



ARM Applauds House Passage of the *Mikaela Naylor Give Kids a Chance Act* and Calls for Quick Action by the Senate

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The Alliance for Regenerative Medicine (ARM) applauds the bipartisan passage of the *Mikaela Naylor Give Kids a Chance Act* ([H.R. 1262](#)) by the House of Representatives on December 1 and urges the Senate to swiftly pass this important legislation.

The *Mikaela Naylor Give Kids a Chance Act* reauthorizes the Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher (RPD PRV) Program, which Congress let expire last year, to meaningfully improve access to life-changing treatments and provide hope for the estimated 15 million children in the U.S. living with a rare disease.

The RPD PRV Program, created by Congress in 2012, has been a vital catalyst for developing treatments, including transformative cell and gene therapies, for these vulnerable populations. Companies pursuing treatments for rare pediatric diseases can receive a 'priority review' voucher upon FDA approval of a therapy and then either use that voucher to secure a speedier FDA review of a future therapy or sell the voucher to another company. Since the program's inception, more than 60 PRVs have been awarded across 40 different pediatric diseases, all at zero cost to taxpayers. Its expiration jeopardizes the development of future treatments.

The bill was renamed to honor the memory of Mikaela Naylor, who recently lost her battle with osteosarcoma – a rare type of bone cancer. Despite her cancer diagnosis, Mikaela was a fierce advocate for programs to make more treatments available for children with rare diseases.

To honor Mikaela's legacy, ARM calls for swift Senate approval and President Trump's signature to ensure the continuation of a promising pipeline of groundbreaking treatments for children with serious rare diseases.

Reauthorization of the RPD PRV Program is a top legislative priority for ARM, which joined 118 other organizations in sending [a letter to Congressional leaders](#) on November 19th calling for prompt action to reauthorize this vital program.

