

Thank Speaker Craddick for pushing adult stem cell research

This newsletter helps you make one contact a month to policy-makers to protect innocent human lives.



Summary

This month we ask you to thank Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick for initiating the landmark hearing on adult stem cell research, treatments, and cures held in the State Capitol on May 21, 2008. See below for a sample letter.

Background

There are two kinds of stem cells — adult and embryonic. (Umbilical cord blood is a rich source of adult stem cells and does not involve embryonic stem cells.) The pro-life movement supports funding for adult stem cell activities — these are effective and do not harm the donor. We oppose funding for embryonic stem cell research. This involves destroying innocent human lives and embryonic stem cells have never cured anyone.

At the request of Speaker Craddick, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Adult Stem Cell Research heard invited testimony on the current and future state of life-saving adult stem cell research and treatments in Texas and the potential for commercializing that research. Testimony at the hearing effectively demonstrated that adult stem cell treatments have been extraordinarily effective. The testimony also made the case that there are no therapeutic or ethical reasons for destroying human embryos through embryonic stem cell research.

Sample message:

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Cured using adult stem cells

While no one has been cured of any diseases using embryonic stem cells, tens of thousands of Americans have been successfully treated for dozens of diseases using adult stem cells. Here are several stories from Texans who have generously shared their stories in the Capitol.



Joseph and Darlene Davis' son Joseph, Jr., was cured of sickle cell anemia with adult stem cells from his younger brother's umbilical cord blood. Dr. Beverly Nuckols' granddaughter, Veronica, was cured of a fatal immune disorder with adult stem cells from umbilical cord blood.

Dear Speaker Craddick,

Thank you for requesting a hearing on adult stem cell research in Texas. I strongly support the public funding of adult stem cell research because of the many cures, the potential for more cures without ethical problems.

I strongly urge you to oppose any funding for human embryonic stem cell research. This has not proved to be effective and it requires the destruction of innocent human embryos.

Sincerely,