

Sample Statement of Support (SOS) which you can use all or part of, and/or use to give you ideas in writing your own statement. It should include your name and address to prove constituency, and be written like a letter.

In reference to children currently battling a brain tumor, or one who has passed on:

Most people are unaware that brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in children, and that this killer monster DIPG even exists--the 2nd most common brain tumor in children, and the one responsible for the majority of brain tumor deaths annually in children. All by itself DIPG is responsible for a significant portion of the annual childhood cancer death toll, yet there's been no change in its standard treatment or terminal prognosis since Neil Armstrong's daughter died of it in 1962.

There's a hidden world of suffering in our culture which continues unabated due to this lack of awareness. Parents routinely discover after diagnosis that there are no solutions for their child--nowhere on earth they can go to save them--because they don't represent an adequate "investment incentive." This cannot continue; it is not in alignment with our core values as Americans, as human beings. By cosponsoring the national DIPG Awareness Resolution, H. Res. 404, you have the opportunity to attract help and hope more quickly for these children by alerting the powers-that-be, by using your power of representation to draw attention to these children who have been dying a horrible death in obscurity for decades...to those fighting for their lives right now. We could save more lives--today!--if more parents, caregivers, more pediatricians were aware of the subtle subset of neurological symptoms which accompany most childhood brain tumors, and access were granted more easily by insurance companies to the definitive diagnostic tool, the MRI.

Please cosponsor H. Res. 404 in honor of (name) and so many others like him/her across the country who have lost their lives in obscurity, or those who are fighting for their lives right now--hoping to live long enough to see a cure or helpful treatment of some kind. These kids deserve more from us...but how can we unless people are aware? How can the powers-that-be know to invest in this fight if they don't know there is this urgent, unmet need? We need your help; **thank you for honoring my request as your constituent.**"

Short statement:

"Please help attach hope to pediatric brain cancer, the leading cause of death in children with cancer. My (relation) (name) didn't have a chance; they all deserve so much better. ***Please cosponsor H. Res. 404*** in honor of (name) and so many others like him across the country who have died a horrible death without hope.

These kids deserve more of a fight from us...but how can we unless people are aware? We need your help; **thank you for honoring my request as your constituent.**"

Other documents to support your statement:

Our Letter to Congress: bit.ly/L921_404

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