



ADVOCACY SCRIPT Stage 1 :
House Energy and Commerce Committee
H.Res.69, National DIPG Awareness Day, May 17

Dear Friends,

February 12, 2017

The National DIPG Awareness Resolution needs support to be passed this year; ideally, we'd like to see it passed before the Big Day, May 17! Calls and letters to your representative in Congress are the most important, and come first. However, H.Res.69 sits in the House Energy and Commerce Committee and will not be up for a vote in the House until it comes up for vote in Committee. We also need your help contacting the offices of Energy and Commerce Committee members in support of H.Res.69, if you will.

Below is a text that can be read or improvised upon for use in phone calls and or in written letter. Listed on p. 3 are members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and their office phone extensions in format 202-225-(- - -), the last four already retrieved and provided for you. In order for the entire House of Representatives to support and vote on the Resolution, it must first pass a vote through this Committee. This is Stage 1 for our Action Days through March.

Feel free to use our banner, or if you are affiliated with another childhood cancer organization, identify it to verify the legitimacy of your appeal if you are calling as a non-constituent. Considering that in Washington most offices are open 9am-5pm ET, cordially invite the Representatives to consider supporting H.Res.69, the National DIPG Awareness Resolution, in a Committee vote using the key points in the following script when you call:

"Hello, my name is _____ on behalf of (organization—ie Jack's Angels for pediatric brain tumor awareness and research), (and/or personal story) and I'm calling in support of H.Res.69, (House Resolution 69) the National DIPG Awareness Resolution, which was introduced to the Energy and Commerce Committee January 30th."

"H.Res.69 humbly asks that mortality rates and children be more highly considered in our medical research system, and designates May 17 as National DIPG Awareness Day. Routinely, parents of children diagnosed with DIPG hear there are no solutions for their child and then must witness in utter helplessness their child die a horrible death. Nothing has changed for DIPG in the last 40 years in standard treatment nor in its terminal prognosis. DIPG is responsible for most of the pediatric brain tumor deaths each year, the leading cause of death in kids with cancer."

"We hope that we can count on Representative _____'s consideration and support. Is there a health legislative assistant I might contact by email?... (take info if given) Thank you for your time in taking my call; your consideration means a great deal to families of children with brain cancer, and to those who have lost a child to DIPG across the country."

Other comments you might need, or want:

- There is a movement across the 50 States to solicit State Proclamations for DIPG Awareness Day, May 17th 2017, due to the partnering activity of the Michael Mosier Defeat DIPG Foundation. Jack's Angels Foundation currently helping this effort in the California State Legislature. (Or, explain your personal involvement in your state!)
- H.Res.69 was introduced to the House Energy and Commerce Committee on January 30, 2017 by Republican **Congressman Steve Knight**, (CA-25) with Democrat co-sponsor **Congresswoman Jackie Speier** (CA-14), co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Childhood Cancer. (co-sponsors listed below)
- **CONTACT: Adam Brooks**, legislative assistant to Congressman Knight at adam.brooks@mail.house.gov. (202)225-1956; **Molly Fishman**, legislative assistant to Congresswoman Jackie Speier, molly.fishman@mail.house.gov, (202)225-4183.
- **DIPG**, *diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma*, is the 2nd most common pediatric brain tumor and is responsible for the majority of pediatric brain tumor deaths each year. Like most childhood cancers, DIPG is marginalized as rare and does not receive adequate government research funding.

Further Directions:

- You may use this to call any member of Congress, modifying the text for non-Committee members.
- YOU MAY WRITE A LETTER containing any or all of these details to the Congressional leaders of your choice. From wherever you write, make sure the organization you would like to represent, including some statement of national relevance, is included on the outside of the envelope. This will help your letter to be seen if you are not writing from the district of the Representative.
- Getting the email address of the legislative assistant is the next step in actually being able to contact the Representative. These people work continuously for the Representative and are literally their "right arm." Respect, warmth, and appreciation go a long way in any communication. Sometimes not, but it will make your chances of making a difference stronger.
- **Of course, you do not have to follow this script! Download the Resolution from www.hres69.org so that you are familiar with it and form a better text of your own if you wish!**

**Members who have already signed: 10 cosponsors (7D, 3R) –you can call to thank!!*

Brownley, Julia [D-CA26] (joined Jan 30, 2017)

Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA29] (joined Jan 30, 2017)

Comstock, Barbara [R-VA10] (joined Jan 30, 2017)

Delaney, John [D-MD6] (joined Jan 30, 2017)

Dingell, Debbie [D-MI12] (joined Jan 30, 2017)

Eshoo, Anna [D-CA18] (joined Jan 30, 2017)

McCaul, Michael [R-TX10] (joined Jan 30, 2017)

Murphy, Tim [R-PA18] (joined Jan 30, 2017)

Soto, Darren [D-FL9] (joined Jan 30, 2017)

Speier, Jackie [D-CA14] (joined Jan 30, 2017)

For updates, visit: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hres69/details>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee & phone#: (202)-225-(- - - -)

Republican Members [Greg Walden \(Oregon - 02\)](#) – Chairman(6730)call!

[Joe Barton \(Texas - 06\)](#) - Vice Chairman(2002)call!

[Fred Upton \(Michigan - 06\)](#) (3761)

[John Shimkus \(Illinois - 15\)](#) (5271)

[Tim Murphy \(Pennsylvania - 18\)](#) (2301)*

[Michael Burgess \(Texas - 26\)](#) (7772)

[Marsha Blackburn \(Tennessee - 07\)](#) (2811)

[Steve Scalise \(Louisiana - 01\)](#) (3015)

[Robert Latta \(Ohio - 05\)](#) (6405)

[Cathy McMorris Rodgers \(WA - 05\)](#) (2006)

[Gregg Harper \(Mississippi - 03\)](#) (5031)

[Leonard Lance \(New Jersey - 07\)](#) (5361)

[Brett Guthrie \(Kentucky - 02\)](#) (3501)

[Pete Olson \(Texas - 22\)](#) (5951)

[David McKinley \(West Virginia - 01\)](#) (3801)

[Adam Kinzinger \(Illinois - 16\)](#) (3635)

[Morgan Griffith \(Virginia - 09\)](#) (3861)

[Gus Bilirakis \(Florida - 12\)](#) (5755)

[Bill Johnson \(Ohio - 06\)](#) (5705)

[Billy Long \(Missouri - 07\)](#) (6536)

[Larry Bucshon \(Indiana - 08\)](#) (4636)

[Bill Flores \(Texas - 17\)](#) (6105)

[Susan Brooks \(Indiana - 05\)](#) (2276)

[Markwayne Mullin \(Oklahoma - 02\)](#) (2701)

[Richard Hudson \(North Carolina - 08\)](#) (3715)

[Chris Collins \(New York - 27\)](#) (5265)

[Kevin Cramer \(North Dakota - 00\)](#) (2611)

[Tim Walberg \(Michigan - 07\)](#) (6276)

[Mimi Walters \(California - 45\)](#) (5611)

[Ryan Costello \(Pennsylvania - 06\)](#) (4315)

[Buddy Carter \(Georgia - 01\)](#) (5831)

Democratic Members

[Frank Pallone \(New Jersey - 06\)](#) Ranking Member-call! (4671)

[Bobby Rush \(Illinois - 01\)](#) (4372)

*[Anna Eshoo \(California - 18\)](#) (8104)

[Eliot Engel \(New York - 16\)](#) (2464)

[Gene Green \(Texas - 29\)](#) (1688)

[Diana DeGette \(Colorado - 01\)](#) (4431)

[Michael Doyle \(Pennsylvania - 14\)](#) (2135)

[Janice Schakowsky \(Illinois - 09\)](#) (2111)

[G.K. Butterfield \(North Carolina - 01\)](#) (3101)

[Doris Matsui \(California - 06\)](#) (7163)

[Kathy Castor \(Florida - 14\)](#) (3376)

[John Sarbanes \(Maryland - 03\)](#) (4016)

[Jerry McNerney \(California - 09\)](#) (1947)

[Peter Welch \(Vermont - 00\)](#) (4115)

[Ben Lujan \(New Mexico - 03\)](#) (6190)

[Paul Tonko \(New York - 20\)](#) (5076)

[Yvette Clarke \(New York - 09\)](#) (6231)

[David Loebsack \(Iowa - 02\)](#) (6576)

[Kurt Schrader \(Oregon - 05\)](#) (5711)

[Joseph Kennedy \(Massachusetts - 04\)](#) (5931)

*[Tony Cárdenas \(California - 29\)](#) (6131)

[Raul Ruiz \(California - 36\)](#) (5330)

[Scott Peters \(California - 52\)](#) (0508)

*[Debbie Dingell \(Michigan - 12\)](#) (4071)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COLLABORATION IN ADVOCACY! God bless you and GOOD LUCK!

Sincerely,

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