



*Dedicated to Advancing Stem Cell Research*

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**Pass Meaningful Stem Cell Legislation Now**

**Vote YES on the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (H.R. 810)**

**Accept No Substitutes!**

The Senate will soon debate and vote on H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act!

**Overwhelming Support**

Results from a May 2006 national poll underscore our country's continued and strong support for embryonic stem cell research. An overwhelming 72% of the American people would like to see such research progress with federal funding and 70% want the Senate to finally take up and vote on the issue.

Nobel laureates, virtually every major medical and scientific professional association, major research universities and institutions, and affected patient advocacy organizations ALL support H.R. 810. These groups have made the bill's passage this year a top priority.

**A vote for H.R. 810, and this bill alone, is what these groups will view as support for the most promising stem cell research. A vote against H.R. 810 will be considered a vote against research and cures.** Millions of patients and their families, prominent scientists, university leaders, and an overwhelming majority of the American public will not stand for any substitutes to H.R. 810.

**Don't be Distracted by Decoys**

When the Senate considers H.R. 810, two other bills will be considered at the same time: S. 2754, a so-called "alternative" stem cell bill, and S. 3504, a bill to ban "fetal farming."

Neither of these bills would have any real impact. As has been pointed out by NIH officials and other scientists, there is nothing included in S. 2754, the "alternative" bill, which cannot already be undertaken without this legislation. And S. 3504 would simply ban activity that no scientist is doing or wants to do; these practices occur only in science fiction, not in real life.

H.R. 810 is the one bill in the package that offers promise to millions of Americans. By lifting the arbitrary ban on which stem cell lines can be federally funded, the bill truly helps research move ahead to end the suffering of patients and their families.

**Substitutes are not Acceptable**

While CAMR supports research for all types of stem cells, scientists – not Congress – should determine what sources offer the most promise. Alternative methods for creating pluripotent stem cells are far from a reality. Bills such as S. 2754 offer false hope that other avenues of research exist. A vote for such an "alternative," and not for H.R. 810, is a vote for stalling progress in treating and curing diseases. For the 100 million American patients awaiting scientific progress, **there is no viable alternative to H.R. 810.**