

March 9, 2017

Representative _____
(Address _____) H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative _____:

I am writing to respectfully request that you support H. Res. 69 (House Resolution 69) the National DIPG Awareness Resolution, which was introduced on January 30th to the Energy and Commerce Committee. My child/grandchild/family member/friend(child's name) was diagnosed on insert day of diagnosis with a brain stem tumor (DIPG) and/or passed away as a result of a brain stem tumor (DIPG) on insert date of death. We reside in your residence.

Draft a paragraph about your family's story

H. Res. 69 designates May 17th as National DIPG Awareness Day and humbly asks that mortality rates and children be more highly considered in our medical research system. In September 2016, the Centers for Disease Control announced that brain tumors are the leading cause of childhood cancer death. DIPG is the second most common malignant brain tumor found in children and is the leading cause of childhood death due to brain tumors. DIPG has a less than 1% survival rate, and most children die within nine months of diagnosis. Routinely, parents of children diagnosed with brain stem tumors hear that there are no solutions for DIPG children and then they must helplessly witness their child die a horrible death.

May is Brain Tumor Awareness Month across our country, and having May 17th in recognition of the deadliest pediatric brain tumor would be a meaningful step for awareness. With greater knowledge communities and DIPG families can stand strong together in the fight against DIPG and other pediatric brain tumors. Please support H. Res. 69 in recognition of all the brave children who have been lost to DIPG, the little fighters who are currently suffering through a brain tumor battle, and to the hope that one day children and families will no longer have to endure the pain brought by pediatric brain tumors.

I welcome the opportunity to speak with you or a member of your staff to answer any questions and provide additional information. Also, I appreciate your leadership in the fight against cancer and your attention regarding this request. Your consideration means a great deal to families of children with brain cancer, and thank you.

Sincerely,

Your name