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"Making Strides Through

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Health Care Advocacy Alliance (HCAA) is writing you in reference to the upcoming IGWG Hearing on public health, innovative and intellectual property. The issue of IP is a very complex one and warrants careful review and understanding of issues.

Anti-retroviral drug resistance develops under even the best medical care, but substandard drugs will only accelerate resistance and mutations of the HIV virus. My son passed away of HIV/AIDS and during his illness, we found out at that time there was a lack of needed drugs and awareness, thus I founded the Ryan White C.A.R.E. Act, Title II Community AIDS National Network (TII CANN).

Greater investment into new treatments and vaccines that are endemic in poor countries are needed more than ever. History has shown us that private research innovation has brought the world treatments we never believed possible. Investment to create intellectual property rightly will be reluctant when investment risk is compromised by an unpredictable return.

Patent pools and prizes are inadequate to bring the true capacity of our intellectual discovery to bear on solving the needed treatments of the world's diseases. There is no question the health of people in our world should be most important to every human being, assurance that people in need of medical treatment will receive the needed treatment that includes medications is important and a complex issue. Several critical factors are important to HCAA. Innovation for diseases like HIV and related diseases is the key to improving our solutions for the health care need of the world.

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That copy discoveries of others cannot be counted on to serve the overall needs of the world's health care need. Substandard copies, substandard manufacturing practices will only in Emerging global health needs are going to require greater innovation with higher standards, greater economic growth through micro financing streams that are already starting up and successful, increased foreign investment, and patent reform in emerging economies of developing countries. To me, DRUG SAFETY of all producers around the world is of greatest concern because the standards and protections are not in place to allow that any innovation and its development be protected. Adequate standards need be to credibly put in place around the world to ensure our capacity to develop and produce safe drugs for as many people with disease as possible.

Given the tremendous advances and contributions over the last century, clearly due to innovation of goods and treatment to human welfare. It seems to set a dangerous course by the current actions of Thailand and Brazil.

Real cures for terrible diseases need to be found, and while the search for these cures must go on, progress is being made in treating those diseases. Though not perfect, more progress has been made than the world could have ever imagined. The enterprises create resistance, unnecessary side effects to where thousands will see no improvement in their conditions, thus given false hope.

Current private sector model of innovation has produced massive benefits to people with disease worldwide. We have made more progress in the last decade than we have in the past 100 years. **IGWG Policy Recommendations are poor public policy that may seem to produce easy solutions to very complicated health problems in both developing and poor countries, where economies, micro economies, micro financing are long term solutions that in develop sustainable health care solutions.**

ANY and ALL global health care plans and strategies need to be set up with a guarantee of integrity as to accomplish of the end results as intended.

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