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To: Amalia Balart

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Dear Amalia,

In my capacity as President of IPWSO I am writing in support of the work that you are doing across Latin America to help people with Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS). Following your successful meeting last year I understand that you are now bringing together representatives from different disciplines, hosted by Fundación Spine, to further develop your ideas with the aim of agreeing best practice guidelines.

As you are aware the support of people with PWS needs the expertise of many different disciplines working together with people with PWS and their families. In medicine, this will include experts in genetics, endocrinology, paediatrics, psychiatry, orthopaedic surgery and so on. It also includes educationalists, psychologists and those who are expert, for example, in the provision of care or in speech and language development or physiotherapy or dietetics. With an understanding of the syndrome so much can be done to ensure that children with PWS have the best start in life and go on to have a full and healthy life as adults. IPWSO's experience across the world is that if you can get such partnerships established and have a knowledgeable body of expertise who families can turn to for advice, so much is possible.

IPWSO is here to support these initiatives across the world and to ensure that ideas are shared and we have a truly global community. Thank you for all your hard work. I am sure you will have a very fruitful workshop and we in IPWSO look forward to hearing more about your work and perhaps meeting many of you at the 10th International Conference in Cuba in November 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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