

Virginia Childhood Cancer Advocacy Day

Sample Messages & Scripts



Email the legislatures assigned to you and attach the Virginia Childhood Cancer Advocacy Flyer. If your time permits, please use the Targeted Legislature Directory to reach out to additional key legislatures identified.

Reminders:

- **SHARE YOUR STORY:** If you cut and paste this message, it might go straight to spam. Make sure to insert your personal story to make sure your email is actually read!

SAMPLE EMAIL TEMPLATE

When emailing a Senator or Delegate from the Targeted Legislature Directory, please use this script template:

To: **Senator/Delegate Name**
From: YOUR NAME
Subject: Thank You for Supporting Children with Cancer in VA

Dear **Senator/Delegate Name**,

Thank you for taking the time to read this urgent message. As a **Insert Your Role (parent/survivor/volunteer/title)** for **Provide Context (child/organization/workplace)**, I am writing to you today to thank you for including children with cancer in the state budget for the first time. YOU helped Virginia make history!

Your support has given ASK the ability to place five pediatric cancer education support navigators in pediatric treatment centers across the state. These navigators will help every young cancer patient in Virginia transition back to school during and after treatment by:

1. Creating a bridge between the patient's medical team and their school.
2. Assess patients' developmental and educational strengths
3. Identifying accommodations and strategies that will support the child's return to school.
4. Educate school personnel on the late effects from cancer treatment.

This work will bridge the cognitive and physical gap that two thirds of kids with cancer develop from the impact of treatment, along with the 43 days that they miss on average from school during this first year of treatment.

SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORY HERE

Because of you, Virginia is a shining case study for other states to replicate and provide this important work for children everywhere to have access to these important resources. Thank you!

