Grandparent Op-Ed Templates for Pause with the GFPD 2025

Instructions:

1. Choose an Op-Ed template that fits your family.
2. Copy it into your own document and customize it.
3. Submit it to your local newspaper (usually via their website).
4. Notify GFPD when it runs by emailing Katie at katie@thegfpd.org and/or Margaret at margaret@mcrbranding.com.

Glossary of Terms:

- PBD-ZSD = Peroxisomal Biogenesis Disorder – Zellweger Syndrome Disorder (this includes the historically described Zellweger's, NALD, IRD, and Heimler)
- DBPD = D-Bifunctional Protein Deficiency
- ACOX = Acyl-CoA Oxidase Deficiency
- AMACRD = 2-Methylacyl-CoA racemase Deficiency

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Template for Grandparent(s) of Child(ren) Living with a Peroxisomal Biogenesis Disorder in the Zellweger Spectrum (PBD-ZSD)

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