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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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10TH DISTRICT FLORIDA

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Dear Mr. Mecklenberg:

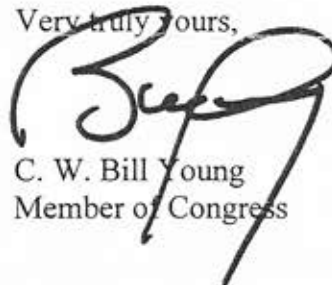
This is to let you know how impressed I am with the work being done by Dr. Richard Burt, the Director of your Bone Marrow Transplant Department at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

The Acting Director of the National Institutes of Health recommended that I speak with Dr. Burt for information I was trying to obtain for a constituent family of mine from St. Petersburg, Florida. This family's son is suffering from a terminal disease known as autoimmune enteropathy. Through his work in the field of stem cell research, Dr. Burt is conducting research to determine the feasibility of using stem cell transplants to treat diseases of the immune system, such as autoimmune enteropathy.

Dr. Burt responded immediately to my request for information and he has been in touch directly with the family of the young boy. This type of thorough and compassionate response is a relief to any family having to persevere through such a terrible ordeal as watching a child suffer. Dr. Burt is a true credit to Northwestern University and to Northwestern University Hospital. He is not only a valued member of your faculty and staff, but a top-notch researcher who is willing to share his work with others to save lives.

Often times, the good work of others goes unrecognized, so I wanted to share with you my experience with Dr. Burt and say thank you for giving him the opportunity to continue his work and his research to save lives. With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



C. W. Bill Young
Member of Congress

Mr. Gary Mecklenberg
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