

Statement of Support (SOS)

1. directions, and 2. examples which you can use all or part of, and/or use to give you ideas in writing your own statement.

Your SOS should:

1. Be **written as a letter** addressed to YOUR REP in Congress, and/or Your State Delegation of Representatives, and include your address on the signature to prove constituency. You can find out who your Representatives are by entering your zip code here:
<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members>
2. It can be as short as a paragraph, or as long as you would like. We suggest if including a detailed story for it to not be longer than 2 pages.
3. Include your family's experience with DIPG/childhood cancer, a picture of your child or your family, and/ or your observations as a concerned citizen
4. **Most importantly, include the "ask":** "Please cosponsor H. Res. 404, the DIPG Awareness Resolution... Thank you for honoring my request as your constituent."

Examples:

Short statement:

"Please help attach hope to pediatric brain cancer, the leading cause of death in children with cancer. (relation name) and all of our children deserve so much better. **Please cosponsor H. Res. 404** in honor of (name) and so many others like him/her 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.**"

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