

PATIENT DECLARATION SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL INNOVATIVE ECOSYSTEM FOR HEALTHCARE DELIVERY

The undersigned support an environment that gives rise to developing and creating lifesaving therapies for all patients.

“Throughout the world, health outcomes have improved dramatically over the past decade.

Better knowledge and information about illness and disease, improvements in health infrastructure and better training of and accessibility to skilled health workers have all contributed significantly to increasing life expectancy and bettering the quality of life for all patients.

But the key to progress in health care has been, and continues to be, the advancements that come from science-based, medical innovation in all of its forms, whether through new procedures, diagnostics, technologies or medicines.

The liberalization of trade has meant that patients throughout the world now have better access to new therapies. The impacts of this can be seen through the vast improvement over the last decade in health outcomes in developing countries. As policy makers consider the further expansion of liberalized trade through agreements such as the Trans Pacific Partnership we encourage the TPP negotiators to respect and support the critically important role of medical innovation in improving the lives of patients.

Further, on behalf of the patients that our organizations represent we encourage TPP negotiators to support the search for newer and better medicines by ensuring strong incentives for continued medical R&D and innovation and that going forward they fully engage patients and their representatives in the process.”

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