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Brad Wenstrup

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Wenstrup, Franks to Introduce Legislation Supporting Charlie Gard

Washington, D.C., July 7, 2017 | [0 comments](#)

Today, Congressman Brad Wenstrup (OH-02) and Congressman Trent Franks (AZ-08) released the below statement, announcing that when Congress returns to session next week, they intend to introduce legislation granting lawful permanent resident status in the U.S. to Charlie Gard and his family.

"Despite Charlie's heartbreaking condition, his parents have refused to give up hope. They have advocated for him fiercely. They have raised over £1 million to pay for their son to receive experimental treatment in the United States. They have kept fighting for his life.

Our bill will support Charlie's parents' right to choose what is best for their son, by making Charlie a lawful permanent resident in the U.S. in order for him to receive treatments that could save his life.

Should this little boy to be ordered to die -- because a third party, overriding the wishes of his parents, believes it can conclusively determine that immediate death is what is best for him?

Every human life has dignity, including the lives of those who cannot speak up for themselves. When government is able to overrule a parent or guardian in determining a patient's best interest, every vulnerable patient is put at risk. We offer Connie Yates and Chris Gard our heartfelt support as they seek to care for their son."

Charlie Gard was diagnosed with infantile-onset encephalomyopathic mitochondrial DNA depletion syndrome, a rare genetic condition that is considered terminal. The hospital where he has been receiving care, Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, determined that he should be removed from life support. Although Connie Yates and Chris Gard appealed the decision in the courts, they were ultimately overruled by the European Court of Human Rights.

According to the Washington Post, New-York Presbyterian Hospital and Columbia University Irving Medical Center has offered to admit Charlie Gard and provide him with an experimental treatment, pending emergency FDA approval. It has also offered to provide Great Ormond Street Hospital with the drug if approved.

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William Marra

To Mr. Wenstrup and Mr. Franks: we would certainly encourage such a move. I hope more people catch on to this, publicize as much as possible because one way the courts were swayed against the parents in the UK is that the hospital has fed misleading or dishonest stories into the press, and the most recent note on their website as of today contains the same misinformation about "catastrophic brain damage" which is simply not true.

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Chris Roy

The child is terminal. Sending him to the US will change nothing. How about taking care of our VETS that need it more and are not terminal?

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Mary Hall

Look at it this way, Chris Roy, people may think of you as brain dead. Would you want the government to pull the plug on you? And if you weren't brain dead, you might be able to grasp that it does affect what healthcare reform may look like in the US if the Democrats ever had their way. So, Chris, it greatly impacts Vets....

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