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## September Update: Support Research for Pediatric Brain Tumor Patients

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### Thanks to Everyone Who Participated In In-District Meetings



This year’s in-district meeting program was a huge success, with advocates like you taking part in over 100 meetings with their legislators. They shared their stories with members of Congress and their staff, and made the case for increased federal funding for brain tumor research and financial support for family caregivers.

These meetings were a timely reminder of the brain tumor community’s priorities for the representatives and senators who are working overtime this month to try to finalize deals on government funding and President Biden’s economic agenda. We’ve already seen exciting signs of progress: 8 Senators and 5 Representatives have newly signed on as supporters of the Credit for Caring Act (S. 1670 / H.R. 3321) following their meetings with brain tumor advocates!

We are so grateful for everyone’s participation, and we hope that you will join us next May for our Head to the Hill event to make your voice heard in the nation’s capital for the brain tumor community. We will share more information about that opportunity as soon as it is available, but if you have any questions in the meantime feel free to reach out to Eli Gerber, Associate Director of Government Relations and Grassroots Engagement, at [advocacy@braintumor.org](mailto:advocacy@braintumor.org).

## Take Action: Support the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, which means it's a great time to urge Congress to take action to fund research to help find new treatments and cures for pediatric brain tumors.

Pediatric brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death among children and adolescents ages 0-19 years. The bipartisan Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0 (H.R. 623) aims to provide funding for much-needed research on childhood cancer and other pediatric diseases to help drive progress. The legislation was named after Gabriella Miller, who was diagnosed with Diffuse Pontine Glioma (DIPG) at age 9, and bravely challenged elected officials to "stop talking and start doing," two weeks before she died of brain cancer at the age of 10. The legislation builds off the great success of the first 'Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act,' passed in 2014, which authorized \$12.5 million annually for ten years to NIH directed pediatric rare disease research.

Contact your U.S. representative today and tell them to cosponsor H.R. 623, the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0!

TAKE ACTION

## Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Activities



Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (CCAM) is a time to recognize, advocate for, and honor children who have been affected by cancer and the families that care for them. This September, the National Brain Tumor Society will highlight the devastating realities of a brain tumor diagnosis for children and families by sharing important progress being made in the field, raising resources to support ongoing and future research efforts, and providing opportunities for our community to help create change to last a lifetime.

[Check out our CCAM website to find more ways to get involved, statistics about pediatric brain tumors, and more.](#)

LEARN MORE

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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