

Community Support, H. Res. 404

DIPG Advocacy Group

We are seeking current letters of support for the DIPG Awareness Resolution, addressed to your Rep and your State's delegation of Reps. These letters help us make appointments and also help in reaching out to simply ask the Rep to sign onto the Resolution. *If you don't know what to say, use this in any way you like:*

[Date]

To Representative [last name] and the [state name] delegation of Representatives in the United States Congress:

Please support H. Res. 404, the DIPG Awareness Resolution, as the unique opportunity it is to lend your power to make the suffering of children with brain cancer more visible, that we might attract a cure more quickly. Most do not know that brain tumors are the #1 cause of childhood cancer deaths in our country, or that a monster like DIPG exists which takes the lives of virtually all of its victims.

There's been no change in the standard treatment protocol for this terrible killer of children since 1962, when Neil Armstrong's daughter Karen died of it. Yet, with the technology of the day, we put men on the moon and brought them home safely. We can do anything when we put our minds to it.

While we have the technology to save our kids today, the problem is no one knows how urgently our kids need help. They have no voice. Please be a voice for them. It's something you could actually do to help us, while we parents must watch our children die in complete helplessness to save them. Please; in the wealthiest country in the world we hear, "the numbers aren't great enough for investors." We must do better for our kids. Thank you so much for hearing me. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Name,
address (to prove constituency)

Please send this to us at moonshot4kids@gmail.com, with a picture of your child if applicable, and also, send it to your Representative on his or her website. It's usually, but not always, lastname.house.gov. A snail-mail back-up is often the best way to ground all of these efforts.

There's more information and a portal at the Children's Cancer Cause, which you can access from our website, <https://dipgadvocacy.org>. It's easy to send a pre-written letter online in support of the resolution there, at <http://bit.ly/hres404-290>. This cannot be repeated too often; share with local friends and family, and ask them to do it too. Why is all this so important?

We ask for a letter addressed to your state's delegation because there are many members who represent districts where we do not have personal contacts. This is where you are extremely valuable as an advocate; you can speak for others who cannot, or who have no idea this resolution is there for them.

Please note that in all of our Congressional Office Meetings, DIPG Advocacy Group supports all childhood disease-related legislation, notably H. R. 623, the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0, H. R. 2210, the Fairness to Kids with Cancer Act, H. R. 5377 – the Cancer Patient Equity Act, and H. R. 5416, the Give Kids A Chance Act. Our focus is on the success of the Resolution because we truly believe that acknowledgement of the urgent, unmet needs of our kids opens the door to approving legislation to help them, with less resistance and compromise.