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November 3, 2025

The Honorable James McGovern
U.S. House of Representatives
370 Cannon House Office
Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Rutherford
U.S. House of Representatives
1711 Longworth House Office
Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for H.R. 5684, the *Medical Foods and Formulas Access Act of 2025*

Dear Representatives McGovern and Rutherford:

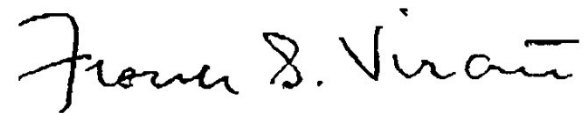
I write on behalf of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) to express support for the reintroduction of **H.R. 5684, the *Medical Foods and Formulas Access Act of 2025***. Importantly, your legislation would establish national coverage for qualified medically necessary nutrition for individuals, including children, suffering from digestive or inherited metabolic disorders, as well as food allergies.

Established in 1943, the AAAAI is a professional organization with more than 7,000 members in the United States, Canada and 72 other countries. This membership includes allergist/immunologists, other medical specialists, allied health and related healthcare professionals – all with a special interest in the research and treatment of patients with allergic and immunological diseases.

Thousands of individuals and children living with inherited metabolic disorders (IMD) are unable to digest or metabolize food and require medically necessary nutrition. Currently, forty states require coverage of these treatments, but coverage is variable. Further, nearly eleven percent of adults and eight percent of children live with food allergies. The ***Medical Foods and Formulas Access Act of 2025*** would require coverage of medically necessary nutrition under federal and private insurance plans for defined conditions and disorders to prevent adverse health outcomes. The AAAAI appreciates that the legislation includes explicit coverage for IgE-mediated food allergies. Guaranteeing coverage for medically necessary nutrition, like hypoallergenic formula, will serve to eliminate barriers to care for those that suffer from food allergies. This is especially important in light of infant formula shortages.

Thank you for your commitment to improve patient access to allergists/immunologists. The AAAAI looks forward to working with you and your staff as issues related to allergy, asthma, and immunology arise, and would encourage you to contact Sheila Heitzig, JD, MNM, CAE, AAAAI Director of Practice and Policy, at (414) 272-6071 or sheitzig@aaaai.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank S. Virant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line at the end.

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President, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology