



Support H.R. 5791: The BLOOD Centers Act Boosting Lifesaving Operations, Opening Donation Centers Act

The Bottleneck

Blood centers that want to open a new brick-and-mortar collection site, even when the new site uses the same trained staff, FDA-approved equipment, and the same standard operating procedures (SOPs) as an already licensed facility, must wait up to a year when adding new collection sites under their Blood License Application (BLA). During that time, blood collected at the new site cannot move across state lines.

This regulatory bottleneck has nothing to do with safety. A blood center can take the same trained staff, approved equipment, and SOPs from an already licensed facility to a blood drive today, and those blood units can move freely. The only difference is the building. The current framework only adds delays and no safety.

The consequences are real. These delays are not merely bureaucratic, they create reduced capacity to respond to regional needs, barriers to expanding access in underserved communities, and slow the ability of blood centers to mobilize resources during emergencies or to meet shifting patient needs.

The Solution

The bipartisan *BLOOD Center Act (H.R. 5791)*, led by Rep. Tony Wied (WI-8) and Rep. Kim Schrier (WA-8), directs FDA to establish an expedited licensure pathway under existing BLAs when a blood center opens a new collection site operating under its existing approved scope of practice, devices, and personnel.

The bill will:

- Create a streamlined review process for new collection sites that mirror already-licensed operations.
- Allow blood collected at new sites to move across state lines once approved, thereby ending the in-state restriction that limits distribution during lengthy licensure reviews.
- Maintain full regulatory oversight and preserve safety standards while eliminating redundant regulatory burden.

This bill is a common sense, pro-patient fix. It does not reduce safety requirements and aligns the regulatory framework with operational reality. It gives blood centers the tools to meet patient needs without sacrificing the rigorous standards that make the U.S. blood supply the safest in the world.

We Urge You to Co-Sponsor H.R. 5791

To add your name as a cosponsor, please contact either Rep. Wied's (WI-8) office at render.symanski@mail.house.gov or Rep. Schrier's (WA-8) office at amy.zhou@mail.house.gov.