

Thank Sen. John Cornyn for opposing funding for embryo-destructive research



*Pro-life Senator
John Cornyn*

On April 11, the United States Senate passed S.5, a terrible bill that would force taxpayers to fund embryonic stem cell research that destroys human embryos. Texas has two U.S. Senators. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison voted to support S.5, not a pro-life vote. Sen. John Cornyn cast a pro-life vote to oppose S.5.

This month we ask you to contact and thank Senator Cornyn for his principled, pro-life opposition to tax-funded embryonic stem cell research that destroys human embryos. Cornyn has consistently supported adult stem cell research, which does not harm the donor, and he has opposed funding embryonic stem cell research, which requires the destruction of human embryos.

S. 5 would mandate federal funding for new embryonic stem cell lines, which are created by destroying embryos. This bill attempts to make the prospect of destroying human life more palatable by only allowing the use of embryos that were created for in vitro fertilization. However, taxpayers should never be forced to fund the destruction of innocent human lives, regardless of how those lives have been created.

The Senate is expected to attempt to override the president's veto very soon.

SAMPLE MESSAGE:

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Dear Senator Cornyn,

Thank you for your pro-life vote to oppose S. 5, which would force tax payers to fund embryonic stem cell research that destroys human embryos. Our nation should put its funding behind adult stem cell research, which is ethical and productive at saving lives.

Sincerely,

Your name

Your address



On June 20, President Bush vetoed S. 5. He is shown with Kaitlyne McNamara, who was born with spina bifida, a disease that damaged her bladder. Doctors reconstructed her bladder with a treatment using adult (not embryonic) stem cells, and she is now healthy.

A response to Sen. Hutchison's claim of 400,000 embryos for research



U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison voted to support S. 5. In emails to constituents, Hutchison claims, "Approximately 400,000 excess frozen embryos are in clinics across the country and will be destroyed if not utilized," implying that these are eligible for research. That's not true.

A recent RAND study found that very few of these stored embryos could be used. Only 2.8% (11,000) are designated for research, resulting in at most 275 new embryonic stem cell lines. (Each stem cell line requires destroying approximately 40 embryos.)