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## **Cancer Support Community Applauds Nomination of Scott Gottlieb as FDA Commissioner**

WASHINGTON – (Mar. 13, 2017) – The Cancer Support Community supports Dr. Scott Gottlieb as Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and urges the Senate to vote in favor of his confirmation.

Dr. Gottlieb is uniquely positioned to lead the FDA at a time of groundbreaking medical innovation and uncertainty within our health care system. The Cancer Support Community is pleased with Dr. Gottlieb's track record of success in both the public and private sectors, including as a senior official in the George W. Bush administration, both within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the FDA. As a physician by training, Dr. Gottlieb has both the professional background and practical experience to succeed as FDA Commissioner. The Cancer Support Community also believes he has the temperament to provide needed leadership within the FDA at a time when we must find a balance between medical innovation, stakeholder responsiveness, and patient safety.

Dr. Gottlieb has been a leading voice in health policy and is extremely well versed in the complexities of federal regulatory work. He has also proven himself to be thoughtful and measured, as evidenced by his willingness to work with stakeholders from across the political spectrum. A cancer survivor himself, Dr. Gottlieb has a rich history of working with patient advocacy groups to ensure that his work is informed by the experiences and preferences of the patients who are impacted by government policies.

### **About the Cancer Support Community**

As the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support worldwide, the Cancer Support Community (CSC), including its Gilda's Club affiliates, is dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action and sustained by community. CSC achieves its mission through three areas: direct service delivery, research and advocacy. The organization includes an international network of Affiliates that offer the highest quality social and emotional support for people impacted by cancer, as well as a community of support available online and over the phone. The Research and Training Institute conducts cutting-edge psychosocial, behavioral and survivorship research. CSC furthers its focus on patient advocacy through its Cancer Policy Institute, informing public policy in Washington, D.C. and across the nation. For more information, please call the toll-free Cancer Support Helpline at 888-793-9355, or visit [www.CancerSupportCommunity.org](http://www.CancerSupportCommunity.org). *So that no one faces cancer alone*®

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