

Vote NO on H.R.810!

Support the President's Stem Cell Policy

There may soon be a vote on H.R.810, a bill that overturns the President's ETHICAL embryonic stem cell policy and authorizes federal funding for research on newly-created embryo stem cell lines derived from killed IVF embryos.

WHY YOU SHOULD OPPOSE H.R.810:

- *H.R.810 Kill Human Embryos:* The creation of new embryonic stem cell lines **requires the destruction of a viable human embryo**. Taxpayers – for the first time ever – will be forced to pay for the destruction of nascent human life. We should not cross this perilous bright line.
- *H.R.810 is an Empty Promise:* Embryo stem cells **have not treated a single human patient** and have not been proven effective in a good animal model. Conversely, ETHICAL and SUCCESSFUL adult and cord blood stem cell therapies are treating human patients TODAY with over 58 different diseases.
- *H.R.810 Does Not Have 400,000 “discarded” embryos to use:* **These embryos are not “going to be discarded.”** The IVF clinics' own study found that over 90% of the IVF embryos currently in storage are WANTED by the parents for implantation, and the remaining embryos could be ADOPTED or transferred to the hundreds of thousands of couples who are unable to have children. In addition, RAND Corp. has estimated that—at most—275 lines could be derived from embryos currently in storage, NOT the 400,000 proponents claim.
- *H.R.810 Will Lead to Cloning:* As admitted by the bill's supporters (Sen. Orin Hatch et al, May 11, 2005), H.R.810 is only the “critical first step.” Because the number of stem cell lines available through H.R.810 will be **insufficient and unsatisfactory** to meet scientist's demand, **supporters of H.R.810 will soon be advocating for federal support of the CREATION of embryos for research, either through IVF or cloning.**