



May 21, 2021

The Honorable Brian Mast
2182 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support of H.Res.391, supporting the designation of July 21, 2021 as "Glioblastoma Awareness Day"

Dear Representative Mast:

On behalf of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), I write to thank you for introducing H.Res.391, supporting the designation of July 21, 2021 as "Glioblastoma Awareness Day."

As you know, glioblastoma is the most common malignant, cancerous brain tumor. Approximately 13,000 new cases of glioblastoma will be diagnosed in the U.S. in 2021, and it is estimated that more than 10,000 people will die from glioblastoma this year. Oncology nurses are the health professionals involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and managing the associated side effects cancer patients may experience. Every day, we see the pain and suffering caused by cancer and understand the physical, emotional, and financial challenges that people with cancer and their families face throughout their diagnosis and treatment.

ONS is a professional organization of over 39,000 registered nurses and other health care providers dedicated to excellence in patient care, education, research, and administration in oncology nursing. ONS members are a diverse group of professionals who represent a variety of professional roles, practice settings, and subspecialty practice areas. Oncology nurses are leaders in the health care arena, committed to continuous learning and leading the transformation of cancer care by advocating for high-quality care for people with cancer.

Please know that ONS and its members very much appreciate your leadership in support of cancer awareness. We stand ready to work with you and your staff to reduce and prevent suffering from cancer. We would be happy to discuss ways in which ONS may be of assistance in this endeavor and would encourage you to contact Alec Stone, Director of Public Affairs, at astone@ons.org. We look forward to engaging in an ongoing dialogue to address issues of importance to our cancer patients and ways in which we can promote public health.

Sincerely,

The Oncology Nursing Society