

February 8, 2021

The Honorable Doug LaMalfa
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RE: SUPPORT FOR H.R. 56, as introduced 1/4/202 by Congressman Biggs to amend the Orphan Drug Act with respect to the definition of medical food: Committee on Energy and Commerce, Committees on Ways and Means, and Armed Services.

Dear Representative LaMalfa:

My name is Isabella Cambra and I am a Clinical Nutrition student at UC Davis who resides in California's 1st congressional district.

I urge your 'AYE' vote for H.R. 56. This bill provides access to medical foods prescribed for the dietary management of disease and conditions. Though many diseases can be treated through adequate diet and nutrition, patients are often unable to attain the therapeutic foods prescribed by their physicians. This bill can expand patient access to medical foods, minimize preventable risk factors for disease, and prevent costly medical complications in the future.

This issue is of concern and importance to me due to my personal experience with inflammatory bowel disease. Though my condition is irreversible, my greatest opportunity for happiness and a better quality of life comes from food and nutrition. While my physician agrees and continues to prescribe therapeutic foods and supplements, I am a college student and often lack the means to support an optimal way of life for myself. In order to heal and achieve my own goals of mitigating the increasing rates of food-related disease through proper diet and nutrition, access to medical foods is paramount.

For these reasons, I urge your "AYE" vote on H.R. 56 and would appreciate a response.

Sincerely,

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