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The Honorable Tim Kaine  
United States Senate  
231 Russell Senate Office Building  
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**Subject: S. 1521, the Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0**

Dear Senator Kaine:

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,

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