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Washington, D.C. -- Rep. Anna G. Eshoo, D-California, made the following statement on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in support of H.Res. 3, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007.

"I thank the speaker and I thank my colleagues, Congresswoman DeGette and Congressman Castle for the outstanding work that they've done in bringing this bill before the House. I'm proud to support it and I think this is a very important moment for the Congress. Why? Because this bill really represents hope for the American people. I often say to my constituents that I am in the business of hope. To give hope to people with what I do in the votes that I cast. There is a reason why this bill is an overwhelmingly bipartisan bill. Because 72 percent of the American people support stem cell research.

There is only one type of stem cell research that is not funded by the federal government today and that is embryonic stem cell research. There are tax dollars for all the others, for chord blood, for amniotic and for adult. That's why we have the bill before us today. We all have constituents, we all have members of our families that have diseases that have befallen them and injuries that have befallen them and where they come to us and say, 'Please take action on this.'

So as someone that considers herself in the business of hope, I am especially proud to not only be a part of this effort but also be part of a new Congress that is giving hope to people that Congress will take action on those things that are really relevant to people in their day-to-day lives. That the American people, the working people in our country, be given a raise in the minimum wage. That people across this country will be given substantial hope that we will take action on this bill and that hopefully the president will continue the line of hope by changing his mind and signing this legislation into law.

"Thank you."

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