

# **The RACE for Children Act<sup>1</sup>**

## **The Research to Accelerate Cures and Equity for Children Act**

### **The Problem:**

**Children with cancer cannot get access to the most promising and novel cancer drugs available to adults.**

- Before new cancer drugs are FDA approved, the drugs are only available through clinical trials to adults and not to children.
- When companies abandon development of drugs for adult cancers, as happens 95% of the time, the opportunity for these drugs to help children disappears.
- After new drugs are FDA approved, pediatric researchers can't afford to purchase them for clinical studies.

### **The Solution: The RACE for Children Act**

**The RACE for Children Act would enable children with cancer to be treated with the most promising new cancer drugs.**

**Unlike 90% of all new Congressional bills, the RACE for Children is not a new policy. The RACE for Children is merely an update of the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) so that the law catches up with the science.**

- PREA requires companies developing drugs for adults to also develop them for children. However, contrary to Congressional intent, PREA has never applied to cancer because children's cancers occur in different organs than do adult cancers.
- The RACE for Children Act would authorize the FDA to require PREA pediatric studies when a molecular target of an adult cancer drug is relevant to a children's cancer. The RACE for Children Act would end the orphan exemption for PREA studies. Every newly approved cancer drug has enjoyed this exemption over the past three years.

The RACE for Children Act is a game changer. The RACE for Children Act gives kids with cancers a chance to access the most promising and innovative drugs that are now available to adults.

The RACE for Children Act could give a child one more birthday.

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<sup>1</sup> Update: The KIDS Act has been renamed the RACE for Children Act