Template of Legislative Speech and/or Press Release for International Childhood Cancer Day, 15 February 2020.

Childhood Cancer International, No More Pain, No More Loss

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City, Country, Date: International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) which was founded in 2002 by Childhood Cancer International (CCI) is celebrated around the world each year on February 15th. CCI - a global network of **167** member organizations in **90** countries including our member organization \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is committed to working with its international partners including the World Health Organization, SIOP, and others, towards the global goal of #NoMoreBorders so that we may #CureAll children diagnosed with cancer regardless of where they live in the world.

Working together with the World Health Organization (WHO) as a non-state actor in official relations with the WHO, Childhood Cancer International alongside its members work to reduce and eliminate the global disparity between childhood cancer survival in low-middle versus high-income countries. Globally, there are an estimated 413,000 cases of childhood cancer each year, with approximately 328,000 (diagnosed and undiagnosed) children who die. Worldwide, every 1.5 minutes, a child dies from cancer somewhere in the world. Approximately 8 in 10 of these children live in low and middle-income countries where their survival rate is often near 20%. This is in stark contrast to high-income countries, where cure rates exceed 80% for many common childhood cancers.

The Target Goal of the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC) is to achieve at least 60% survival for all children diagnosed with cancer around the world by 2030. This represents an approximate doubling of the current cure rate and will save an additional one million children’s lives over the next decade.

On International Childhood Cancer Day, we stand united to make childhood cancer a national and global child health priority in support of the WHO Global Childhood Cancer Target Goals. ICCD 2020 campaign focuses on #NoMoreBorders for children with cancer and their families. To achieve this goal, governments, health care providers, industry, parent support groups and society at large must ensure the right to early and proper diagnosis; the right to access life-saving essential medicines; the right to appropriate and quality medical treatments, the right to treatment without pain and suffering and when a cure is not attainable, the right of the child to a pain-free death.

Together, on ICCD, we raise our voices and vision to the day when there is equitable access to treatment and care and #NoMoreBorders for children with cancer regardless of where they live in the world.

#NoMoreBorders #CureAll