Maine

You may not be aware of the impact of brain tumors on people living in your state. Here is what you should know:

• In 2022, an estimated 290 people in Maine will be diagnosed with a primary brain or other central nervous system tumor.
• It is estimated that 140 of those cases will be malignant.
• Approximately 99 people from Maine die annually due to a brain or other central nervous system tumor.
• Brain tumors change everything for a patient and their loved ones. They can significantly impact quality of life, and they are often deadly.
• Brain tumors do not discriminate, afflicting people of all races and ethnicities.
• Despite the number of people diagnosed each year with a brain tumor, there are only five FDA-approved drugs – and one device – available to treat brain tumors.
• Brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death in children and young adults age 19 and under in the United States. There has never been a treatment developed and approved specifically for pediatric brain tumors.

Brain tumors also have a significant impact nationally. An estimated 700,000 Americans are living with a primary brain tumor, and 88,970 more will be diagnosed in 2022. Approximately 18,200 people in the United States will die this year due to a brain or other central nervous system tumor.

There is hope. Scientists and researchers are more poised than ever to understand brain tumors, develop treatments, and find cures – but they need federal support to do it.

MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING
In FY2021, Maine received $109.65 million in research funding from the NIH, which supported 1,890 jobs and $255 million in economic activity in 2021 alone.

For more information, contact us at advocacy@braintumor.org.

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. To learn more visit BrainTumor.org.

We’re doing our part by funding research and helping patients. We’re asking Congress to do its part. Our 2022 Public Policy Agenda includes four key policy areas:

• Bolster research funding and treatment development
• Reduce health disparities and improve affordability and accessibility of care
• Foster innovation in brain tumor research, drug development, and access to promising treatments
• Increase awareness of the urgent unmet needs of the community