Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) released the following statement upon learning of the death of Chairman Tom Lantos of California:

“I was deeply saddened to learn of Chairman Tom Lantos’ passing. I join my colleagues in extending my sincere condolences to his family and friends. He was a knowledgeable and forceful leader, but incredibly positive, respectful and warm to newer members like myself. It was an honor to work with him.”

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