

**Urge your Congressman and Senators to support
the Childhood Cancer Survivorship Act**

We are writing to urge you to contact your Representative and Senators to request that they become a co-sponsor of “The Pediatric, Adolescent, and Young Adult Cancer Survivorship Research and Quality of Life Act of 2007” (H.R. 4450/S. 2877). This legislation is a critical first step in addressing the short and long-term needs of survivors of childhood cancers.

The number of survivors of childhood cancers has grown exponentially over the years, which shows great progress in treatment. However, many of these survivors are experiencing late effects of treatment, including one-fourth who experience effects that are serious or life threatening. With so many survivors experiencing these late effects, it is crucial that resources are made available to all childhood cancer survivors, especially those in minority or underserved communities. That is what this bill -- currently pending in the House of Representatives and the Senate -- would do.

H.R. 4450/S. 2877 would implement many of the recommendations from the 2003 Institute of Medicine report, “Childhood Cancer Survivorship: Improving Care and Quality of Life” and subsequent IOM reports, including providing more resources for research, long-term follow-up guidelines, provider education and awareness, and improved access to long-term care services.

Specifically, this legislation would:

- 1) establish clinics for comprehensive long-term follow-up services for survivors;
- 2) provide grants to improve access to care for survivors of childhood cancer and;
- 3) develop Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cancer control programs aimed at providing guidance to states and encouraging them to improve systems of care for survivors of childhood cancer.

Your voice is critical to building support for this bill. Please:

- Call or write your Congressman and Senators.
- Tell them you are a constituent of theirs and that supporting survivors of childhood cancer is important to you.
- Ask your Representative to support H.R. 4450.
- Ask your Senators to support S. 2877.

You can find out how to contact your Members of Congress by [\[insert specific organization’s information here\]](#). If you have any questions, please contact [\[insert contact information here\]](#).