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The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr. 2107 Rayburn House Office Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Neal 372 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers 1035 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady 1011 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Pallone and Neal, Ranking Members McMorris Rodgers and Brady,

On behalf of the 72 organizations signed below; we request your respective committees hold a hearing to consider **The Facilitating Innovative Nuclear Diagnostics (FIND) Act of 2021 (H.R. 4479).** 

Improving health outcomes often starts with early and accurate diagnosis. Recent innovations in nuclear medicine now allow physicians a safe, non-invasive way to gather specific medical information that would otherwise be unavailable or only available through surgery.

With each passing year, newer, more precise diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals are used in nuclear medicine procedures, which aid clinicians ability to diagnose and plan the most effective treatment pathway for diseases, such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, advanced cardiovascular, and cancers of the prostate, neuroendocrine system and breast. All diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals are statutorily considered drugs but are treated as supplies by the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

20 million Americans benefit from nuclear medicine procedures annually, but more can be done to increase access to advanced nuclear diagnostic tests, which can provide for more accurate diagnosis and treatment plans, saving both the patient and Medicare from unnecessary or inappropriate testing. It is especially critical now that better nuclear medicine therapies are also available to patients. Oftentimes, the only thing standing in between the patient and the nuclear medicine therapeutic is access to the appropriate PET scan. H.R. 4479 is a bipartisan, bicameral, budget neutral legislation that would direct CMS to pay separately for all diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals with a per day cost that exceeds \$500 and were FDA-approved on or after January 1, 2008. This policy will safeguard Medicare beneficiary access to the most appropriate diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals and help spur continued innovations in nuclear imaging studies.

To help advance this legislation, we again respectfully ask that your committees hold a hearing to consider the FIND Act and explore the potential of this policy to expand beneficiary access to care, improve health outcomes, create healthcare savings and promote innovation and development in this space.

Sincerely,
AdMeTech Foundation
Advanced Accelerator Applications, a Novartis Company
Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation
Alliance for Aging Research
American College of Nuclear Medicine
American College of Radiology

American Society of Neuroradiology

American Society of Radiologic Technologists

**AnCan Foundation** 

Arizona Prostate Cancer Coalition, Inc.

Biogen

**Blue Earth Diagnostics** 

**Bracco Diagnostics** 

**Brian Grant Foundation** 

Cancer ABCs

**Carcinoid Cancer Foundation** 

Cardinal Health Nuclear & Precision Health Solutions

Cerveau Technologies, Inc.

Clarity Pharmaceuticals

Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals, Inc. (CORAR)

Curium

Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society

**Davis Phinney Foundation** 

**Eckert & Ziegler Isotope Products** 

Eckert & Ziegler Radiopharma, Inc.

Eden Radioisotopes, LLC

FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered

**GE Healthcare Pharmaceutical Diagnostics** 

**GO2** Foundation for Lung Cancer

Hawai'i Parkinson Association

**Healing NET Foundation** 

Houston Area Parkinson Society

International Isotopes, Inc

Ionetix

Jubilant Radiopharma

Lantheus Holdings, Inc.

Life Molecular Imaging

Los Angeles Carcinoid Neuroendocrine Tumor Society

Mayo Clinic Department of Radiology

Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance (MITA)

MedTrace

**METAvivor** 

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions

National Association of Nuclear Pharmacies

Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc

Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation

NorCal CarciNET Community

Northern California PET

NorthStar Medical Technologies, LLC

Northwest Parkinson's Foundation

**Optimal Tracers** 

The Parkinson Alliance

Parkinson Association of Northern California

Parkinson Association of the Rockies

Parkinson's Foundation

Parkinson & Movement DIsorder Alliance

The Parkinson's Unity Walk

PharmaLogic

Pheo Para Alliance

Power for Parkinson's

**Prostate Conditions Education Council** 

RetireSafe

SHINE Technologies, LLC

Siemens Healthiness

Society of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging (SNMMI)

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Sun Radiopharma.

Telix Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

TerraPower Isotopes

Veterans Prostate Cancer Awareness, Inc.

ZERO- The End of Prostate Cancer