

January 8, 2018

Senator Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Senate HELP Committee

Senator Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate HELP Committee

Dear Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

On behalf of The Alliance for Childhood Cancer and the larger childhood cancer community, we are writing to thank you for your strong support in the fight against childhood cancer and to ask you to advance the Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access and Research (STAR) Act through your committee and to the full Senate for a vote.

The Childhood Cancer STAR Act is the most comprehensive childhood cancer bill ever considered by Congress. It has strong bipartisan support in the Senate, and currently has 343 cosponsors in the House.

You have both been great champions in the fight against childhood cancer. As you know, more children are lost to cancer in the U.S. than any other disease. Before they turn 20, about 1 in 285 children in the U.S. will have cancer. Many adult cancers can be diagnosed early. In 80% of kids, cancer has already spread to other areas of the body by the time it is diagnosed.

But even for kids who survive, the battle is not over. A recent study shows that because of the treatments they had as kids, by the time they're 45, more than 95% of survivors will have a chronic health problem and 80% will have severe or life-threatening conditions.

The Childhood Cancer STAR Act will help advance research into better treatments and cures for kids with cancer, and will vastly advance the research into long-term survivorship for children.

Thank you for your strong support, and we look forward to working with you to get the Childhood Cancer STAR Act (S.292/H.R. 3381) signed into law.

Sincerely,

The Alliance for Childhood Cancer

Addison Bryan Foundation
The Alyssa House
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Cancer Research

American Brain Tumor Association
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Childhood Cancer Organization
American Pediatric Surgical Association
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation
Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses
Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers
Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation
Bold for Gold
Caleb's Crusade Against Childhood Cancer
Cancer Foundation of Tulsa
Cancer Support Community
CancerFree Kids
Chai Lifeline
Chase After a Cure
Children's Brain Tumor Foundation
Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy
Children's Hospital Colorado
Children's Oncology Group
CureSearch for Children's Cancer
Cure Me Too Childhood Cancer Foundation
DC Candlelighters
Dragon Master Foundation
The EVAN Foundation
Gold4Kids
Gold Ribbon Project
GOLD: The New Pink
Granting Grace Foundation
Healing Hearts Respite Foundation
Hope & Heroes
I Care I Cure Childhood Cancer Foundation
Julia's Grace Foundation
Kids Need MoRE Foundation
Kids v. Cancer
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Mikey's Way Foundation
Momcology
National Brain Tumor Society
National Children's Cancer Society
The NICK Foundation (Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation)
Nicholas Pedone Foundation

Over The Moon Foundation
PAC2 (People Against Childhood Cancer)
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
Precious Jules Childhood Cancer Foundation
Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research
Rock Against Cancer
St. Baldrick's Foundation
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Sadie Keller Foundation
Sammy's Superhero's Foundation
Sarcoma Foundation of America
Smashing Walnuts
Society of Pediatric Psychology
SuperBub's SuperHeroes
Swiftly Foundation.
Swirls Around the World
Tay-Bandz / Kids Curing Cancer
The Truth 365
The Tyler Robinson Foundation
WV Kids Cancer Crusaders
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