

**Thank you, Chairman Pallone. I  
move to strike the last word.**

**As co-chair of the Blood Cancers  
Caucus, I urge my colleagues to  
support H.R. 4764, the Timely  
Reauthorization of Necessary Stem-  
cell Programs Lends Access to  
Needed Therapies (or TRANSPLANT)  
Act. This bill about providing hope  
to those who are struggling with  
life-threatening illnesses. The  
TRANSPLANT Act reauthorizes the  
C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation  
Program in addition to the National  
Cord Blood Inventory.**

**This federal program provides critical support in the advancement of research for better treatments and the infrastructure necessary to organize registries which help ensure transplant patients have access to life saving procedures. Simply put, its continued reauthorization is vital for patients with diseases like blood cancer, sickle cell anemia, and inherited metabolic or immune system disorders.**

**I sincerely appreciate the work of my friend, colleague, and fellow**

**Blood Cancers Caucus Co-Chair  
Congresswoman Matsui in addition  
to the legacy of bipartisan support  
of these programs by members like  
Congressman Chris Smith. I also  
appreciate the continued work of  
internationally recognized  
researchers like Dr. Joanne  
Kurtzberg, a pioneer in the field of  
banked umbilical cord blood and its  
use as an alternative stem cell  
source for unrelated marrow  
transplantation, and the critical  
daily work of ‘Be a Match’ National  
Registry connecting patients in**

**search of a cure with life-saving  
bone marrow donors.**

**Again, I urge my colleagues to join  
us in expediting passage of this  
important bipartisan legislation.**

**Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I yield  
back.**