



VIRTUAL ACTION DAY – APRIL 28, 2022

REQUESTS FOR CONGRESS

1. Federal Funding for Childhood Cancer Programs

We urge Congress to provide significant funding increases for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Cancer Institute (NCI) and to fully support childhood cancer programs. Specifically, we ask Congress to provide:

- **\$49.048 billion** for NIH, an increase of \$4.089 billion
- **\$7.766 billion** for NCI, an increase of \$853 million
- **\$30 million** to fully fund the Childhood Cancer STAR Act
- **\$50 million** to fully fund the Childhood Cancer Data Initiative

2. Cosponsor the Childhood Cancer STAR Reauthorization Act

On June 5, 2018, the Childhood Cancer STAR Act was signed into law – the most comprehensive childhood cancer bill in history. The STAR Act expands opportunities for childhood cancer research, improves efforts to identify and track childhood cancer incidences, and enhances the quality of life for childhood cancer survivors.

Please cosponsor the Childhood Cancer STAR Reauthorization Act to allow STAR Act programs to continue for the next five years.

3. Cosponsor the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act

Children with cancer often require specialized care from a specific provider or facility that may not be available in their home state. Some patients face burdensome, unnecessary delays in accessing time-sensitive care, including clinical trial enrollment, outside of their home state, which can unfortunately cause a child's condition to worsen.

Please cosponsor H.R. 3089/S. 1544, the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act, which reduces regulatory burdens to allow children with complex medical needs greater access to out-of-state providers who can best meet their needs.