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## **News Release**

For Immediate Release

### **Jasnoor Deol In Need of a Bone Marrow Transplant**

MP Ruby Sahota Urges Canadians (in particular South Asians) to Register for OneMatch

04/05/2016 – Ottawa, Ontario – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, rose in the House of Commons yesterday during Statements by Members to raise awareness about Jasnoor “Noor” Deol and his struggle to find a bone marrow match.

In 2010, Noor was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. His cancer is very aggressive and unresponsive to chemotherapy. For more than five years, Noor and his family have desperately appealed to the public across Canada and even overseas, in hopes of finding a matching donor who can give Noor much-needed bone marrow.

“The problem is that while there are 350,000 registered bone marrow donors in Canada, 71% are Caucasian, while only 4.8% are South Asian.” said MP Ruby Sahota “Noor best chance of finding a match is among South Asian males aged 17-35.”

The Canadian Blood Services’ OneMatch program belongs to an international network of registries, including 23 million donors in more than 70 registries in other countries. Signing up involves a short questionnaire and a painless cheek swab for a saliva sample. More information is available at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca).

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