

## HOUSE LETTER

Dear Representative,

I am writing to urge you to cosponsor the Stop CMV Act that has been introduced in the Senate by Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Chris Murphy (D-CT) and Roger Marshall (R-KS).

Congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is the most common infectious cause of birth defects and the leading non-genetic cause of hearing loss in infants. 1 in 200 children are born with congenital CMV (cCMV) every year, with approximately 20% of these newborns developing serious health complications from the infection. Early intervention is key to reducing the impact of congenital CMV and ensuring children with cCMV receive the monitoring and services they need.

**[Add your personal story here, how does CMV affect you?]**

The bipartisan Stop CMV Act authorizes funding to states for hospitals and other healthcare entities caring for infants to administer congenital CMV tests and encourage state healthcare agencies to prescribe standards and procedures for the administration of these tests. The bill also creates grant programs to provide funds to administer CMV tests, improve CMV data collection systems, and assist in CMV education and training. Lastly, the bill advances National Institutes of Health research for screening techniques, diagnostics, prevention, vaccines, and treatments.

With your help, we can reduce the impact of cCMV! Please cosponsor this important bipartisan legislation today!

Sincerely,

**[Constituent name]**

**[Address]**