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Senator Stephanie Kunze
The Ohio Senate
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Senator Kunze

On behalf of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, thank you for sponsoring Senate Bill 57 that would designate May 17 Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Day. Unfortunately, DIPG is one of a small number of pediatric cancers where we struggle to find answers and where there is no known cure. We believe DIPG could be the lynchpin to solving many other pediatric and adult cancers due to the genetics of how the DIPG tumors grow. Cincinnati Children's has been searching for a "homerun" cure for DIPG for many years and importantly, Children's is working with over 20 other pediatric research institutions to focus in on DIPG through a research collaborative. We firmly believe no one institution will solve the DIPG mystery alone. It will only be by working together and bringing awareness to this disease that we will make progress. Thank you for dedicating May 17 as DIPG awareness day and helping elevate the importance of finding a cure.

Sincerely,

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