

Huge Victory in Texas Legislature!

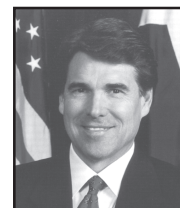
First ever line-item funding for life-saving adult stem cell research

The Texas Legislature concluded its session in Austin on May 28.



Though ignored by the press, pro-lifers have a huge victory we can be proud of. For the first time ever, the General Appropriations Bill, HB 1, will have line-item funding promoting lifesaving adult stem cell treatments and research. (This was a major goal of Texas Alliance for Life.)

The legislature has appropriated \$5 million for adult stem cell treatments and research. \$4 million is to save lives with stem cells found in umbilical cord blood, a rich source. The money will be used for collecting the cord blood at hospitals across Texas and storing those adult stem cells in a bank such as the Texas Cord Blood Bank in San Antonio. Those stem cells will be available for treating patients with several diseases such as cancer and sickle cell anemia. Another \$1 million will go to further research to find more treatments using adult stem cells in cord blood at the MD Anderson Cancer Center.



Governor
Rick
Perry

Please write and thank the leadership who helped to make it happen -- Governor Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, and Speaker Tom Craddick.



Lt. Gov.
David
Dewhurst

See the next page for a sample letter.

Did you know?

- The lives of over 20,000 Americans have been saved with adult stem cell treatments.
- Doctors have treated over 70 diseases, including cancer, heart disease, sickle cell anemia, using adult stem cells.
- No one is alive because of embryonic stem cell treatments or therapies, which are ineffective.



Speaker Tom
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Sample letter / phone message. Please use your own words.

Date

The Honorable _____

Dear _____,

Thank you for supporting \$5 million for adult stem cell funding in HB 1, the General Appropriations Bill.

I strongly support public funding for adult stem cell research (including cord blood stem cells). This research does not harm the donor and has proven to be very productive. Thousands of people are alive because of adult stem cell transplants. I would like to see Texas become a leader in adult stem cell therapies and research. This funding is a good start.

I strongly oppose tax-funded research on human embryonic stem cells and cloning because these require the destruction of innocent human embryos. No one has ever been cured of any disease using embryonic stem cells. The FDA has not even approved the use of embryonic stem cells in any therapies.

Sincerely,

[your name and address]

Governor Rick Perry

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