

## Calls and letters urgently needed on stem cell research & cloning to TX Leg.

The Texas Legislature is back in Austin until May 28. Now is the time to contact your elected officials about stem cell research and cloning. Innocent lives hang in the balance. Without your action, millions of state tax dollars may be going to fund the destruction of thousands of human embryos by this time next year.



It is critical that you contact your state elected officials — the Governor, the Lt. Governor, and especially your state senator and representative — by phone or letter. (Emails tend to be less effective and are not recommended.)

### My Texas State Elected Officials

The enclosed card gives the name and contact information for your state senator and representative, plus the Governor and Lt. Governor. Post this card on your refrigerator! It will help you save lives through the legislative session, which ends on May 28.

See the next page for samples.

**ROE Hurts Women**  
The TEXAS Rally for Life in Austin



Thousands of Texans converged on the state Capitol in Austin for the annual **Texas Rally for Life** on the Saturday that followed the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision.

**Mark your calendar for next year's rally on Saturday, January 26, 2008!**

### PRO-LIFE POSITION ON STEM CELL RESEARCH & CLONING:

**Adult Stem Cell Research** — We support dramatically increasing state funding for adult stem cell research (including stem cells in umbilical cord blood), which has already saved the lives of thousands of Americans with no ethical problems.

- Adult stem cells are free from ethical controversy. Doctors routinely obtain them without harming the donor. Frequently the patient is the donor. Bone marrow, blood, and fat are common sources. Umbilical cord blood from a live birth is rich in adult stem cells.
- Adult stem cells are highly effective at treating dozens of diseases right now and show great promise for treating even

more diseases. The Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (which advises Congress) reports, "Transplants of these stem cells have saved the lives of roughly 20,000 Americans with leukemia, lymphoma, sickle cell anemia, and several other diseases in recent years." Patients with dozens of other diseases including spinal cord injuries have been treated with adult stem cells. The Institute of Medicine says "thousands of patients who might benefit from [an adult stem cell transplant] die every year waiting for a match."

**Embryonic Stem Cell Research and Cloning** — We urge the Legislature to protect taxpayers from having to fund embryonic stem cell research and cloning, which destroys human embryos and has proven to be ineffective at treating any diseases. We support H.B. 225 (Rep. Ken Paxton, R-McKinney), which limits state tax dollars for this type of research.

- Embryonic stem cell research is fraught with ethical controversy. Embryonic stem cells can only be obtained by destroying human embryos. The goal of human cloning is to create human embryos to be destroyed for their embryonic stem cells.
- Embryonic stem cells are ineffective at treating diseases. The FDA has approved no treatments or even trials. No one has been cured of anything with embryonic stem cells, which tend to die or form tumors when injected into adults.

# Sample letter / phone message. Please use your own words.

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## SAMPLE LETTER

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

*I am writing to ask you to please support increasing state funding for adult stem cell research and to support H.B. 225 which limits state funds for embryonic stem cell research and cloning.*

*Adult stem cell research is free from ethical controversy. Doctors routinely obtain them without harming the donor. Adult stem cells are highly effective at treating dozens of diseases right now and show great promise for treating even more diseases. This is a good use for state funds.*

*Embryonic stem cell research and cloning are ethically controversial. I find it morally offensive. Embryonic stem cells can only be obtained by destroying human embryos.*

*No one has ever been cured of any disease from embryonic stem cells. The FDA has not approved any therapies using embryonic stem cells. All stem cell cures have come from adult stem cells.*

Sincerely,

(your name & address)

## SAMPLE PHONE MESSAGE

*Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I live at (your address). Please ask (name of elected official) to **support** funding for adult stem cell research, which is ethical and effective at saving lives, and to **support** H.B. 225, which protects taxpayers from funding embryonic stem cell research and cloning. Embryonic stem cell research and cloning destroy human embryos and has led to no cures. Thank you.*



## February 2007 **Write For Life** Response Form

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