



August 26, 2022

The Honorable Joe Manchin
United States Senate
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Manchin:

The undersigned childhood cancer organizations are members of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer, consisting of patient advocacy groups, healthcare professionals and scientific organizations, representing Americans who care deeply about childhood cancer. We write to extend our support and appreciation for introducing a resolution to designate September 2022 as “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.”

Each year in the U.S. an estimated 16,000 children are diagnosed with cancer. Approximately 1 in 264 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday. Annually there are more than 300,000 children diagnosed with cancer worldwide. Unfortunately, cancer remains the most common cause of death by disease for children in America. Further, survivors of childhood cancer often suffer long term health consequences due to the side effects of the treatment regimens available today.

Despite some progress, research in the pediatric cancer space has yet to meet the complex medical needs of children with cancer and their families, which is why we are heartened by your willingness to take action. By introducing a resolution commemorating Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, you and your colleagues are raising awareness and encouraging research into cures for pediatric cancers.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of kids with cancer, childhood cancer survivors, and their families. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sarah Milberg, Co-Chair of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer, at smilberg@allianceforchildhoodcancer.org, or Dr. Michael Link, Co-Chair of the Alliance for Childhood Cancer, at mink@stanford.edu.

Sincerely,

The Alliance for Childhood Cancer

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network



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Children's Oncology Group
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
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