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## July Update: Sign Up for In-District Brain Tumor Advocacy Meetings

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### Register for August Virtual In-District Meetings Now



Congress may be taking their annual break for August recess, but the brain tumor community is kicking into high gear! Join us this August for virtual in-district meetings, where we'll follow up on our success from this year's Head to the Hill and ask Congress for funding for the National Cancer Institute and Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program, to help us work toward a cure and better quality of life for patients. Meetings are happening starting in mid-August, and will run through the end of the month.

We had our most successful year of in-district meetings ever in 2020, and we want to do even better this year: [Register Today!](#) Reach out any time to Eli Gerber, Associate Director of Government Relations and Grassroots Engagement, at [advocacy@braintumor.org](mailto:advocacy@braintumor.org) with any questions.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## Summer Legislative Updates



Since Head to the Hill in May, Congress has made substantial progress on many of our priorities. The House Appropriations Committee has proposed increasing funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to \$46.434 billion (even more than we had asked for), and moved to fully fund the Childhood Cancer STAR Act and Childhood Cancer Data Initiative for another year. There's still more work to be done before the September 30 government funding deadline, but this is a strong start and is thanks in large part to the efforts of advocates like you.

The committee also proposed the creation of a new research institute at NIH called the "Advanced Projects Research Agency for Health" (ARPA-H). This exciting new institute would be focused on investing in high-risk, high-reward research projects that have the potential to achieve breakthroughs. ARPA-H could help accelerate the pace of discoveries that will generate cures and improve quality of life for brain tumor patients across the country. NBTS has already shared principles to ensure that ARPA-H will meet the needs of the brain tumor community with the Biden administration and Congressional leaders, and will continue to advocate to ensure ARPA-H is a transformative addition to the government's research infrastructure.

### Action Alert: Credit for Caring Act

**Family caregivers  
have earned our support.**

**#creditforcaring**

The Credit for Caring Act was recently introduced in both the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 3321, Sánchez) and Senate (S. 1670, Ernst, Bennet, Capito, and Warren). The bill is now moving in Congress and we need our representatives and senators to support it so that caregivers can get the financial support they deserve.

We know the critical role that caregivers play in helping patients to navigate their brain tumor journey, and the financial costs that they incur as a result. The Credit for Caring Act would help to fill this gap by offsetting some of the cost of caregiving expenses, such as a home care aide, adult day services, home modifications, assistive technology, respite care, and transportation.

Contact your Representative and Senators now and ask them to cosponsor the Credit for Caring Act to support family caregivers!

TAKE ACTION

## GBM Awareness Day Advocacy Activities

On July 21, the brain tumor community observed the third annual [Glioblastoma \(GBM\) Awareness Day](#) - a national day to support glioblastoma survivors and their loved ones, to remember those who are no longer with us, and to honor luminaries working toward a cure and better quality of life for those who are living with this devastating disease.

People from across the country joined NBTS for the day's activities, including a panel discussion to examine the state of GBM research, video tributes from our champions in Congress and other leaders, and raised #GBMDay awareness on social media. [There's still time to take action: contact your members of Congress about the GBM Awareness Day resolution!](#) By thanking members who have signed on, and encouraging more to join them, we will be able to cultivate new champions for the brain tumor community on Capitol Hill.

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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