



**News from Congressman**

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## **Lantos Endorses Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative**

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Francisco/San Mateo) today announced his endorsement of Proposition 71, which supports the development of lifesaving therapies and cures involving research on stem cells for numerous illnesses afflicting Californians.

“Millions of people who suffer from debilitating and sometimes deadly diseases will benefit from stem cell research,” Rep Lantos said. “Our country needs to advance this important work, and to embrace its possibilities.”

Known as the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, Proposition 71 provides funds for research that could benefit those who suffer from a variety of medical conditions, including juvenile diabetes, Alzheimer’s, HIV/AIDS, cancer, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries and more than 70 other conditions.

In addition to the enormous medical potential related to the project, Proposition 71 will provide a much-needed economic boost to California, creating jobs and enabling institutions such as the University of California, San Francisco (USCF) to further their dedicated research.

“I am proud to stand with such organizations as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, and the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation in support of this significant measure on the November ballot,” Lantos said. “The families and patients who would benefit from this research are counting on all Californians to stand with them, too.”

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