

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

KATHLEEN T. CRAIG, CEO
5550 Meadowbrook Drive
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Phone: 888-566-AANS
Fax: 847-378-0600
info@aans.org



American
Association of
Neurological
Surgeons



Congress of
Neurological
Surgeons

CONGRESS OF
NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

REGINA SHUPAK, CEO
10 North Martingale Road, Suite 190
Schaumburg, IL 60173
Phone: 877-517-1CNS
FAX: 847-240-0804
info@cns.org

President
REGIS W. HAID, JR., MD
Atlanta, Georgia

President
BRIAN L. HOH, MD
Gainesville, Florida

May 11, 2021

The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C 20510

The Honorable Mark Warner
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
United States Senate
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C 20510

The Honorable William Cassidy, MD
United States Senate
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C 20510

Subject: S. 1521, the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0

Dear Senators Kaine, Moran, Warner and Cassidy:

On behalf of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), representing more than 4,000 practicing neurosurgeons in the United States, we write to support your legislation, S. 1521, the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0. We appreciate and applaud your efforts to expand the available funds to support research on pediatric diseases and disorders at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). By redirecting penalties collected from certain health care organizations, this legislation provides a new source of funding for NIH pediatric and childhood cancer research.

Pediatric neurosurgeons have long been involved in the care of infants and children with cancer. Our members help children and their families with some of the most serious and rare medical conditions, including benign and malignant brain and spinal tumors. We, therefore, welcome this additional funding stream to help provide critical research to find new, innovative treatments.

Thank you for your continued leadership on this issue. We look forward to working with you to move this bill through the legislative process. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Regis W. Haid, Jr., MD, President
American Association of Neurological Surgeons

Brian L. Hoh, MD, President
Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Staff Contact:

Katie O. Orrico, Director
AANS/CNS Washington Office
25 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 610
Washington, DC 20001
Email: korrico@neurosurgery.org
Direct: 202-446-2024
Mobile: 703-362-4637

WASHINGTON OFFICE
KATIE O. ORRICO, Director

25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20001
Phone: 202-628-2072 Fax: 202-628-5264 E-mail: korrico@neurosurgery.org