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To the Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I write with profound gratitude to support honoring Dr. Brian Druker's leadership and service. As a CML survivor whose life was saved by his work, and as his patient, I offer this testimony.

Before Dr. Druker, a Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML) diagnosis was often fatal, with less than five years survival for most. Fear overshadowed the future. Dr. Druker shattered that reality, leading Gleevec's development. Its 2001 introduction was revolutionary, precisely targeting CML's molecular cause. Gleevec transformed a fatal diagnosis into a manageable condition for most.

I am one of countless beneficiaries. Thanks to Dr. Druker's vision and dedication, I am alive and expect a normal lifespan. My cancer is no longer even a top-of-mind issue for me. It is merely a matter of taking a pill every day, dealing with minor side-effects (some of which are positive), the occasional blood test, meeting Dr. Druker once in a while, and remembering to order my prescriptions. Normalcy replaced fear, allowing planning for a previously unimaginable future. This is his gift to me and many others.

I am also incredibly fortunate to have Dr. Druker as my oncologist. Despite his stature and demands, his patient devotion is remarkable. His excellent bedside manner includes taking time to listen and patiently explain complex issues. I hadn't realized a top oncologist could also offer such perfect, patient-centered care until meeting him. He masterfully balances research with compassionate care.

His unique excellence is why, though living in California within walking distance from Stanford University, another world-class institution, I choose Dr. Druker as my oncologist. I fly to Portland for his unparalleled care and expertise. I'm not alone; I meet patients at his clinic at OHSU who travel nationally and internationally to meet him. We all come because Dr. Druker is simply the best, and we entrust our health to him.

These stories, my own, and those of other long-term survivors (some 20+ years post-Gleevec) prove Dr. Druker's profound global impact as researcher and clinician.

Dr. Druker's work embodies the leadership and service you honor. His brilliance and unwavering patient commitment—globally via research, individually via a world-class

clinical practice—save lives daily. He delivered hope, restored futures, and provides compassionate care inspiring loyalty.

I wholeheartedly endorse this recognition. Honoring Dr. Druker acknowledges a hero whose immeasurable positive impact exemplifies service to humanity.

Thank you for considering my testimony and recognizing his legacy.

Sincerely,

Tushar Chandra  
(A Profoundly Grateful CML Survivor and Patient)