

**One in ten Americans has a rare “orphan” disease.
They know the facts.
Do you?**



Just ask Britany who has Sanfilippo Syndrome and the 25 million other Americans afflicted by rare diseases.

**Don't be misled by recent “Just Ask Your Doctor”
ads. Weaker patent laws won't reduce drug
research for rare diseases.**

FACT...

The exclusivity provision of the *Orphan Drug Act of 1983*, NOT PATENTS, has paved the way for the “adoption” of orphan products.

FACT...

Biotechnology firms account for 65% of research into orphan drugs. Conventional pharmaceutical firms account for only 28%.

FACT...

There are over 6,000 known rare diseases affecting over 25 million Americans. It can take up to 7 years or more just to reach a diagnosis.

MYTH...

Weaker patent laws will reduce drug research for rare diseases.

PLEASE SUPPORT

The Rare Diseases Act, S. 1379

The Rare Diseases Act, H.R. 4013

The Rare Diseases Orphan Product Development Act, H. R. 4014



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