

# ALLIANCE FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER

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The Honorable Deborah Pryce  
United States House of Representatives  
320 Cannon House Office Building  
1st and Independence Ave., S.E.  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pryce:

The Alliance for Childhood Cancer, a coalition of more than 20 national cancer patient advocacy organizations, professional medical societies, and scientific organizations, would like to express our appreciation for your co-sponsorship of the Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2007 (H.R. 1553/ S. 911). The mission of the Alliance is to improve the diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship of children and adolescents with cancer, a goal we pursue through public policy initiatives.

As you know, there has been tremendous progress made in the treatment of children with cancer and almost 75 percent of children with cancer can be cured. Despite these advances, the treatments for some childhood cancers, including brain tumors and neuroblastoma, are inadequate. In addition, two-thirds of children who are successfully treated experience serious and long-term effects from treatment.

It is clear from current pediatric cancer therapies and the effects of those treatments that we need to strengthen our support for research leading to an enhanced understanding of childhood cancers and treatments that are less toxic and more effective. We appreciate your support for the Conquer Childhood Cancer Act, which addresses the need for an aggressive commitment to pediatric cancer research by:

- Encouraging and expanding support for the biomedical research programs of the existing National Cancer Institute—designated multi-center national infrastructure for pediatric cancer research;
- Establishing a population-based national childhood cancer database, called the Children's Cancer Research Network, to evaluate incidence trends of childhood cancers;
- Authorizing grants to organizations for expansion and implementation of activities raising public awareness of information, treatment and research for pediatric cancers;
- Supporting the development, construction and operation of a comprehensive on-line public information source on childhood cancers; and
- Establishing a fellowship program in pediatric cancer research.

We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives that are aimed at improving the diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship of children and adolescents with cancer.

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American Psychological Association  
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