



CWA of California Action Alert

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Senate Must Put Life Before Politics

Ask Sen. Boxer to support the Cord Blood Bill

We need your help! A vitally important, life-saving bill is being held in the Senate for purely political reasons. The Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Therapy and Research Act (S. 1317) is greatly needed to improve and streamline access to cord blood stem cell therapies and transplants.

Also known as the Cord Blood Bill, this legislation easily passed the House by a 431-1 vote. The only reason that this life-saving bill is being held in the Senate is because of partisan politics. The senators blocking this bill are putting their own political agendas ahead of human lives, and they must be told that this is unacceptable. Over 65 diseases have been successfully treated through stem cells found in cord blood. Thousands of Americans, constituents of the very senators holding this legislation hostage, could be cured through passage of this important bill.

Senators who have decided to stonewall this legislation need to hear from their constituents as soon as possible. Every single Republican senator has signed off on this bill, leaving the blame in the hands of some on the Democratic side of the aisle.

We are pleased to tell you that Sen. Feinstein is a co-sponsor of S. 1317 and deserves our thanks. However, Sen. Boxer has not supported the bill.

Action:

Please call Sen. Boxer's office immediately and let the staff know you find her partisan politics unacceptable. Ask her to follow Sen. Feinstein's lead and move the Cord Blood Bill to the Senate Floor for a final vote. Call Sen. Boxer's office in Washington, D.C. at (202) 224-3553 or her California offices listed [here](#). You may also contact her through her [Web Form](#).

You may also wish to thank Sen. Feinstein for her support of this life-saving legislation. Call her office at (202) 224-3841 or contact her through her [Web site](#).

Thank you so much for your help and hard work on this vital issue. *Your grassroots efforts are able to move senators when no one else can!*

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