



**We all bleed the same.**

*I stand united with blood donors who identify as LGBTQIA+. We all bleed the same.*

In May 2023, the FDA issued a new guidance establishing a blood donor screening process based on individual donor assessment, not sexual or gender identity.

This is a positive step forward, but there is still work to be done to make blood donation as inclusive as possible. I sign my name in support of further research by the FDA regarding donor eligibility. I want a safe blood supply that allows more people to save lives by giving blood and I urge the FDA to continue making eligibility revisions based upon scientific evidence.

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Signed, \_\_\_\_\_



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