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January Update: Save the Date for Head to the Hill 2022

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Save the Date: Head to the Hill on May 3



We're only a few short months away from Head to the Hill, which will be on **Tuesday, May 3**. As we plan for this year's event, we want to hear from you!

We know the ongoing pandemic introduces many factors that can affect Head to the Hill, including people's comfort level with in-person events, ability to travel, and whether or not congressional offices are open to the public. We want to hear from you about how you would like to participate in this year's Head to the Hill. The survey should only take 2-3 minutes. Your feedback will be incredibly valuable as we plan the best possible Head to the Hill experience for our community.

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Legislative Update: Appropriations Still On Hold



Each year, Congress needs to pass appropriations bills to fund federal government programs. These activities include the research conducted at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Department of Defense (DOD).

If they fail to pass these bills, the government shuts down. This outcome would be catastrophic for brain tumor patients who rely on clinical trials to receive their care, as well as patients who need financial assistance from the government to afford treatment.

To avoid a shutdown, Congress has two options. It can pass bills that set new funding levels for government agencies, which are often packaged together into an **omnibus** bill. Congress can also pass a **continuing resolution** to continue funding government agencies at the same level as the prior year.

National Brain Tumor Society believes Congress must pass new funding bills each year. This outcome ensures that government agencies have the resources they need to work on brain tumor research and make advances for our community.

Last year, Congress passed a series of continuing resolutions to delay their normal deadline until this February. We're hearing that the House and Senate may finally be ready to pass an omnibus bill that would increase funding for the NIH and DOD. We'll send out additional updates as soon as we have details so you can take action.

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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