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WASHINGTON, DC &ndash; Representative Doris O. Matsui announced today her support for federally-funded stem cell research. The bipartisan bill, H.R. 810, is the first piece of legislation Matsui has co-sponsored since taking office March 10th. She released the following statement:

&ldquo;Stem cell research holds the potential to cure many deadly and debilitating diseases. That&rsquo;s why I&rsquo;m so pleased to join Representative Castle on legislation with wide support among Democrats and Republicans. The State of California should be commended for exploring this new frontier. But federal money is critical to sustaining this effort, and to preserving America&rsquo;s leading role in medical research. I hope Congress will seriously consider this important legislation.&rdquo;

H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Research bill, was introduced by Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-DE) on February 15, 2005. The bill permits federal funding of stem cell research for existing and future cell lines that meet certain ethical standards.

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