



Dedicated to Advancing Stem Cell Research

Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research

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Representative Pat Murphy
Speaker of the Iowa House
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Speaker Murphy:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR) in support of the Iowa Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative (SF 162). We understand this legislation was recently passed by the Iowa Senate and that a vote is expected soon in the Iowa House.

CAMR and its 100 member organization represent the voices of patients, scientists, physicians and academic institutions across the country in the debate over stem cell research and the future of regenerative medicine. We have grassroots members from patient and other advocacy groups in every state in the nation, including Iowa.

We applaud efforts in Iowa to repeal the current ban on procedures and research involving somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). SCNT could lead to dramatic new treatments and cures for now incurable diseases and medical conditions. SCNT could be used to help nearly 100 million Americans suffering from cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, Parkinson's, spinal cord injuries, heart disease, ALS, and other devastating conditions for which treatments and cures must still be found.

CAMR supports state efforts to create safe-havens for critical medical research such as stem cells and therapeutic cloning. State legislation that is pro stem cell and pro SCNT helps attract top scientists and researchers to pursue this field of study and increases research activity.

By reversing the current ban on SCNT in Iowa, you could bring our nation one step closer to finding cures and treatments. You would also send a strong signal that may lead to other states reversing their own bans. We offer our strongest support for the Iowa Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative (SF 162).

Sincerely,

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

Sean Tipton
President

cc: Governor Chet Culver; Senator John P. Kibbie, President of the Iowa Senate