May 19, 2015

Dear Drs. Platanias, Altman, Frankfurt, LTRP Governing Board and Volunteers,

As your U.S. Junior Senator from Illinois it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the launch of The Leukemia Translational Research Program (LTRP) in partnership with Northwestern Medicine’s Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Care Center. Your past accomplishments as scientists and physicians and your future accomplishments as leaders in translational research and innovative patient treatment instills pride among all Illinois residents. LTRP’s “Campaign To Save Lives,” gives hope to those suffering with acute and chronic leukemias, myelodysplastic syndrome and other chronic myeloid neoplasms, as well as their loved ones.

By expanding your capacity to conduct translational research through individualized genetic sequencing & analysis, scientific and clinical trials, enhance existing therapies and create new treatment approaches you continue as leaders in our global scientific community, following the tradition and role of Northwestern Medicine. Your scientific efforts combined with your commitment to broaden global awareness of leukemia and other blood related diseases, expand support of translational research and educate communities on their involvement as stem cell and cord blood donors for life-saving transplants brings promise and hope to many generations.

I wish you the best on all your future endeavors. It is an honor to represent you in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

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