



Speaking Up for Kids with Cancer

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Gail,

Thank you for agreeing to post this information on your website. We need to get the word out to get this bill passed and need pediatric cancer families to tell their representatives that they want to see this bill passed into law in 2010.

With warm regards,
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Co-Founder & Executive Director

*** See below for posting ***

Dear Pediatric Cancer family or family friend,

WE NEED YOUR HELP. The National Childhood Brain Tumor Prevention Act is currently working its way through Congress. If passed, this Act would allocate \$25 million a year for five years for the FIRST comprehensive research into the causes of brain tumors in children, including genetics, nutrition, the environment, and more. It will give us answers about better treatments and even prevention. To get this legislation passed we need your help. If families affected by childhood brain tumors—and all those who know them, love them, and understand what they go through--could write a letter, an e-mail, or make a phone call to their federal representatives, the future of our country's children would be brighter. As stated by world renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Patrick Kelly, "once [a child] is diagnosed with brain cancer, it's too late."

- Thousands of kids are diagnosed with a brain tumor each year and more than 40% of them die.
- The average age of a child that dies from a brain tumor is 4.
- More than 60% of those that survive face life-long complications and side effects.

That's why we're asking you to contact your Congressperson and Senators to let them know that you want to see this Act made into law. **For more information and quick outlines to write a letter or e-mail, or make a call**, visit <http://www.mirasmovement.org/CBTPNA.html>. For further assistance or if you have questions, e-mail cbtpna@mirasmovement.org or call (607) 319-4804. Thank you for helping us change the future for children with brain tumors!