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[INSERT Representative/Senator]

### **Re: H.R. 109-515 attached to H.R. 5647 – Carcinoid Cancer Research and Summit**

Dear [Representative/Senator],

I respectfully request your support on two actions. First, I ask you to support the language in House Report 109-515 quoted below. Second, I ask you to encourage the National Cancer Institute to execute this language by expanding carcinoid research and hosting a summit on carcinoid and related neuroendocrine cancers. These two actions may save thousands of lives.

Carcinoid and related neuroendocrine cancers afflict 50-100,000 Americans and, when metastasized, are generally incurable and fatal. Very little basic scientific knowledge exists about these cancers. Only one FDA-approved treatment exists that is palliative in nature.

In 2005, five years after my diagnosis with metastatic carcinoid at age 29, I founded the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation. We are now the leading national non-profit dedicated to finding a cure for carcinoid and related neuroendocrine cancers. Since 2005, the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation has awarded over \$2 million in research grants to world-class scientists.

Please note, House Report 109-515 is attached to H.R. 5647 and states:

“Carcinoid cancer and related neuroendocrine tumors are small, slow growing tumors found mostly in the gastrointestinal system, but can also be found in other parts of the body such as the pancreas and the lung. The Committee encourages the Director to expand and coordinate research and related activities with respect to carcinoid disease and carcinoid tumor biology across all relevant institutes, centers and offices, particularly at NCI, to help foster early and accurate diagnosis as well as develop new, safe, and effective treatments for the disease and move toward a cure. In addition, the Committee encourages NCI to hold a summit on carcinoid cancer and requests a report by June 1, 2007 on future research plans for carcinoid cancer.”

I offer the full support of the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation to help the NCI execute this language and realize an unprecedented opportunity. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy O'Hagan

*Dedicated to discovering a cure for carcinoid*