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Dear Dr. Burt,

Your patient _____ shared his miraculous story of erasing his MS symptoms after stem-cell treatments with you at Northwestern. Watching you on YouTube makes _____ gratitude towards you, as well as others, ever more clear.

My mentor, years ago, was the late Senator Mark O. Hatfield. I don't know if you met during his U.S Senate career & your time at NIH. Listening to your online presentations I'm struck by the values you and the Senator share. He was a servant leader & known for his courageous stands for peace and justice for our world's most vulnerable. When he became Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, he devoted much of his efforts toward funding the kind of work your passion led you to. He directed significant support to Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU's campus is also home to a Shriner's Children's Hospital where my daughter received healing spinal surgery for severe scoliosis). As his power & stature grew he focused national funding on research and treating patients at NIH with the same goals you have articulated. Like you, his efforts were devoid of commercial pharmaceutical influence and other business interests, instead putting real opportunities for hope & healing at the forefront.

In 2005, NIH named the new clinical research center for him and Senator Hatfield was quoted at the dedication:

"This clinical research facility is so much more than bricks and mortar, with this facility, we have created a new community of hope."

Gratefully,



Vic Gilliam
State Representative