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**Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research**

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August 23, 2007

The Honorable Joe Hackney  
Speaker  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
Room 2304  
State Legislative Building  
Raleigh, NC 27601

The Honorable Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tem  
North Carolina Senate  
Room 2007  
State Legislative Building  
Raleigh, NC 27601

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Dear Speaker Hackney and President Pro Tem Basnight:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR) to clarify our position on H.B. 1837, the Stem Cell Research Health and Wellness Act recently passed by the North Carolina House Appropriations Committee. CAMR issued a letter in support of the bill dated July 26, 2007. Our letter was sent prior to the committee modifications made to the legislation on the same date.

On July 26, 2007 the North Carolina House Appropriations Committee revised H.B. 1837 to remove the appropriation and to add a provision that allows for the creation of additional ethical guidelines as a contingency for funding. The bill was also passed by the full North Carolina House. The new provision in H.B. 1837 states that no grants can be given until the new guidelines are approved by the legislature. This change requiring additional legislative action is a hurdle to access for funding that CAMR does not support. Therefore, CAMR officially withdraws its letter of support for H.B. 1837. If the legislation is modified further, we could reconsider our position.

Should you have any questions or would like us to further clarify our position, please do not hesitate to contact our organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Tipton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sean Tipton, President