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Brain Tumor Community Responds to White House's Proposed Cuts to Research

Last month, brain tumor advocates from all 50 states plus Washington, DC and Puerto Rico responded to the White House's proposed cuts to the budgets of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Cancer Institute (NCI). An impressive 4,146 advocates signed a petition to let the White House and Congress know that better treatments for brain tumor patients rely on the vital medical research conducted by the NIH and NCI. [Read the petition here.](#)

Congress has responded, and several different members - from both parties - have publicly stated that they will continue their recent support of medical research funding through the NIH and NCI. In fact, Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL) is quoted as saying to NIH officials during an appropriations subcommittee meeting on April 11, "I'm not interested in cutting your budget, I'm interested in increasing it. We will have a big struggle this year dealing with the budget, but I think this is a great investment for America and for the world." We will continue to advocate for this in the coming months, including during our in-person meetings at Head to the Hill on Tuesday, May 7.

Head to the Hill & Congressional Action Day

Over 300 advocates are poised to unite on Capitol Hill during our Congressional Action Day on May 7, 2019. These Head to the Hill participants will meet directly with their members of Congress to advocate for increased funding for medical research through the NIH and NCI, as well as other topics important to the brain tumor community. Do your part and join Congressional Action Day from home by calling, emailing, and tweeting your members of Congress - keep an eye on your email on May 7 for more information on how you too can make a difference through advocacy.

Brain Tumor Awareness Month - Join the Movement!

[Brain Tumor Awareness Month](#) has kicked off! Keep an eye out on all NBTS channels, including [new blog posts](#), [social media](#), and emails that will provide ways for you to take action and raise awareness during the month of May.

And be sure to take part in Congressional Action Day on May 7 (see above)!

DIPG Awareness Day

We are also raising awareness during the month of May for DIPG Awareness Day. A resolution has been introduced in Congress to support proclaiming May 17th as DIPG Awareness Day. Despite being a rare tumor, DIPG (Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma) is a leading cause of death due to brain tumors in children. National Brain Tumor Society encourages Congress to support this resolution and proclaim May 17th as DIPG Awareness Day.

[Take action now](#) to ask your Member of Congress to support this resolution.

National Brain Tumor Society unrelentingly invests in, mobilizes, and unites our community to discover a cure, deliver effective treatments, and advocate for patients and care partners. Our vision is to conquer and cure brain tumors - once and for all.

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