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COMPREHENSIVE CHILDHOOD CANCER BILL PASSES CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The House of Representatives unanimously passed the Childhood Cancer STAR Act on May 22, 2018, sending this landmark legislation to the president's desk to be signed into law. The U.S. Senate passed this bill (H.R.820/S.292) – the most comprehensive childhood cancer legislation ever introduced – back in March.

The bipartisan STAR Act is designed to advance pediatric cancer research and child-focused cancer treatments, while also improving childhood cancer surveillance and providing enhanced resources for survivors. This legislation is the result of many years of hard work from champions in Congress, the childhood cancer community at large, and the Children's Cause. Its proposals are grounded in solid data, smart analysis, and a robust roundtable process that achieved community consensus on top policy priorities.

The STAR Act had extraordinary Congressional support from both sides of the aisle with 370 House cosponsors and 55 in the Senate. We give special recognition to its original sponsors in both chambers: Senators Jack Reed (RI), Shelley Moore Capito (WV), Chris Van Hollen (MD) and Johnny Isakson (GA) and Representatives Michael McCaul (TX), Jackie Speier (CA), Mike Kelly (PA) and G.K. Butterfield (NC).

The Children's Cause is now working to ensure that the STAR Act receives the appropriations it needs for implementation. As the community turns its collective focus to funding of this new law, we ask advocates across the country to continue to follow this effort.

The Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy (CCCA) is the leading national advocacy organization working to achieve access to less toxic and more effective pediatric cancer therapies; to expand resources for research and specialized care; and to address the unique needs and challenges of childhood cancer survivors and their families. CCCA leads efforts to ensure that these needs and perspectives of children with cancer are integrated into the highest deliberations on health care and cancer policy at the Federal level.