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## National Brain Tumor Society June 2021 Advocacy Update

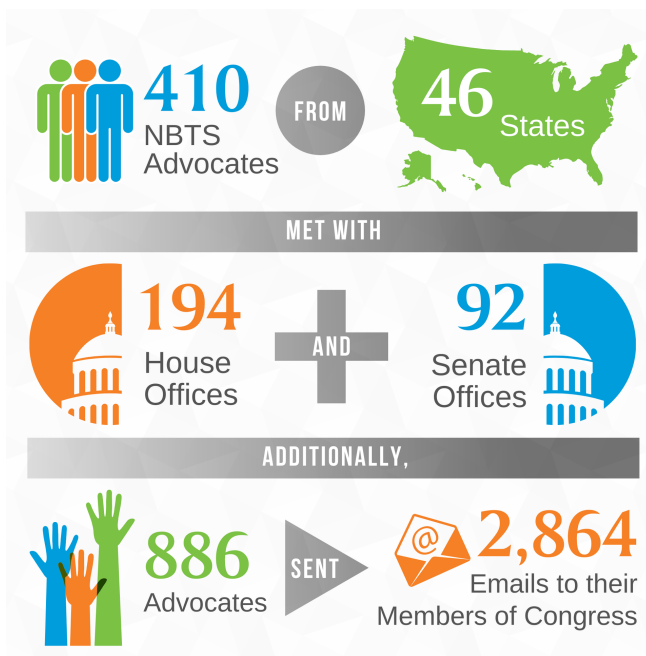
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### 2021 Head to the Hill Recap and Participant Survey



Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year’s Head to the Hill our biggest event ever! Brain tumor patients, care partners, researchers, clinicians, family members, and friends showed up virtually in record numbers to share their stories, demand research funding to find treatments and cures for the brain tumor community, and increase access to care through telemedicine. We are happy to report that we had an immediate impact on the Telehealth Modernization Act — 13 Members of the House and 4 Senators signed on to the bill!

If you participated in Head to the Hill and have not yet shared your feedback, [please take our participant survey today](#). Your input will allow us to ensure

that Head to the Hill continues to be a powerful, inclusive experience for every member of the brain tumor community. The survey should only take 5-7 minutes to complete.

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### Save the Date: GBM Awareness Day on July 21

On May 12, the Senate unanimously passed S.Res.210 declaring July 21, 2021 to be Glioblastoma Awareness Day. Spearheaded by the National Brain Tumor Society in collaboration with leaders in Congress and the brain tumor community, #GBMDay brings us together to take action for those affected by glioblastoma (GBM). [Make sure to save the date](#), and keep your eyes open for ways to get involved as GBM Awareness Day draws closer!

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### New Staff Introduction: Eli Gerber



We are excited to welcome Eli Gerber as the new associate director of government relations and grassroots engagement. Eli brings years of experience with grassroots health care advocacy to his role, most recently as a policy manager with the diabetes patient advocacy organization T1International. Before that, Eli worked as a policy manager focused on health care policy with Indivisible, a nationwide grassroots organization that empowers local communities to advocate for their needs at all levels of government. He is committed to helping people use their voices to move the world closer to a cure for brain tumors in memory of his brother Sam, whom he lost to a DIPG in 1997. You can get in touch with him at [advocacy@braintumor.org](mailto:advocacy@braintumor.org).

### A Special Thank You



We bid a fond farewell in May to two long-time members of the NBTS Advocacy team: Lainey Titus Samant and Lisa Peabody. Many of our advocates have had the opportunity to work closely with Lainey and Lisa and know their dedication to the brain tumor community. While this may close their chapter at NBTS, we know their advocacy for the brain tumor community will continue.

Lainey was a member of the NBTS team for seven and a half years. She had a tremendous impact in building the advocacy program and forming deep personal relationships with many members of the community. Her ability to connect with advocates, positive attitude, and drive to create change was critical to getting us to where we are today. We're grateful for all of her contributions, and wish her the best in her next steps!

Lisa joined the NBTS staff over five years ago and juggled numerous responsibilities, including helping to build our presence on Capitol Hill and making sure that advocates were supported in (and celebrated for) making their voices heard. We'll miss her creative energy and relentless organizing, but the relationships she's built in DC and across the country will ensure the brain tumor community has a powerful voice for years to come!

## Send "NBTS Text" to 52886 to Sign Up for Text Alerts

Message **NBTS Text to 52886** to get action alerts and important updates from the National Brain Tumor Society via text message! We'll contact you when there are opportunities to take action for the brain tumor community.

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