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21577		5/14/2009 6:42:05 PM	<p>I oppose NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines Draft on moral grounds: Each human embryo is a unique and complete human being, in process of development. Another human being has no right to purposefully destroy a very early human life for scientific experimentation. A society in which the stronger members can destroy the weakest among us will destroy itself. Respect for every human life is the core value of the American experiment in human government. Without that, we will ultimately destroy our society. In addition, IPS cell technology has made it unnecessary to destroy the early human child to obtain stem cells. Thus we don't even have a "scientific" excuse for our immorality.</p>
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21580		5/14/2009 6:45:21 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21581		5/14/2009 6:45:47 PM	<p>In reference to the Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines, I am opposed to using any of my tax dollars for embryonic cell research. I do not believe that I should have to support those things that I consider unethical with my tax dollars.</p>
21582		5/14/2009 6:50:11 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21583		5/14/2009 6:52:01 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem-cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem-cell lines derived from somatic-cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to therapies sooner and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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21585		5/14/2009 6:54:33 PM	<p>We do not want our tax dollars used for this purpose, especially when adult stem cell research has been proven to yield the same or better results. We also believe this procedure to be immoral and may possibly be used to furthering cloning research. May God help those who support this legislation.</p>
21586		5/14/2009 6:55:40 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21587		5/14/2009 6:56:07 PM	<p>I do not support the use of my tax dollars to fund any stem cell research that requires the destruction of human life, no matter how nascent. That includes the funding of embryonic stem cell lines from surplus embryos from in vitro fertilization.</p> <p>That being said, I DO support the guidelines in Section II that restrict federal funds to embryonic stem cell lines that are derived from embryos left-over from infertility treatments.</p> <p>Please DO NOT expand these guidelines to include stem cell lines derived from embryos created expressly for research purposes, including embryos created by somatic cell nuclear transfer. With the advances in induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS cells), it is arguable that embryonic stem cell research is unnecessary. Expanding funding to include stem cell lines derived from embryos created for research purposes would not only be unethical, but also would waste precious limited research dollars.</p>
21588		5/14/2009 6:57:52 PM	<p>Since my husband has Parkinson's, I wish for all current and future stem cell lines be used in research. This research will be too late for him, but it should be of great benefit for others.</p> <p>Of course, the stem cell lines created should be done according to ethical guidelines.</p>

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21590		5/14/2009 7:01:01 PM	The most basic of all rights is life. To purposefully destroy life requires a benefit of life to a much greater recipient. The availability of adult stem cells negates any use of embryonic stem cells.
21591	redacted	5/14/2009 7:03:22 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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21598	redacted	5/14/2009 7:14:53 PM	<p>Dear NIH:</p> <p>President Obama's Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. The NIH deserves credit for producing draft Guidelines quickly to provide time for public comment. However, I am worried that that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing stem cell lines ethically created over the last eight years. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration:</p> <p>[1] Develop final Guidelines that allow the NIH to fund research utilizing established hESC lines derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR Guidelines for the Conduct of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. These guidelines recommend independent oversight, voluntary and informed donor consent and no undue inducements. Most established hESC lines that are widely used in research today have been obtained in accordance with these principles. To ensure continued international collaboration, these principles should be applied to the evaluation of existing lines.</p> <p>[2] Most existing U.S. lines have been derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR's guidelines and consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving IRB oversight and approval. In some instances, additional specialized embryonic stem cell research oversight committees (ESCROs), and other oversight methods in other countries (referred to as SCROs in ISSCR Guidelines), have also provided oversight. Established policy has demonstrated that this self-regulatory structure has provided a sound ethical foundation for stem cell research. In developing the final Guidelines the NIH should consider this well-established framework of independent oversight and give weight to its determinations.</p> <p>[3] Specifically, for funding eligibility purposes, the ethical provenance of existing U.S. cell lines should be judged based on the standards that prevailed at the time they were derived, provided the protocol under which donations were accepted, and any amendments, were approved by an IRB operating under federal regulations. Non-US lines should be eligible for funding within the US if the IRB and/or SCRO for the US institution receiving NIH funding determines that the protocol under which the underlying donation occurred met operative standards of the time and core ethical principles. In addition, new requirements that go beyond established U.S. and international practice should be applied prospectively only, and after a time period for affected parties, including IVF clinics, to adapt. We specifically ask the NIH to reconsider those aspects that go beyond existing ISSCR standards, including, for example, the proposed mandatory dual IVF consent the proposed guidelines would require, and the proposed requirement that the informed consent form is the sole source for ethical validation.</p> <p>[4] It will be essential that investigators know with some certainty what lines are eligible for funding. I therefore urge the NIH to work with organizations such as the ISSCR to develop a list or registry of hESC lines available for NIH-funding or resources to support the oversight process. The ISSCR has in development a registry to document that hESC derivation was performed in accordance with ethical requirements, and make associated documentation available to reviewing IRBs and stem cell oversight bodies. Such a registry would reduce uncertainty and improve research efficiency. While that registry is being finalized, a useful and easy place to start in the meantime would be for the NIH to publish, on a Web site, the lines that are determined to be fundable based on IRB and SCRO determinations.</p> <p>[5]The unreasonable prohibition against SCNT and the politically inspired Dickey Wicker Amendment must be eliminated in the interests of good science and clinically relevant progress in this research</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guidelines.</p>

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21601		5/14/2009 7:16:44 PM	<p>I don't pretend to be scientifically knowledgeable but from what I have read I believe there is a strong moral incentive driving this matter and I strongly favor morality over convenience. Hope that you agree.</p>
21602		5/14/2009 7:16:48 PM	<p>"I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you."</p>
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21606	redacted	5/14/2009 7:19:08 PM	<p>I'm passionate about Stem Cell RESEARCH AND the need for federal funding for this research. Sincerely,</p>
21607		5/14/2009 7:20:39 PM	<p>I applaud guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you</p>
21608		5/14/2009 7:22:49 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21609		5/14/2009 7:26:41 PM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research. Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders, like a very close friend of mine who has early onset Parkinson's disease. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
21610		5/14/2009 7:27:53 PM	<p>I do not agree with embryonic stem cell research, and I do not feel that I should have to fund it. On top of that giving scientists virtually unrestricted funds means that other more important projects will lack funding. I think it is wrong to of President Barack Obama to assume that because he supports this policy, american citizens should too.</p>

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21612		5/14/2009 7:29:34 PM	<p>As a patient, and a parent of a child suffering from diabetes, I am pleased that Section II B of the draft guidelines appear to permit federal funding of some existing stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines that will be created from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that all current stem cell lines will be eligible for federal funding. I believe the final guidelines should allow federal funds for research using any existing stem cell lines that were created under ethical guidelines. This will allow research to build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding. Since new breakthroughs to create stem cell lines occur regularly, it is crucial that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ethical ways. " Please do not let other countries cure this and make the people in the USA go to other locations when the \$ has been approved for here. I understand Brazil is using this and has a 73% cure rate. I am sending this on my behalf--my son's and my nephew (19) AND MY FRIEND'S GRANDSON--HE IS ONLY 3-1/2 YRS OLD.</p>
21613		5/14/2009 7:31:56 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21616	redacted	5/14/2009 7:39:19 PM	<p>I am in favor of stem cell research as many benefits have resulted from this endeavor. However, I DO NOT favor embryonic stem cell research or the use of my hard earned money to support such heinous and obviously useless testing. It is a well-known fact to anyone who is not living under a rock that research relying on the use of embryos has produced NO positive results. In fact, the results have been disasterous. So why continue to push for something that is not only immoral but also a waste of time and money?</p> <p>One has to wonder why the president of this once great republic is unaware of the data and statistics proving the uselessness of using embryos in curing illness. It would be a good and prudent idea to check out the facts about such a weighty and expensive issue before deciding to use tax dollars to support it. Isn't the deficit big enough as it is without wasting more of OUR money?</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
21617		5/14/2009 7:40:18 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21618		5/14/2009 7:41:43 PM	<p>This is wrong! Destroying human life should be against the law! What happens if that was you? You had no chance, no chance to have a life for make a difference. No chance for life at all!!! Finding cures is important, but taking away human life to get there is going too far!</p>

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21619		5/14/2009 7:42:02 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21620		5/14/2009 7:42:29 PM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened."</p> <p>I am PRO embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>I am PRO adult stem cell research.</p> <p>I am PRO SCNT research/treatment for regenerative medicine.</p> <p>Please consider removing the federal funding ban on SCNT-derived cell lines so that further research can be performed with the hopes of providing much-needed therapies for many diseases.</p>
21621		5/14/2009 7:46:02 PM	<p>I am strongly opposed to the Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines. Embryonic stem cell research should not be paid for with my tax dollars. It is well known in scientific communities that embryonic stem cell research is unnecessary. Stem cell research is currently viable, prolific and productive without the use of embryos. The use of embryos created solely for research borders on Nazi Germany style research. We are a nation with a higher moral code and our research techniques should reflect that. If we can protect animals from research, surely we can protect humans as well.</p>
21622		5/14/2009 7:48:11 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21623		5/14/2009 7:50:27 PM	<p>Please reconsider all restrictions on use of stem cells for research to find a cure for Type I diabetes by grandfathering in those stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>It is critical that research be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p>

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21624		5/14/2009 7:52:00 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21625		5/14/2009 7:53:35 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21626		5/14/2009 7:54:13 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p>
21627		5/14/2009 7:57:57 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21628		5/14/2009 7:58:45 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>Please take this opportunity to stand up to President Obama's order that allows more of your tax dollars to be spent on the destruction of human life.</p>
21629		5/14/2009 7:59:28 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
21630	redacted	5/14/2009 8:00:32 PM	<p>Please work to stop the killing of human beings. We have not shown any cures based on usage of embryonic stem cells. Please consider cessation of this type of research and thus usage of our tax dollars in such a barbaric means of de-valuing human life itself.</p> <p>Regards</p>

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21631		5/14/2009 8:01:49 PM	<p>I believe that using human embryos for research IS WRONG and I certainly DON't WANT my tax dollars to pay for it. We must protect life at ALL stages, especially for the stages when that life is TOO YOUNG to speak for herself or himself.</p> <p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21632		5/14/2009 8:05:02 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you</p>
21633		5/14/2009 8:05:02 PM	<p>I support stem cell research! I am glad that some of the restrictions are being loosened!</p>
21634		5/14/2009 8:06:24 PM	<p>I oppose NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines Draft on moral grounds: Each human embryo is a unique and complete human being, in process of development. Another human being has no right to purposefully destroy a very early human life for scientific experimentation. A society in which the stronger members can destroy the weakest among us will destroy itself. Respect for every human life is the core value of the American experiment in human government. Without that, we will ultimately destroy our society. In addition, IPS cell technology has made it unnecessary to destroy the early human child to obtain stem cells. Thus we don't even have a "scientific" excuse for our immorality.</p>
21635		5/14/2009 8:07:02 PM	<p>I strongly, passionately support loosening the restrictions as much as possible. This is what a vast majority of Americans want. Research is what NIH is there for. Please do not be overly influenced by a small group of extremists who want to limit stem cell research. Human suffering is at stake.</p>
21636		5/14/2009 8:07:31 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which forces me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p>
21637		5/14/2009 8:07:31 PM	<p>I am in favor of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research.</p>
21638		5/14/2009 8:07:50 PM	<p>I am in favor of loosening restrictions on stem cell research. Thank you.</p>

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21639		5/14/2009 8:11:18 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
21640		5/14/2009 8:13:31 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21641		5/14/2009 8:20:16 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21643	redacted	5/14/2009 8:20:57 PM	<p>I do not want my tax money to fund Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. I am opposed to the destroying of human embryos for research purposes. It is just plain murder to do this. Why in the world would you take the life of a human when there are other methods of doing this research that have been proven to be successful?</p>
21644		5/14/2009 8:26:08 PM	<p>First, I do not believe in killing another human being. And that would be what would happen if there is complete freedom to create a human in a dish and then use this for scientific study. Where has common sense gone. There is a state of denial that this is a human being or maybe no one cares. I truly do care.</p>
21645		5/14/2009 8:26:16 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21646		5/14/2009 8:26:42 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research because it forces me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life. People who have received embryonic stem cells have developed tumors and died. They do not work.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21647		5/14/2009 8:28:35 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21648		5/14/2009 8:31:54 PM	<p>Comment Text (please copy and paste into Comments section)</p> <p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any questions. You can send us an email at advocacy@jdrf.org.</p>

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21649	redacted	5/14/2009 8:32:28 PM	<p>I am opposed to using humans in their embryonic stage of life for scientific experiments. To exploit a person in that stage of life is to devalue the meaning of being human. It is to view certain human's as property; a level of degradation not inflicted upon a person since the passage of the 13th admendment. The aims sought in such experiments (cure's for human illnesses) can be achived and have been shown to be achivable though other methods; methods which do not kill a defenseless human being. Those who justify using a person at that stage of life for scientific "research", have lost sight of the fact that we are all mortal. We can not and we must not use illicted aims to achive what appears to be a positive goal. As a person of faith and as a citizen,I am requesting that we not use taxpayer dollars to futher such illicted behavior. Respectfully,</p>
21650		5/14/2009 8:33:38 PM	<p>I believe it is wrong for the United States government to use the people's tax money to fund such a controversial activity. Furthermore, embryonic stem cell research prepares loopholes that could be abused in the future to the effect of dehumanizing our posterity. What begins as "beneficial" (although this form of research has yielded very little benefit so far) may one day transform into research into human cloning or even human-animal hybrid. The lines of medical ethics are becoming increasingly blurry, and I think it is time for someone to draw them clearly once again.</p>
21651		5/14/2009 8:35:15 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p> <p>In addition, having suffered from diabetes since I was under two. I would do anything so that future generations wouldn't have to undergo what I have.</p>
21652	redacted	5/14/2009 8:37:03 PM	<p>Dear Mr. President,</p> <p>Your decision to begin harvesting additional embryos for the purpose of embryonic stem cell research is not acceptable to me.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adult stem cell research has provided a great deal of hope--embryonic stem cells have not shown any promise. We seem to be living in a sci-fi world, where we tinker with the truth about life, global warming, carbon footprints, etc. This would be comic relief if it weren't so tragic. 2. Using existing lines is one thing, but sacrificing additional human life for this purpose is tantamount to abortion. I for one do not approve of my tax money being used for this purpose. 3. Knowing all this to be true, why would you continue to push for this? It is not even logical. Just because something can be done doesn't mean that it should be done. <p>Thank you.</p>

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21653		5/14/2009 8:37:50 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
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21655		5/14/2009 8:40:28 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21656		5/14/2009 8:41:06 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21657		5/14/2009 8:41:32 PM	<p>1st, I am outraged that guidelines to destroy living human beings are being made, especially when adult stem cells are ethical, while embryonic are unethical! 2nd, there are no stipulations to forbid cloning, another disgusting unethical scientific folly. Please avoid guidelines on ungodly scientific freedoms!</p>

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21658		5/14/2009 8:43:19 PM	<p>Federal funds should not be used to support embryonic stem cell research. I do not want our taxes to support unethical procedures. It is clearly dangerous and wrong. Embryonic stem cell researchers may want to understand or even cure diseases and conditions but at what cost?</p> <p>Many amazing cures and breakthroughs have occurred with adult stem cell therapies. Progress toward these cures will be slowed if you divert attention and funds toward embryonic stem cell research which is unethical and has inherent, proven obstacles. Do not put politics, corporate interests, and research contracts ahead of the sound science that is already benefiting humanity.</p> <p>The guidelines you are proposing would lay the foundation to open doors through which no moral person should enter. You are preparing to ask couples to sign paperwork to release embryos for experimentation. Those embryos were created because a couple desired to have a child, a human child. Each implanted embryo is a parent's hope for another family member, and each family member is unique. Every embryo will have its own fingerprints. No other human in existence will ever have those fingerprints. Embryos not implanted cannot be destroyed in order to benefit someone else. Doing so would be morally and ethically reprehensible. No parent can give valid consent for killing their offspring.</p> <p>Federal law prohibits the destruction of a Bald Eagles' eggs. In order to protect the species, we protect the embryo. Let's protect the dignity and basic rights of all members of the human race with the same vigor. The human body develops progressively and we need to protect humans at every stage of development. We need to choose to support only ethically responsible advances in the research and use of adult stem cells.</p> <p>I strongly oppose the use of tax dollars to fund embryonic stem cell research.</p>
21659		5/14/2009 8:43:26 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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21660		5/14/2009 8:43:37 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 1297 147">Comment Text (please copy and paste into Comments section)</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1940 302">For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 1940 548">The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p data-bbox="634 584 1940 703">Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p data-bbox="634 738 1940 922">We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1016 1633 1044">Please let us know if you have any questions. You can send us an email at advocacy@jdrf.org.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1079 758 1107">Thank you!</p> <p data-bbox="634 1143 942 1170">JDRF Government Relations</p> <p data-bbox="634 1266 1890 1352">Additional Background: In March President Obama signed an Executive Order, which lifted previous federal funding restrictions on stem cell research. Although this action was a great victory for those of us in search of a cure for type 1 diabetes, our job is not done!</p> <p data-bbox="634 1388 1919 1507">As part of the Executive Order, President Obama instructed the NIH to issue guidelines governing this research. You can view the NIH's draft guidelines online by clicking here. The draft guidelines would permit federal funding for research using stem cells derived from embryos created by in-vitro fertilization and no longer needed for reproductive purposes. The draft guidelines also would ensure that embryos utilized for embryonic stem cell research were donated under the</p>

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21660		5/14/2009 8:43:37 PM	highest ethical standards. While JDRF supports these guidelines, we would encourage the NIH to extend funding eligibility to currently-funded stem cell lines and existing lines that were derived according to prevailing ethical guidelines.
21661		5/14/2009 8:43:46 PM	Tax money should not go toward the destruction of human life, in the form of embryos. Adult and umbilical cord stem cells have yielded much better results for treatment, and have no ethical issues associated with them.
21662		5/14/2009 8:43:46 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21663		5/14/2009 8:44:18 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21664		5/14/2009 8:44:44 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21665		5/14/2009 8:47:04 PM	<p>my son almost died on april 2. he went into diabetic shock -- he did not know he was a diabetic. now he is sentenced to a life of calibrating how many carbohydrates he will be eating before he eats, then dosing himself with insulin, as well as numerous finger pricks to check his blood sugar.</p> <p>his only hope for a normal life is through research into stem cells that can turn stem cells into the beta cells in that is pancreas has killed.</p> <p>please do everything you can to loosen the regulations on stem cells.</p> <p>do it for me, do it for all the mothers who weep at night worrying about their type 1 diabetic children.</p>

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21666		5/14/2009 8:47:45 PM	Correct me if I'm wrong, but it is my understanding that the embryo-destructive stem cell research that President Obama recently authorized has not been as successful as the use of adult stem cell. Why kill when it is not necessary? Why are we always supporting negativity when there are better ways. I do not want my tax dollars used in this manner. Lets stop rewarding bad behavior.
21667		5/14/2009 8:48:57 PM	Embryonic stem cell research is a waste of human life. I will not pay my taxes just to have a portion of them go to something I am absolutely against. There have been positive results from non-embryonic stem cell research. Follow those results. Nothing needs to be killed for non-embryonic cells. I will not fund this. I will move out of the country.
21668	redacted	5/14/2009 8:49:27 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>Again, I am opposed to the use of the taxpayer's money to fund this unethical use of embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21669		5/14/2009 8:51:17 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21670		5/14/2009 8:55:28 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I am a member of the Parkinson's community and have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>To learn more about human embryonic stem cell research, please visit the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research at www.camradvocacy.org.</p> <p>My whole family has been affected by Parkinson's disease. It is a horrible thing to have to live with and see your family suffer from. I think that the majority of people who are against stem cell reasearch would change their minds if it were them or their family that was affected by a devastating disease that stem cell research could potentially cure.</p>
21671		5/14/2009 8:57:31 PM	<p>"The purpose of these draft Guidelines is to...help ensure that NIH-funded research in this area is ethically responsible..."</p> <p>"These draft Guidelines would allow funding for research using human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization (IVF) for reproductive purposes and were no longer needed for that purpose."</p> <p>Where is the ethical responsibility here? These two statements are in contradiction of each other. What a tragedy and a breach of my rights as an American citizen that I am forced to see my tax dollars fund this kind of ethical IRRESPONSIBILITY.</p>
21672		5/14/2009 8:57:34 PM	<p>Please don't undo this, it has already been established!</p>

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21673		5/14/2009 8:59:03 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21674		5/14/2009 8:59:36 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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21675		5/14/2009 9:00:04 PM	<p>It is my hope that I can share with my young girls the respect and dignity that our country's leaders have for their lives, the lives of their friends and the lives of their potential friends coming from those children still in their mother's wombs or those soon to be. My girls need to know that they can trust the moral and ethical decision making of their country's leaders. I long for them to have reason to have respect and pride in their country's leadership. It is troubling that the National Institutes of Health plans to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is appalling that some members of Congress want an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>Please oppose any use of my tax dollars to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead please support adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions. Please, please don't make me have to explain to my girls that our country's leaders are making us financially support something we so oppose as a matter of conscience and morals and by the core of our very creation, we oppose. Help my girls feel safe. They are so young and so easily see the connection between the beginning of their life and where they are now. It is scary to them to think that just a short time ago they would not have been protected. In fact even their mommy and daddy could have been forced to help pay for their death.</p>
21676		5/14/2009 9:02:11 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21677		5/14/2009 9:03:03 PM	<p>As a cancer researcher and someone of strong convictions, the subject of embryonic stem cells is one that will certainly be important throughout my career. Given this, I would like to make the following comments regarding the NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines:</p> <p>I feel that the Dickey-Wicker Amendment should be upheld in every way by the NIH guidelines, with regard to human embryos and the creation of embryos for research purposes only. I support any and all efforts by the NIH to avoid more controversial sources of embryos and restrict funding on embryonic stem cells derived from sources such as cloning. The guidelines should limit federal dollars only to embryonic stem cells created to date. All researchers should be held to a high level of accountability through the mandatory use of consent forms and the implementation of strict institutional policies. It is also extremely important that there be a clear separation between the clinician in the IVF clinic and the laboratory researchers that will ultimately work with the embryos and cell lines. These two should NEVER be the same, and it should be made clear to any participants in the program what the distinctions are between the two. I know all too well the pressure placed on physician scientist to obtain clinical samples, and any such physician should not influence the couples who may or may not donate. Finally, I propose an explicit ban against using federal funds to produce totipotent organisms from the NIH approved embryonic stem cell lines and/or the blastocysts from which they are derived. Furthermore, I believe that the Office of Human Research Protection should provide guidance on this issue as there will certainly be many more questions in the future.</p>

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21678		5/14/2009 9:05:21 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21679		5/14/2009 9:08:44 PM	<p>I am for the stem cell research and what it can do for many major diseases as a cure. Stem cell research should be allowed to move forward. Women every single day are ridding their bodies of unwanted fetus that is destroyed. Why not use the embro for a good cause to cure diseases? The scientists are not going out and killing anyone to get the stem cells. People/women contact them to rid their body of fundamental tissue that will be destroyed. The stem cell treatment if approved can save many lives. I hope the president approve and set guidelines for the stem cell research as soon as possible. There are many individuals like myself who is in favor of stem cell research waiting for a cure to be developed for serious diseases such as sugar diabetes etc. There is a serious empidemic of this disease. The stem cell research holds hope for thousands of individuals.</p>

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21680		5/14/2009 9:12:41 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p> <p>Please do the right thing and don't use any of my tax dollars to promote the murdering of human babies (embryos).</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
21681		5/14/2009 9:14:25 PM	<p>Please do not use United States tax dollars to fund human stem cell research. The research you want funded, would be desecrating human life. The "embryo" was a human being, and should have been protected by law, to be born.</p>
21682		5/14/2009 9:16:53 PM	<p>I am worried the current NIH rules will have the unintended effect of disqualifying many existing stem cell lines from funding. The editorial at this link greatly concerns me. Please read here: http://blogs.sciencemag.org/scienceinsider/2009/05/are-nihs-stem-c.html</p>
21683		5/14/2009 9:17:32 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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21684		5/14/2009 9:20:19 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources, if any, may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most useful or practical for patients with diabetes. However, that the more broad-based research we conduct, the more opportunity to find a cure.</p> <p>These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21685		5/14/2009 9:20:56 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21686		5/14/2009 9:21:50 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health must rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. Stem cell "research" is not "health" or "knowledge." Albert Einstein is quoted as saying, "If we knew what we were doing, it would not be called research."</p> <p>It is especially troubling that some supporters of this "research" are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21687		5/14/2009 9:22:39 PM	<p>I believe human embryonic stem cell research to be immoral, dangerous, and unnecessary. It is obviously wrong to destroy human life as these procedures do. There have been great strides in adult and umbilical cord stem cell research without any ethical concerns whatsoever. On the other hand, human embryonic stem cell research has led to numerous problematic developments, including tumors. The American taxpayer should not be required to pay for such a controversial form of research.</p>
21688		5/14/2009 9:22:45 PM	<p>I am in favor of losing restrictions on stem cell research.</p>
21689		5/14/2009 9:23:41 PM	<p>I do not feel it is right to use taxpayers money to fund embryonic stem cell research. Most of the leading researchers have abandoned embryonic stem cell research due to the fact that the growing cells are too volital and they have found adult stem cells to be much more stable and successful in treatments.</p>
21690		5/14/2009 9:24:06 PM	<p>Please, please lift the medieval restrictions that have been imposed on stem cell research. The freedom to go where science takes us is essential if we are to save and extend lives.</p>
21691		5/14/2009 9:27:52 PM	<p>I am completely in support of embryonic stem cell research. The potential from all lines of stem cell research may have the greatest potential of all medical research at this time. Although there are people opposed to stem cell research whose views are based on their religious roots, I do not share this view. First I do not agree that a fetus is a person - I think it is a potential person. However I would not try to dissuade them from the point of view, and similarly they should not impose their perspective on researchers who do not share their beliefs. Discarded embryos are a terrible waste in view of the research potential. Please support this extremely important work!</p>
21692		5/14/2009 9:30:12 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21693	redacted	5/14/2009 9:31:09 PM	Please loosen the restrictions on stem cell research! Thank you,
21694	redacted	5/14/2009 9:32:00 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21695	redacted	5/14/2009 9:32:44 PM	I support the President's Executive Order 13505: Removing Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research Involving Human Stem Cells. The Executive Order states that the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the Director of NIH, may support and conduct responsible, scientifically worthy human stem cell research, including human embryonic stem cell research, to the extent permitted by law.
21698	redacted	5/14/2009 9:33:36 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21699	redacted	5/14/2009 9:34:12 PM	<p>I have a son who suffered massive damage to his brain as a result of his prematurity. He is spastic quadriplegia and we have been told he will never walk. Stem research around the world particularly in countries like America is vital to provide hope for families like ours that we can hope for more for our son.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of people suffering from many diseases and disorders around the world. I am not an American or a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you Sincerely</p>
21700		5/14/2009 9:35:23 PM	<p>I oppose President Obama's new stem cell policy. I do not believe in allowing the creation of human embryos through cloning and other means and then to be destroyed for research. All life is sacred.</p>
21701		5/14/2009 9:36:11 PM	<p>Please do not use tax payers money for stem cell research.The American people should not have to pay for this.</p>
21702		5/14/2009 9:39:43 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21703		5/14/2009 9:40:35 PM	<p>We support Stem Cell research. It is a venue for finding a cure for type 1 diabetes. Diabetes is a chronic disease that needs be a disease of the past not of the 21 century.</p>

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21704		5/14/2009 9:41:28 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21705		5/14/2009 9:42:04 PM	We need to advance the research and use of stem cels. I'm concerned and I vote.
21706		5/14/2009 9:42:59 PM	We are heartily in favor of loosening any restrictions on stem cell research!
21707		5/14/2009 9:44:01 PM	<p>Executive Order 13505: Removing Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research Involving Human Stem Cells. The Executive Order states that the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the Director of NIH, may support and conduct responsible, scientifically worthy human stem cell research, including human embryonic stem cell research, to the extent permitted by law.</p> <p>It should be clarified to allow in Section II B,for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following best ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure the final framework is safe, ethical, and builds on progress that has already been made so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible.</p>
21708	redacted	5/14/2009 9:45:18 PM	<p>Sirs/Mesdames</p> <p>Please reject the use of embryonic stem cells for research or therapeutic use! Destruction of minute but real human beings for any reason rather equates our great nation with the despicable Nazi regime of the 30's!</p>
21709		5/14/2009 9:45:48 PM	I am in favor of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research.

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21710		5/14/2009 9:47:43 PM	One area of concern is Section II B, which does not ensure that current stem cell lines will meet the criteria outlines and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following best ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure the final framework is safe, ethical, and builds on progress that has already been made so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible.

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21711		5/14/2009 9:50:02 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any questions. You can send us an email at advocacy@jdrf.org.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>JDRF Government Relations</p> <p>Additional Background: In March President Obama signed an Executive Order, which lifted previous federal funding restrictions on stem cell research. Although this action was a great victory for those of us in search of a cure for type 1 diabetes, our job is not done!</p> <p>As part of the Executive Order, President Obama instructed the NIH to issue guidelines governing this research. You can view the NIH's draft guidelines online by clicking here. The draft guidelines would permit federal funding for research using stem cells derived from embryos created by in-vitro fertilization and no longer needed for reproductive purposes. The draft guidelines also would ensure that embryos utilized for embryonic stem cell research were donated under the highest ethical standards. While JDRF supports these guidelines, we would encourage the NIH to extend funding eligibility to currently-funded stem cell lines and existing lines that were derived according to prevailing ethical guidelines.</p>

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21711		5/14/2009 9:50:02 PM	
21712		5/14/2009 9:51:20 PM	<p>OBJECTION to "Scope of Guidelines." -- Quoting below, The stem cells are "devived from human embryos" but then claim "they are not themselves human embryos." How does the destruction of a human embryo become justifies?</p> <p>Part 46 of Title 45, "Protection of Human Subjects" should continue in force without amendment.</p> <p>The human embryos from which the stem cells are derived deserve this protection; otherwise taxpayer dollars are funding human experimentation.</p> <hr/> <p>National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research</p> <p>I. Scope of Guidelines</p> <p>These Guidelines describe the circumstances under which human embryonic stem cells are eligible for use in extramural NIH-funded research, and they also include a section on uses of human embryonic stem cells or human induced pluripotent stem cells that are ineligible for NIH funding.</p> <p>For the purpose of these Guidelines, ``human embryonic stem cells" are cells that are derived from human embryos, are capable of dividing without differentiating for a prolonged period in culture, and are known to develop into cells and tissues of the three primary germ layers. Although human embryonic stem cells are derived from embryos, such stem cells are not themselves human embryos.</p>
21713		5/14/2009 9:53:16 PM	Please release restrictions on stem cells quickly. So many of us need your research help.
21714		5/14/2009 9:53:28 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21715		5/14/2009 9:54:34 PM	There is no proof that embryo stem cells can help anyone. Please stop destroying defenseless human life.

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21716		5/14/2009 9:55:21 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21717		5/14/2009 9:55:40 PM	<p>We are opposed to the use of embryonic stem cell research. It has been shown to be ineffective and even dangerous. It may result in uncontrollable tumors or rejection problems.</p> <p>Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical and most importantly, wonderfully and amazingly effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p>
21718		5/14/2009 9:58:45 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21719		5/14/2009 10:01:33 PM	<p>I am a lifelong asthmatic. I'm also the son of an Alzheimer's patient who died over a year and a half ago. Speaking for asthmatics everywhere, I wonder how much different life would have been had I been able to enjoy physical play as a kid. How much different would my life have been if I had had access to a greater variety of treatments than epinephrine (which MAY be the cause for my defective mitral valve)?</p> <p>And how much different would the last seven or more years of my father's life have been had he had the benefit of stem cell research and potential resultant therapies? Therapies that would be longer-lasting and potentially have far, far fewer side effects than medications?</p> <p>I regret that we have to put into legal documents what is generally accepted and commonly practiced ethical treatment of individuals and living tissue. But if we do, we ought to state clearly that there is nothing wrong, legally or ethically, about medical research of this kind. Section II B ought to allow federal funding for research using stem cell lines derived from both excess fertility clinic embryos and other sources, like somatic cell nuclear transfer. Several research scientists have clearly explained what SCNT is and is not; it is not the desire of mad scientists to play god or take over the human race. It is sound, ethical science.</p> <p>I am heartened that Section II-B of the guidelines may permit federal funding of some existing stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding, and for new stem cell lines that will be created from surplus embryos at fertility clinics.</p> <p>However, II-B doesn't ensure that ALL extant lines will be eligible for federal funding. I hope that these guidelines will be modified further, to allow federal funding of research using any stem cell lines created under ethical guidelines. This might actually allow researchers to build on what little progress has already been made.</p> <p>I believe the guidelines should also permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as SCNT. Sections II-B AND IV, as written, don't permit such funding. Since new scientific breakthroughs occur with regularity, the guidelines cannot -- by omission, oversight, or shortsightedness -- prevent federal funding for the ethical use of stem cell lines not yet known, provided they are derived in an ethical manner.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to make my opinions known.</p>
21720		5/14/2009 10:03:40 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21721	redacted	5/14/2009 10:03:56 PM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.
21722		5/14/2009 10:03:59 PM	“I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes.”
21723	redacted	5/14/2009 10:04:52 PM	<p>Dear President Obama,</p> <p>Please be aware that I don't want my tax dollars to fund embryo- stem cell research. There are many safer ways to do research without killing other human beings those that benefit and those that are destroyed by this practice.</p> <p>I believe that every time we play with creation as it was meant to be we caused and open ourselves to a greater sin or evil that will affect not just those involved in the research but also those who partake in it. As an individual with a respect for life at conception, I wish not to support this kind of research.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>
21724	redacted	5/14/2009 10:05:03 PM	<p>Please protect and prevent from destruction embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>Please concentrate your research on adult and umbilical cord stem cells. Logic should dictate adult stem cell research primarily since they have had proven results so many times versus embryonic with absolutely no results and even the new danger discovered of them producing cancer cells.</p> <p>Please don't let all the rhetoric misguide your decision when we have actual scientific evidence. Stick with the proven.</p>
21725		5/14/2009 10:06:36 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21726		5/14/2009 10:08:02 PM	<p>I am a new mom, a taxpayer, a member of your constituency, and a human being. On all of these accounts, I find the movements against unborn children being taken by the current administration as an affront to me personally and to humanity in general. I understand that many suffering people are hoping that embryonic stem-cell research will soon be unlimited and that it will contain the "fountain of youth" they are looking for. But we have not gotten to where we are as a country by selling out the most defenseless in our midst to save ourselves when times got tough. Scientists have barely scratched the surface of adult stem cell research, and many think that embryonic stem cells will be far more unstable and harder to manipulate.</p> <p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p> <p>I love my son so much. Children are so beautiful. I lose sleep over the countless lives being lost to abortion, the millions more that will die in these medical experiments, the way eugenics is becoming "popular" in our country, and the fact that my tax dollars are going to pay for all of this. YOU SHOULD BE LOSING SLEEP, TOO. It is too high a price to pay - too much for anyone to bear. Only those who are morally bereft could casually cast aside these little ones for their own selfish gain. Be sure to move conservatively on these fronts... history looks unfavorably on those who slight ethics merely to go with the flow.</p>
21727		5/14/2009 10:09:06 PM	<p>Pennsylvanians For Human Life, Allentown Chapter, object to the use of our tax dollars for Embryonic stem cell experimentation. Since there has been so much success with Adult stem cells, without loss of potential life, we implore you to continue funding this research. No individual should be forced to pay taxes that are used in ways that are against their religious beliefs. P.H.L. is non-sectarian, but we all believe that life begins at conception. An embryo is a potential life. Stem cell procurement kills all embryos.</p>

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21728		5/14/2009 10:10:09 PM	<p>I am a medical student and I oppose NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines Draft on moral and scientific grounds. I am training in medicine because I want to help alleviate suffering and do as much good as I can. I believe my goal is in line with mission of the NIH. However, the currently proposed stem cell guidelines mark a departure from this mission. Though I appreciate that the aim of these guidelines is good, even my opponents would agree that good ends do not justify evil means. But many are convinced that the destruction of embryos for research is not a moral evil. Consider my argument: The question of whether an embryo is a human life has been subject to much debate and I do not propose to convince you of my opinion, but I do urge you to take pause and reflect upon the strength of the assumption that an embryo is not a human life - an assumption the proposed guidelines make. Though it is not possible to "prove" that an embryo is a human life, is there stronger evidence to the contrary? There is not. So it is a matter of doubt, and yet we are proposing to move forward with great faith in the latter conclusion despite our uncertainty. In a less weighty matter, this may be excusable, but let us be reminded of the weightiness of this current subject. We are talking about the possibility of destroying conceived human life. Given such gravity, should we not err on the side of protecting life and maintaining our moral innocence lest we come to discover at judgment that the blood of those who cannot speak for themselves has fallen upon our hands? Will we be justified for making such an assumption by saying that we were acting in good faith and trying to help others?</p> <p>President Obama has often mentioned his respect for this subject as a moral issue. Therefore, let us halt our haste to inspect the reasoning that resulted in these proposed guidelines in order to see whether they have been founded upon sound ethics or self-interest. We do well to remember the words of our forefathers:</p> <p>"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men"</p> <p>I pray that the day will come when this statement will be applied to all in our nation.</p>
21729		5/14/2009 10:10:24 PM	<p>I want to thank the current administration for allowing me to hope that a cure for Type 1 diabetes may occur in my lifetime. I am 50 years old now & I have had Type 1 diabetes since I was 12 years old. I am in full support of the NIH guidelines for embryonic stem cell research & I applaud this administration for moving in the right direction.</p>
21730		5/14/2009 10:11:23 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21731		5/14/2009 10:13:33 PM	<p>Stem cells from Adults are more productive and less controversial. Stem cells from BABIES should not be used, as it is BARBARIC and UNSAFE! This practice MUST stop! We are not Nazis and we need to stop killing the next generation, or we will pay for our sins!</p>

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21732		5/14/2009 10:15:16 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for emryonic stem cell research. it will force me as a tax payer to subsidize research that requires the death of innocent human life. Our support should go to stem cell research and treatments that do not require the death of human life and that have already proven themselves to be effective. In no way should the governmant be involved in cloning or the development of embryos for the purpose of research.</p> <p>Research using embryonic stem cells has been ineffective and further has caused tumor production and rejection problems. Adult stem cells on the other hand are not controversial, has not required the loss of human life, and most important have proved to be effective in treating patients.</p> <p>Further the purposed regulations do not prevent the use of funds to support research involving development of clones or human-animal hybrids. The door of opportunity for such research as these should be closed immediately and firmly. Pleae give serious consideration to the wise use of our resources and to doing what is right.</p>
21733		5/14/2009 10:17:52 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21734		5/14/2009 10:18:08 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>Please take this opportunity to stand up to President Obama's order that allows more of your tax dollars to be spent on the destruction of human life.</p>
21735		5/14/2009 10:19:06 PM	Obama must realized that HIS MOTHER bore him with love. We must not kill just for research. We must LOVE!!
21736		5/14/2009 10:20:38 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21737		5/14/2009 10:21:04 PM	I support stem cell research
21738		5/14/2009 10:22:26 PM	<p>Please do not use tax money to fund embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>I am not opposed to stem cell research; I am opposed to embryonic stem cell research.</p>

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21739		5/14/2009 10:23:32 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21740		5/14/2009 10:25:20 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 800 147">Comment Text</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1942 302">For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 1942 548">The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p data-bbox="634 584 1942 703">Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p data-bbox="634 738 1942 919">We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21741		5/14/2009 10:26:21 PM	<p data-bbox="634 946 1942 1065">I am strongly opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force us as taxpayers to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that DO NOT destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is NO CASE under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1101 1942 1219">Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be INEFFECTIVE AND DANGEROUS, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1255 1942 1308">The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21742		5/14/2009 10:31:48 PM	<p data-bbox="634 1357 1942 1417">I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. We need to expand research so that we can help to save the lives of many that we were unable to do so during the last presidency.</p>

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21743		5/14/2009 10:32:58 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I am a member of the Parkinson's community and have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
21744		5/14/2009 10:37:11 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21745		5/14/2009 10:38:31 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21746		5/14/2009 10:40:01 PM	<p>The final guidelines should allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following best ethical practices at the time they were derived. As currently written, Section II B does not seem to ensure that existing stem cell lines will be eligible for federal funding.</p>
21747	redacted	5/14/2009 10:41:24 PM	<p>I am adamantly opposed to Mr. Obama overturning President BUSH's Ex Order regarding embryonic stem cell research. It is appalling that we would sanction taking the life of the embryo for research purposes, especially since there are NO known cures from embryonic stem cell research. Quite the contrary, there ARE known, documented successes from ADULT stem cell research.</p> <p>I do NOT want our tax dollars to be used to promote the death of unborn children.</p> <p>I trust you will do what is RIGHT, not politically correct. Sincerely<</p>

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21748		5/14/2009 10:41:39 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 1339 180">Ensure Strong Federal Support for Embryonic Stem Cell Research May 13 , 2009</p> <p data-bbox="634 245 1927 334">As you know, President Barack Obama recently signed an Executive Order designed to reverse restrictions on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research that have been in place for the last eight years. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are now in the process of developing guidelines to implement the Order.</p> <p data-bbox="634 399 1927 488">NIH has released its draft guidelines, and will be reviewing public comments on the draft over the next several weeks. So far, NIH has received far more comments opposed to stem cell research than in support. It is therefore critical that NIH hear from as many stem cell supporters as possible during the comment period.</p> <p data-bbox="634 521 1896 610">While the draft guidelines would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics, as drafted, it is unclear whether current stem cell lines will meet the criteria outlined and be eligible for federal funding.</p> <p data-bbox="634 675 1927 797">Further, the draft does not permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). SCNT is a very promising scientific technique for creating embryonic stem cells, yet opponents of SCNT mistakenly liken it to reproductive cloning. This comparison is completely false. The purpose of reproductive cloning is to create another human being; the purpose of SCNT is to create stem cells for research.</p> <p data-bbox="634 829 1938 919">Embryonic stem cell research holds the promise to treat and potentially cure many devastating diseases and conditions, such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Lou Gehrig's disease, spinal cord injury, and multiple sclerosis - illnesses which affect over 100 million Americans.</p> <p data-bbox="634 984 1934 1073">As a world leader in stem cell research at our Goldyne Savad Institute of Gene Therapy in Israel and as a leading advocate for stem cell research in the United States, Hadassah has a special interest in ensuring that the NIH guidelines are crafted so to advance stem cell research as quickly as possible.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1105 1923 1292">ACTION NEEDED : Submit the following comments to NIH: "I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you."</p>

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21749	redacted	5/14/2009 10:43:18 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21750		5/14/2009 10:48:41 PM	<p>Hooray!! Am so pleased to fund research that can help people like MS patients or people awaiting transplants, what a great way to spend tax dollars, to do something that can benefit someone we all know!!!!</p>
21751		5/14/2009 10:48:45 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21752		5/14/2009 10:49:24 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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21753		5/14/2009 10:50:24 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21754		5/14/2009 10:51:12 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems.</p> <p>Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole should be eliminated.</p> <p>Please protect human life at all stages.</p>
21755		5/14/2009 10:51:49 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities. To help cure diseases, we have to kill people; this makes no sense at all.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p> <p>There are so many worthwhile projects that are needed. Please spend my tax dollars to provide a healthy life to each person.</p>
21756		5/14/2009 10:52:28 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21757		5/14/2009 10:52:35 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cells are not the answer!! Science and research have proven this. I thought the White House was supposed to put science in its rightful place. If that's true, wouldn't we quit trying to get wine out of a turnip and stop this embryonic stem cell nonsense!! Adult stem cells have shown lots and lots of promise!! Many scientific studies not just what abortion clinics and progressives want but TRUE science says that's the way to go. But I don't expect that to change anything since it seems my President is hell bent on repaying all of the special interest groups that got him elected and damn all common sense and science alike.</p>
21758		5/14/2009 10:54:08 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21759		5/14/2009 10:54:31 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21760		5/14/2009 10:57:45 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21761		5/14/2009 10:58:42 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>If an embryonic stem cell cure were available for me. I would not take the cure.</p>
21762		5/14/2009 10:58:43 PM	<p>I oppose killing human embryos. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to fund research I believe is unethical because it requires the destruction of human embryos.</p>
21763	Redacted	5/14/2009 10:59:18 PM	<p>We strongly believe the use of Human Embryo Stem Cells for scientific experimentation is gravely morally wrong, and is a total disregard for the sanctity of human life. It is further unacceptable to use federal tax dollars of the citizens of the United States, many whom believe this practice to be morally unacceptable.</p>

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21764		5/14/2009 10:59:36 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21765		5/14/2009 11:00:10 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21766		5/14/2009 11:00:56 PM	<p>I am opposed to the use of human embryo stem cell research.</p>
21767	redacted	5/14/2009 11:02:06 PM	<p>STOP MURDERING OUR BABIES.....EQUEL PROTECTION FOR ALL...SHOULD ALSO PROTECT THE UNBORN !!</p>
21768	redacted	5/14/2009 11:02:27 PM	<p>Millions of Americans are against the destruction of live human embryos for the purpose of their stem cells.</p> <p>Please respect this Americans by refraining from using our taxdollars for such research.</p> <p>Thank you very much.</p> <p>***** PhD in Genetics, Purdue University</p>
21769		5/14/2009 11:03:46 PM	<p>Dear NIH,</p> <p>Embryo are human persons. If they were not, they would not be considered so useful. And precisely because they are human persons they deserve to be respected as such. Just because they are smaller, more dependent, and at a different level of development does not mean their human life should be discounted. This is biology 101- my 3 year old also is smaller, more dependent, and at a different level of development, but she is still a human person. Are you going to experiment on her and take her life next?</p>
21770		5/14/2009 11:04:18 PM	<p>Adult and cord blood stem cell treatments need to be more widely available in the United States. Our citizens shouldn't have to travel to Thailand, Russia, or Portugal for safe and effective treatments that can significantly improve the quality of their lives.</p> <p>The shift needs to move away from the empty promise of embryonic stem cell research, which is clearly a dead end -- totally aside from its appalling amorality. (Should we really emulate Nazi doctors and their "You're just going to throw them away; why not experiment on them?" mentality?)</p>

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21771		5/14/2009 11:07:11 PM	<p>As a friend and volunteer who has worked with several people suffering from spinal cord injury, I am pleased that Section II B of the draft guidelines appear to permit federal funding of some existing stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines that will be created from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that all current stem cell lines will be eligible for federal funding. I believe the final guidelines should allow federal funds for research using any existing stem cell lines that were created under ethical guidelines. This will allow research to build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding. Since new breakthroughs to create stem cell lines occur regularly, it is crucial that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ethical ways.</p>
21772		5/14/2009 11:11:33 PM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
21773		5/14/2009 11:12:47 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21774		5/14/2009 11:16:11 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21775		5/14/2009 11:17:24 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21776		5/14/2009 11:17:44 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21777		5/14/2009 11:21:40 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21778		5/14/2009 11:24:29 PM	<p data-bbox="634 123 1948 181">RE: [Federal Register: April 23, 2009 (Volume 74, Number 77)][Notices] [Page 18578-18580]From the Federal Register Online via GPO Access [wais.access.gpo.gov][DOCID:fr23ap09-42]</p> <p data-bbox="634 217 1948 305">I am a 57 year old female who until just a little over 4 years ago supported embryonic stem cell research, and was pro-choice, not having any clarity on when life began though certain it was before the birth of the child, and thinking people who were opposed to embryonic stem cell research were ignorant indeed.</p> <p data-bbox="634 341 1948 646">Something happened to me in January 2005 which convicted me and convinced me beyond any doubt that life begins at conception. This was not by any persuasive argument of man, but rather by a dramatic experience that happened to me while reading the Bible alone. Prior to that moment I did not even believe the Bible to be true. This is an experience you will not understand if you do not know the true and living God, and have never experienced the Holy Spirit of God. If not, you will think me crazy to say this, as I would have thought the same thing of another person on January 7, 2005 when I was blinded to God's truth and everything seemed gray to me, nothing was truly black and white. As of January 8, 2005, I no longer doubted when life begins, coming to a clarity of the truth of many things on that day, including that the Bible is God's truth and that life is of God and begins when an egg is fertilized. I was going one direction in my life (empty and In despair) and God turned me in a totally different direction. I am not the same person I was before. Now a pro-lifer and have not waived from that position since, this issue is clear.</p> <p data-bbox="634 682 1948 769">Based on this very strong conviction, I write to you today expressing strong opposition to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life and goes against all I believe and hold dear.</p> <p data-bbox="634 805 1948 863">I ask that support be instead directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful.</p> <p data-bbox="634 899 1948 1016">It has been shared with me that embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1052 1948 1110">And I understand that the proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1146 1948 1205">I thank you for your attention to this. And may God have mercy on this nation if we continue pursuing an unrighteous position of destroying innocent life.</p>

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21779		5/14/2009 11:26:13 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am a first year medical student, and have done research in a neural stem cell lab. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
21780		5/14/2009 11:29:49 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21781		5/14/2009 11:35:16 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21782		5/14/2009 11:35:58 PM	<p>I disapprove the use of federal funds to be used for human embryonic stem cell research.</p>

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21783		5/14/2009 11:38:21 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21784		5/14/2009 11:45:20 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21785		5/14/2009 11:51:57 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p>

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21786		5/14/2009 11:55:16 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21787		5/14/2009 11:56:54 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21788		5/14/2009 11:56:59 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21789		5/14/2009 11:57:33 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21790	redacted	5/14/2009 11:58:02 PM	<p>Human embryonic stem cells have provided zero cures. The NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines do not include any criteria to promote adult stem cell research which has the greatest potential for human benefit and is already showing positive results in treating patients.</p> <p>Besides, I don't want the money from my taxes to be used to kill human embryos.I hope this right will be respected by youi.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21791		5/15/2009 12:00:59 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21792		5/15/2009 12:05:36 AM	<p>Recent studies have clearly shown the vast superiority of adult stem cells to embryonic stem cells. Pursuit of embryonic stem cell research is an affront to morality and from a mere secular point of view, a tragic waste of taxpayers dollars. There is serious transparency in the flawed promotion of embryonic stem cell research and it will be reflected in upcoming elections.</p>
21793		5/15/2009 12:10:09 AM	<p>I support human embryonic stem cell research.</p>

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21794		5/15/2009 12:17:41 AM	<p>I am not a scientist. I do however understand what an important part of basic research embryonic stem cell research is for millions of Americans.</p> <p>NIH guidelines must ensure that the successes that have been achieved so far are not lost. I believe strongly that research using stem cells will lead to significant breakthroughs, cures, and treatments for some of the most devastating diseases we face. It would be tragic if this critical effort was stymied by politics.</p> <p>I believe that the guidelines in Section IIB need to ensure that federal funding is permitted for stem cell lines previously not eligible. and for new lines created in the future from fertility clinics, AND for research using all stem cell lines created following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also strongly believe in the benefits of stem cell research using all stem cells that are SCNT derived. I request that Section IIB and IV be changed to allow this type of research to be eligible for federal funding.</p> <p>This is an opportunity to advance the cause of research, and to improve the lives of millions of people, now and for generations. It is not a time to turn backwards.</p>
21795		5/15/2009 12:23:10 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21796		5/15/2009 12:29:45 AM	<p>"As an aunt of a veteran suffering from spinal cord injury, I am pleased that Section II B of the draft guidelines appear to permit federal funding of some existing stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines that will be created from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that all current stem cell lines will be eligible for federal funding. I believe the final guidelines should allow federal funds for research using any existing stem cell lines that were created under ethical guidelines. This will allow research to build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding. Since new breakthroughs to create stem cell lines occur regularly, it is crucial that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ethical ways. "</p>
21797		5/15/2009 12:35:08 AM	<p>I strongly disagree with the concept of stem cell research on the fetuses conceived through reproductive technology. I firmly believe that life begins at the moment of conception when all the DNA is present for the formation of a human embryo. Beyond that, stem cells have been harvested from other areas of the body and can be used successfully for research. There is NO need to take the life of a human being to do the research which needs to be done when there are other ways to accomplish the collection of stem cells.</p>

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21798		5/15/2009 12:38:40 AM	It was such wonderful news of President Obama's reversal of the Bush administrations ban on stem cell research. NIH is one of the most reputable research agencies and should be encouraged to undertake this vital project! I have a granddaughter who will benefit from this research. It is so exciting for her and all those who are suffering from afflictions which can be cured with the results of this research, and many who will never have to suffer because of it!
21799		5/15/2009 12:39:11 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research. My daughter was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes 21 years ago. There was no cure then, there is still not a cure today. Please give us hope that one day soon a cure will be found for this devastating disease. Our family believes it lies in embryonic stem cell, please keep our hopes alive.
21800		5/15/2009 12:40:29 AM	I oppose killing human embryos. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to fund research I believe is unethical because it requires the destruction of human embryos.
21801	redacted	5/15/2009 12:47:13 AM	
21802		5/15/2009 12:51:39 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you</p> <p>Although I have supported many of President Obama's policies and stances, I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. I think it is a terrible mistake that the government is making, and it needs to be reevaluated. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful.</p> <p>Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is not the answer...it is also not an appropriate use of governmental funding. I oppose my tax dollars being used in this way. I oppose governmental support of this type of unnecessary research when there are so many other life-saving research options in need of funding.</p>
21803		5/15/2009 12:53:46 AM	<p>Hello</p> <p>I am writing in response to the Human Stem Cell Guidelines. As a future nurse, a current nursing assistant, a tax-payer, and most importantly, as a moral human being, I do NOT support embryonic stem cell research. Thus far, it has not only proven useless, but in fact harmful in many cases. I see no point in destroying human life just to harm more lives. I also disagree with destroying innocent human lives to save other lives, as morality has taught me that the end cannot justify the means.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>

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21804		5/15/2009 1:04:11 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21805		5/15/2009 1:04:28 AM	<p>I am very much opposed to the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research especially because it forces me to subsidize the destruction of the most innocent of human life.</p> <p>There has been NO success in using embryonic stem cells to help, heal or give relief in any way. It has produced tomors.</p> <p>Adult stem cells have been effective in treating people and that is where we should and could ethically put our resources to good use. It seems a simple choice - life over destruction of life. I urge you to look to the successes of adult stem cell research as you finalize these new guidelines.</p>
21806		5/15/2009 1:08:51 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21807		5/15/2009 1:19:04 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21808		5/15/2009 1:24:15 AM	<p>The process of creating (in any way)human embryos to be distorted by research is deplorable and all funding should be halted.</p>
21809		5/15/2009 1:27:25 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which forces me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do NOT destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, EFFECTIVE in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21810		5/15/2009 1:28:03 AM	<p>"I am in favor of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research."</p>
21811		5/15/2009 1:45:29 AM	<p>I am a full supporter of embryonic stem cell research and want the restrictions to be loosened as much as possible. The fate of millions of people hangs in the balance.</p>

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21812		5/15/2009 1:57:42 AM	<p>To my knowledge there have been 0 therapies approved by the FDA when it concerns Embryonic Stem Cell Research, but there are over 60 therapies approved with Adult Stem Cells.</p> <p>It seems to me that Embryonic Stem Cell Research is an excuse to kill. In order to create embryonic stem cells you have to destroy embryos (conceived eggs). Whether through abortion or from test tube conception, it devalues the value of human life and brings no benefits unless tumors count.</p> <p>This is a money pit our government can ill afford to spend resources on.</p> <p>Please think clearly for the benefit of America and not your next election. Vote no on Embryonic Stem Cell Research.</p>
21813		5/15/2009 1:58:27 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately!</p>
21814	redacted	5/15/2009 2:09:11 AM	<p>Please support the changes to the guidelines. We need stem cell research. It could save a lot of lives and let others enjoy a better quality of life. ...</p>
21815		5/15/2009 2:35:48 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21816		5/15/2009 3:00:07 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 747 147">Dear NIH:</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1938 363">President Obama's Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. The NIH deserves credit for producing draft Guidelines quickly to provide time for public comment. However, I am worried that that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing stem cell lines ethically created over the last eight years. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration:</p> <p data-bbox="634 399 1917 550">[1] Develop final Guidelines that allow the NIH to fund research utilizing established hESC lines derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR Guidelines for the Conduct of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. These guidelines recommend independent oversight, voluntary and informed donor consent and no undue inducements. Most established hESC lines that are widely used in research today have been obtained in accordance with these principles. To ensure continued international collaboration, these principles should be applied to the evaluation of existing lines.</p> <p data-bbox="634 586 1938 797">[2] Most existing U.S. lines have been derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR's guidelines and consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving IRB oversight and approval. In some instances, additional specialized embryonic stem cell research oversight committees (ESCROs), and other oversight methods in other countries (referred to as SCROs in ISSCR Guidelines), have also provided oversight. Established policy has demonstrated that this self-regulatory structure has provided a sound ethical foundation for stem cell research. In developing the final Guidelines the NIH should consider this well-established framework of independent oversight and give weight to its determinations.</p> <p data-bbox="634 833 1938 1138">[3] Specifically, for funding eligibility purposes, the ethical provenance of existing U.S. cell lines should be judged based on the standards that prevailed at the time they were derived, provided the protocol under which donations were accepted, and any amendments, were approved by an IRB operating under federal regulations. Non-US lines should be eligible for funding within the US if the IRB and/or SCRO for the US institution receiving NIH funding determines that the protocol under which the underlying donation occurred met operative standards of the time and core ethical principles. In addition, new requirements that go beyond established U.S. and international practice should be applied prospectively only, and after a time period for affected parties, including IVF clinics, to adapt. We specifically ask the NIH to reconsider those aspects that go beyond existing ISSCR standards, including, for example, the proposed mandatory dual IVF consent the proposed guidelines would require, and the proposed requirement that the informed consent form is the sole source for ethical validation.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1174 1938 1385">[4] It will be essential that investigators know with some certainty what lines are eligible for funding. I therefore urge the NIH to work with organizations such as the ISSCR to develop a list or registry of hESC lines available for NIH-funding or resources to support the oversight process. The ISSCR has in development a registry to document that hESC derivation was performed in accordance with ethical requirements, and make associated documentation available to reviewing IRBs and stem cell oversight bodies. Such a registry would reduce uncertainty and improve research efficiency. While that registry is being finalized, a useful and easy place to start in the meantime would be for the NIH to publish, on a Web site, the lines that are determined to be fundable based on IRB and SCRO determinations.</p>

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21817		5/15/2009 3:20:28 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner."</p>

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21818	redacted	5/15/2009 3:46:47 AM	<p data-bbox="632 152 863 178">Dear Sirs/Mesdames:</p> <p data-bbox="632 183 1940 423">Although I am not an American citizen, my family has lived for three generations on both sides of the 49th parallel so I hope you will take my comments into consideration when you are developing guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. When I was diagnosed as suffering from Parkinson's disease in 1999, I was told that many promising research leads were being followed for the treatment and cure of Parkinson's. The greatest potential for a cure - for Parkinson's and for diseases such as juvenile diabetes and spinal cord injuries - was in embryonic stem cell research. You can imagine how disappointed - in fact, depressed - I was when, under the previous administration, embryonic stem cell research was limited to a few cell lines, funding was restricted and serious impediments were imposed on this area of science - ostensibly for ethical reasons</p> <p data-bbox="632 461 1950 764">Ten years have passed since my diagnosis, and although important developments have taken place in Parkinson's research, I believe that the discovery of a cure has now been placed beyond my lifetime. I ask what kind of ethics allows millions of people to suffer the loss of control over their bodies and be forced to live in humiliating dependence on their families and their fellow citizens because a tiny minority of influential clerics believe that life is created at conception whether the embryo survives or - more likely - not. Like those clerics, I am not a scientist but I know what ethics are and I do not believe that a small group of people should have the power to impose their ethics in opposition to the ethical views of a majority of Americans as expressed in resolutions of the last Congress and vetoed by the last president. I am hopeful that NIH in its new guidelines for embryonic stem cell will take into consideration the ethical views of a majority of Americans - including a majority of religious Americans - and eliminate the barriers to research imposed by the previous administration.</p> <p data-bbox="632 802 1948 1042">I was fortunate to have had an opportunity to attend the First World Conference on Parkinson's in Washington a few years ago and was able to learn about some of the amazing research that has been done from the from the first 'awakenings' with the use of dopamine on encephalitis lethargica by Sachs/Calne to the therapies in dance, exercise and speech development designed to allay specific symptoms of the disease. Unfortunately there was a sense of silent despair at the conference because one of the most promising areas of research had been suppressed based on disputed ethics. With the current presidential order to lift the research ban, the hopes of many Parkinson's sufferers have been restored. Unfortunately, that hope has ebbed because the new NIH guidelines seem to concede too much to those who who consider themselves moral and ethical authorities</p> <p data-bbox="632 1079 840 1105">Recommendations:</p> <ol data-bbox="632 1143 1940 1474" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="632 1143 1913 1260">1. Please do not give undue weight to clerics and religious organizations who can organize letter-writing campaigns by a committed minority while the silenced majority of their congregations practice contraception, accept choice on abortion and support embryonic stem cell research to help friends and relatives afflicted with diseases like Parkinson's. <li data-bbox="632 1297 1906 1352">2. Remove of the barriers to embryonic stem cell research and accelerate this research to overcome the delays caused by the policies of the last administration. <li data-bbox="632 1390 1940 1474">3. Remove barriers to research on stem cell lines developed from sources other than surplus embryos from in-vitro fertilization at fertility clinics. Stem cells developed by parthenogenesis and using Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer should be funded.

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21818		5/15/2009 3:46:47 AM	<p>4. Encourage research that can be quickly transferred to those who are currently suffering to decrease their pain and increase their independence.</p> <p>I appreciate your consideration of my suggestions and I look forward to a time when, as a result of embryonic stem cell research, diseases such as Parkinson's, juvenile diabetes and paralysis due to spinal cord trauma can be reduced or eliminated.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
21819		5/15/2009 3:59:21 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p> <p>Why is the National Institutes of Health strongly in favor of embryonic stem cell research (ESCR)? In 2002 NIH purchased exclusive right to research, develop, and commercialize therapies utilizing embryonic stem cells. I understand NIH has no such license for any adult stem cell research technology. If a hammer is the only tool in your toolbox, every problem appears as if it were a nail. In this case, it must appear to NIH as if ESCR is the only stem cell solution. If ESCR were to be abandoned, many scientists and research institutes stand to lose much fame and fortune. Even though ESCR appears to be an extremely expensive lost cause, why are so many desperate to support it? Is it to maintain public support for harvesting embryos for stem cell research so as to block this one step toward restricting abortion, the killing of fetuses ? unborn babies? Is this the real agenda?</p> <p>Please do the ethical, moral, economic, and responsible thing and DO NOT PROCEED WITH EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH. Research something that is proven and actually works - adult induced pluripotent stem cell.</p>
21820		5/15/2009 4:00:28 AM	<p>It is an absolute waste of funds to support embryonic stem cell research. Not only does it KILL babies . . . but it has caused nothing but problems, i. e. tumors, etc.</p> <p>What should be funded is Adult Stem Cell Research which has produced positive results and does not destroy human lives. I do not want our hard earned income taxes to kill babies, nor to be used on ineffective research.</p>

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21821		5/15/2009 5:37:08 AM	<p>With the huge optimism so many of us felt upon learning of Obama's new legislation regarding Stem Cell Research, it is like a big punch in the stomach to find out that some obvious oversights will cause his legislation to be even more restrictive than that of former President Bush. I'm sure many of us are hoping that President Obama will prove himself to be the brilliant, forward-thinking, concerned, and compassionate man we voted into office by altering his legislation to make it more reasonable and encompassing so that viable ESC lines already available and invaluable research will not be needlessly wasted.</p> <p>Thank you for giving me a forum for my thoughts and comments.</p>
21822		5/15/2009 5:50:23 AM	<p>There is no need to fund embrionic stem cell research. There has been more positive results with adult stem cell research. In Israel their has even been a case where embrionic stem cells caused tumors. Also, with adult stem cell research there is no destruction of life.5088</p>
21823		5/15/2009 5:55:13 AM	<p>I am in favor of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research.</p>
21824		5/15/2009 5:57:46 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21825		5/15/2009 6:09:44 AM	<p>I oppose NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines Draft on moral grounds: Each human embryo is a unique and complete human being, in process of development. Another human being has no right to purposefully destroy a very early human life for scientific experimentation. A society in which the stronger members can destroy the weakest among us will destroy itself. Respect for every human life is the core value of the American experiment in human government. Without that, we will ultimately destroy our society. In addition, IPS cell technology has made it unnecessary to destroy the early human child to obtain stem cells. Thus we don't even have a "scientific" excuse for our immorality.</p>
21826		5/15/2009 6:10:19 AM	<p>Just to announce I'm opposed for federally funded embryonic stem cell research. I believe this form of science is extremely unethical and highly divisive. I believe we should focus on adult stem cell research, instead. Thank you.</p>
21827	redacted	5/15/2009 6:16:51 AM	<p>I believe that the constraints on cell stem research should be loosened so that we can begin to learn all that can be learned from what virtually all researchers think will open new avenues of knowledge.</p>
21828		5/15/2009 6:19:43 AM	<p>Please loosen the regulations on stem cells so they may be used for multiple critically important forms of research.</p>
21829		5/15/2009 6:20:55 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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21830		5/15/2009 6:31:57 AM	<p>As an informed citizen, I have been following the debate on embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>It is clear that those that oppose it do so to push their own religious agenda.</p> <p>They are, in fact, attacking the very Constitution that allows them to practice what they believe in peace.</p> <p>Please don't ban any areas of potential study merely to satisfy the whims of those that, while maybe better organized, have already proven that they are traitors to our Constitution.</p>
21831		5/15/2009 6:40:17 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21832		5/15/2009 6:41:42 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21833		5/15/2009 6:47:44 AM	<p>I oppose the NIH Embryonic Stem Cell guidelines on moral grounds. Every embryo is a human being. ESC research destroys the embryo. This not only is immoral, but cheapens life in all its stages. Our citizens of any age deserve protection. Secondly, with the advent of induced pluripotent stem cells from adult tissue, there exists no scientific rationale to pursue ESC research.</p>
21834		5/15/2009 6:59:24 AM	<p>As a woman who is 6 months pregnant, I find it very sad that we as a nation are considering using human embryos for stem cell research. I feel my baby moving and kicking around inside me on a daily basis. I can't imagine ending a life for research, especially in light of the fact that there are other alternatives that have been proven successful. Please reconsider this executive order and where our nation is heading when we don't respect human life. Let's not count ourselves among extreme regimes and terrorists that kill people without a care for the human life that is destroyed.</p>

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21835		5/15/2009 7:05:09 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21836		5/15/2009 7:07:58 AM	<p>Section II B, is an area of concern in that it does not ensure that current stem cell lines will meet the criteria outlines and thus be eligible for federal funding. The final guidelines should allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following best ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p>
21837		5/15/2009 7:10:28 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21838		5/15/2009 7:20:17 AM	<p>In todays scenario type 1 diabetics is in a fast increasing order. considering its nature, It's very essential to find out a permanant cure for it and hence in that line stem cell reaserch has become an unavoidable item and NIH funding is a must and very essential.</p>

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21839		5/15/2009 7:23:37 AM	I support extending stem cell research to those embryos that had been created for in vitro fertilization and that are now to be discarded. I believe this is ethically similar to a parent's decision to donate a dead child's organs to help others. Parental consent must be required.
21840		5/15/2009 7:43:18 AM	I oppose any form of embryonic stem cell research. An embryo is not simply a bunch of cells, it is a human life. It is a child with a right to live. Stem cells can be obtained by means other than embryos easily enough. Even embryos from in vitro fertilization should not be used for "research."
21841		5/15/2009 7:46:19 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
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21848		5/15/2009 8:15:20 AM	I think that the proposed stem cell guidelines which would prohibit the use of existing cultures of stem cells would be waste of government resources. The previous consents should be deemed adequate.
21849		5/15/2009 8:16:03 AM	<p>It's a fact that adult stem cells are derived from the patient's own bone marrow, skin, or other organs; they do not require tumor rejection drugs in order to be effective.</p> <p>Conversely, embryonic stem cell transplants require tumor rejection medications since they are derived from a distinct individual human being who is different from the recipient. (logical)</p> <p>Fact: That human individual must be dissected and killed in order for the stem cells to be removed.</p> <p>I just read that in Israel, stem cell transplants derived from embryos have caused brain tumors in the recipient children and the treatments have subsequently been banned. Embryonic cells, when transplanted into another host organism, will likely cause tumors (commonly teratomas). This has been amply demonstrated in animal experiments. We as Americans deserve the true hope of effective and ethical therapies that adult stem cells provide; not the false hopes and empty promises of embryonic stem cell experimentation.</p> <p>Fact and logic: Human individuals should not be killed for experimentation and taxpayers should not be forced to fund morally-objectionable embryonic stem cell procurement.</p>
21850		5/15/2009 8:16:15 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21851		5/15/2009 8:16:38 AM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21852		5/15/2009 8:18:09 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21853		5/15/2009 8:20:30 AM	<p>Section II B, Allow federal funds for research using ALL stem cell lines created by following best ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p>

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21854		5/15/2009 8:21:08 AM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.
21855		5/15/2009 8:21:44 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21856		5/15/2009 8:22:58 AM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.
21857		5/15/2009 8:23:01 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21858	redacted	5/15/2009 8:26:45 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
21859		5/15/2009 8:30:55 AM	<p>The lives of two of my loved ones depend upon loosening stem cell research restrictions, and I definitely believe that this should be done as soon as possible. Please, please do what you can.</p>
21860		5/15/2009 8:31:23 AM	<p>Strong support for extensive stem cell research is a priority now. Please, please support funding for unbiased, apolitical, research for the benefit of all mankind.</p>
21861		5/15/2009 8:32:06 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p>
21862		5/15/2009 8:35:51 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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21863		5/15/2009 8:39:12 AM	<p data-bbox="634 123 1948 243">-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p data-bbox="634 276 1948 396">-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p data-bbox="634 428 1948 490">-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21864		5/15/2009 8:41:15 AM	<p data-bbox="634 548 1948 669">I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p data-bbox="634 701 1948 821">-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p data-bbox="634 854 1948 915">-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21865		5/15/2009 8:42:13 AM	<p data-bbox="634 964 1948 1114">The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1146 1948 1239">My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21866		5/15/2009 8:44:47 AM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful by helping at least 70 different diseases and conditions. There is no evidence that any research using embryos has been successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21867		5/15/2009 8:45:54 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21868		5/15/2009 8:50:49 AM	<p>I have been paralyzed for 13 years from a spinal cord injury. I have a daughter 4 years old that I want to see grow up. You have the resouces to make that happen. PLEASE LET ME HAVE HOPE THAT MAYBE I CAN WALK MY DAUGHTER DOWN THE ISLE OF HER WEDDING SOMEDAY</p>
21869		5/15/2009 8:51:29 AM	<p>One area of concern is Section II B, which does not ensure that current stem cell lines will meet the criteria outlines and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following best ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p>
21870		5/15/2009 8:51:45 AM	<p>I am strongly in favor of stem cell research and of removing restrictions on it.</p>
21871		5/15/2009 8:54:34 AM	<p>I SUPPORT embryonic stem cell research! There should be no question that this most important scientific issue continue. We have lost 8 precious years of advancement for cures due to the last administation. The new guidlines should be precise and pro-research. Don't let those who oppose abortion continue to high-jack this issue to advance their cause. The two issues have NOTHING to do with one another. Lets get going and give those who have been waiting for a cure the opportunity to experience it.</p>
21872		5/15/2009 8:57:18 AM	<p>I support advanced embryonic stem cell research, and hope that restrictions are being loosened to meet ends that medical professionals find necessary for best and most timely results. Those suffering from illnesses that embryonic stem cell research is likely to help are struggling each day, and any potential benefits that only research and development can bring, are breathlessly awaited.</p>

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21873		5/15/2009 8:57:19 AM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.
21874		5/15/2009 8:58:44 AM	i am in support of the stem cell research and loosening the restrictions.
21875		5/15/2009 9:04:51 AM	i think http://www.awd.co.il/cpack.html is a very good website.
21876		5/15/2009 9:05:01 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and wish to see this program proceed.
21877		5/15/2009 9:13:04 AM	The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities. My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.
21878		5/15/2009 9:14:12 AM	For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future. The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines. Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes. We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.

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21879	redacted	5/15/2009 9:15:19 AM	I support loosening restrictions on stem cell research
21880		5/15/2009 9:15:48 AM	<p data-bbox="636 175 1944 264">At a time when so many people are concerned about research performed on animals and the death penalty being "cruel and unusual punishment", please do not start "researching" on human beings. You are no longer 'scientists' but torturers and murderers. May what you do unto others be done unto you--what after all are you but more cells?</p> <p data-bbox="636 302 1944 418">-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p data-bbox="636 456 1944 573">-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p data-bbox="636 610 1944 664">-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p data-bbox="636 701 1320 755">The Lord hears the cry of the poor, blessed be the Lord. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones.</p>
21881		5/15/2009 9:16:39 AM	I am in favor of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research."
21882		5/15/2009 9:19:39 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. U.S.A always leads in the every science field, and this is the reason why USA has become the most powerful nation through over the word in only few hundreds years. We can't lag in the stem cell field, can't lose the advantage in research because we have abundant and the most excellent scientists in the world.
21883		5/15/2009 9:21:00 AM	<p data-bbox="636 979 1944 1127">The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p data-bbox="636 1164 1944 1247">My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21884		5/15/2009 9:21:47 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21885		5/15/2009 9:23:52 AM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21886		5/15/2009 9:24:13 AM	<p>We are vehemently opposed to the use of embryonic stem cell research. We cannot hope to advance our society by destroying life. There is so much potential for cure in stem cell research that does not destroy life, that is where we need to concentrate our efforts.</p>
21887		5/15/2009 9:24:48 AM	<p>The NIH guidelines are unnecessarily restrictive and should include federal funding for therapeutic cloning (SCNT), and the generation of disease specific embryonic stem cells.</p>

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21888		5/15/2009 9:26:36 AM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. On the other hand, adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>(You may cut and paste these points in your e-mail.)</p> <p>Please take this opportunity to stand up to this executive order that allows more of your tax dollars to be spent on the destruction of human life.</p>
21889		5/15/2009 9:31:14 AM	I am in favor of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research.
21890		5/15/2009 9:31:48 AM	i support human embryonic stem cell research

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21891	redacted	5/15/2009 9:32:29 AM	<p data-bbox="634 121 991 240">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 277 926 302">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 339 1927 428">As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 466 1940 613">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 651 1898 704">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 742 1934 795">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 833 743 857">Sincerely,</p>

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21892	redacted	5/15/2009 9:33:49 AM	<p data-bbox="634 121 991 240">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 277 926 302">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 339 1927 427">As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 464 1940 613">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 651 1898 704">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 742 1934 795">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 833 743 857">Sincerely,</p>

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21893	redacted	5/15/2009 9:34:07 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 785 147">May 14, 2009</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 989 302">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 926 365">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 401 1927 488">As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 524 1940 673">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 709 1898 766">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 802 1934 859">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 894 743 922">Sincerely,</p>
21894		5/15/2009 9:36:44 AM	<p data-bbox="634 943 1268 971">Please go forward with what the president has asked of you.</p>
21895		5/15/2009 9:37:45 AM	<p data-bbox="634 997 1913 1146">I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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21896	redacted	5/15/2009 9:38:35 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 785 147">May 14, 2009</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 989 302">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 926 365">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 401 1902 488">I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 524 1938 673">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 709 1898 768">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 803 1934 862">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 898 743 925">Sincerely,</p>

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21897	redacted	5/15/2009 9:39:09 AM	<p>May 15, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21898		5/15/2009 9:40:39 AM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>

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21899	redacted	5/15/2009 9:44:22 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 747 146">Dear NIH:</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1919 240">As a scientist working in the stem cell field, I feel it is my duty to add my voice to that of colleagues working specifically on ES cells and respond to the appeal launched by ISSCR and the Cell Stem Cell journal.</p> <p data-bbox="634 277 1936 456">President Obama's Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. The NIH deserves credit for producing draft Guidelines quickly to provide time for public comment. However, I am worried that that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing stem cell lines ethically created over the last eight years. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration:</p> <p data-bbox="634 493 1919 643">[1] Develop final Guidelines that allow the NIH to fund research utilizing established hESC lines derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR Guidelines for the Conduct of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. These guidelines recommend independent oversight, voluntary and informed donor consent and no undue inducements. Most established hESC lines that are widely used in research today have been obtained in accordance with these principles. To ensure continued international collaboration, these principles should be applied to the evaluation of existing lines.</p> <p data-bbox="634 680 1936 889">[2] Most existing U.S. lines have been derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR's guidelines and consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving IRB oversight and approval. In some instances, additional specialized embryonic stem cell research oversight committees (ESCROs), and other oversight methods in other countries (referred to as SCROs in ISSCR Guidelines), have also provided oversight. Established policy has demonstrated that this self-regulatory structure has provided a sound ethical foundation for stem cell research. In developing the final Guidelines the NIH should consider this well-established framework of independent oversight and give weight to its determinations.</p> <p data-bbox="634 927 1936 1230">[3] Specifically, for funding eligibility purposes, the ethical provenance of existing U.S. cell lines should be judged based on the standards that prevailed at the time they were derived, provided the protocol under which donations were accepted, and any amendments, were approved by an IRB operating under federal regulations. Non-US lines should be eligible for funding within the US if the IRB and/or SCRO for the US institution receiving NIH funding determines that the protocol under which the underlying donation occurred met operative standards of the time and core ethical principles. In addition, new requirements that go beyond established U.S. and international practice should be applied prospectively only, and after a time period for affected parties, including IVF clinics, to adapt. We specifically ask the NIH to reconsider those aspects that go beyond existing ISSCR standards, including, for example, the proposed mandatory dual IVF consent the proposed guidelines would require, and the proposed requirement that the informed consent form is the sole source for ethical validation.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1268 1936 1477">[4] It will be essential that investigators know with some certainty what lines are eligible for funding. I therefore urge the NIH to work with organizations such as the ISSCR to develop a list or registry of hESC lines available for NIH-funding or resources to support the oversight process. The ISSCR has in development a registry to document that hESC derivation was performed in accordance with ethical requirements, and make associated documentation available to reviewing IRBs and stem cell oversight bodies. Such a registry would reduce uncertainty and improve research efficiency. While that registry is being finalized, a useful and easy place to start in the meantime would be for the NIH to publish, on a Web site, the lines that are determined to be fundable based on IRB and SCRO determinations.</p>

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21899		5/15/2009 9:44:22 AM	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guidelines.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21900		5/15/2009 9:44:33 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21901		5/15/2009 9:44:47 AM	<p>I am in favor of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research.</p>
21902	redacted	5/15/2009 9:45:59 AM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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21903	redacted	5/15/2009 9:46:16 AM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21904		5/15/2009 9:46:53 AM	I am very much in favor of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research.
21905		5/15/2009 9:46:56 AM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21906	redacted	5/15/2009 9:47:10 AM	<p>I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients, like Adult stem cells.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
21907		5/15/2009 9:47:52 AM	<p>I support Stem Cell research, including allowing funding for research using human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos created by IVF. I believe that the Dickey-Wicker Amendment should be overturned and full access to Stem Cell lines be granted.</p>
21908	redacted	5/15/2009 9:48:50 AM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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21909	redacted	5/15/2009 9:49:02 AM	<p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21910	redacted	5/15/2009 9:50:45 AM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>We am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos. This is a moral choice that if given the right to, we would choose not to do!</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients. We all want to be efficient with our spending now a days, don't we?</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and dreadful human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can be useful in actually treating patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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21911	redacted	5/15/2009 9:52:11 AM	I fully support and urge a reversal of all of restrictions on any stem cell research...
21912		5/15/2009 9:52:20 AM	I am against federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. There has been no positive outcome from this type of research. Adult stem cell research has achieved cures for many diseases. Why should our tax dollars fund something that is so unethical as destroying human life? This is even against our constitution as we have a right to life.
21913		5/15/2009 9:54:41 AM	Experimentation on human embryos should ring a very loud bell in those who have a mature and enlightened conscience. Just using adult stem cells has proven to be very useful. I wonder at the real, hidden motive for using embryonic stem cells.
21914		5/15/2009 9:55:24 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I am a member of the Parkinson's community and have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
21915		5/15/2009 10:00:49 AM	I am opposed to Stem Cell Research since it destroys an innocent human life. There is very promising results from umbilical cord blood and that should be used. Please consider the lives that will be lost only to save other lives. We as a society should not choose who's life is more important. I believe it should be a crime to destroy a perfectly healthy life to save someone with a terminal disease especially when other means are available
21916		5/15/2009 10:00:50 AM	Embryonic Stem Cell is so important to our well being as well as to the future of science and medical research. I am hoping we forge ahead with courage and clarity of purpose.
21917		5/15/2009 10:02:38 AM	<p>Please do not fund embryonic stem cell research. This approach is doomed to failure, while adult stem cells have proven effective time and again. Furthermore, "leftover" embryos can be adopted. They are children, and should not be killed and dissected for research. I have met some of these "snowflake" children.</p> <p>I am aghast that my tax dollars may be used for this gruesome and worthless research. STOP!</p>

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21918		5/15/2009 10:02:47 AM	<p>I am very opposed to destroying embryos for research. I, along with thousands of other Americans, strongly believe that these embryos are now a life and cannot just up and be destroyed. I recommend finding an appropriate mother for each of these embryos rather than their fullness of life may be completed.</p>
21919	redacted	5/15/2009 10:04:35 AM	<p>Thank You for your time.</p> <p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos. Also, I feel this would lead to the sale of human embryos. Is this the value of Human life under the Obama regime?</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids. Let's not open a "Pandora's box" of horrors!</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21920		5/15/2009 10:04:49 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.3239</p>

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21921		5/15/2009 10:05:58 AM	<p>Diabetes and its complications exacts a devastating toll on people and their families. I know because diabetes has enacted its horrendous effects on our family and friends for way too many years!. Embryonic stem cell research offers millions of people hope for a better future, and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise my family's health by restricting scientists. We all need the best treatment science can provide.</p>
21922	redacted	5/15/2009 10:07:21 AM	<p>I FEEL THAT THOUGH THE HUMAN STEM CELL RESEARCH THAT THERE WILL BE A CURE FOR DIABETES WHICH IS THE CHRONIC DISEASE THAT I SUFFER WITH. I PRAY THAT MY GENERATIONS TO COME WILL NOT BE AFFECT BY DIABETES. I KNOW THERE ARE TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS LINING THE POCKETS OF THE DRUGS COMPANIES AND THE POWERS THAT BE BY THE SUFFERING OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC ILLNESSES HAVING TO TAKE MEDICIATIONS, BUT WITH THE ADVANCES MADE WITH HSCR WE CAN BE CURED OF SOME OF THE DISEASES.</p>

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21923		5/15/2009 10:09:59 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 785 147">May 14, 2009</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 989 302">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 926 365">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 401 1927 488">As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 524 1938 672">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 708 1898 768">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 803 1934 863">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 899 743 927">Sincerely,</p>

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21924	redacted	5/15/2009 10:10:14 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 785 147">May 15, 2009</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 989 302">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 926 365">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 401 1902 488">I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 524 1938 673">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 709 1898 768">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 803 1934 862">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 898 743 925">Sincerely,</p>

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21925		5/15/2009 10:10:30 AM	<p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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21926	redacted	5/15/2009 10:10:59 AM	<p>May 15, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21927		5/15/2009 10:12:48 AM	<p>I am against using additional embryonic stem cells for experimentaion. This science has proven to be without merit. Adult stem cell research has a proven record of helping and curing medical problems. More money should be invested in this research and stop pretending that embryonic stem cells will be as useful as adult stem cells. You are wasting valuable time and money in questionable research when there is a proven way to use adult stem cells.</p>

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21928		5/15/2009 10:13:24 AM	<p>As a physician, I am deeply concerned about the fate of stem cell research in this country. I believe strongly in federal funding of stem cell research and feel that certain language should be used in drafting the NIH recommendations. For instance, Section II B should read to "allow federal funding for research using stem cell lines derived from both excess fertility clinic embryos and other potential sources, such as SCNT."</p> <p>I am pleased that Section II B of the draft guidelines appear to permit federal funding of some existing stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines that will be created from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that all current stem cell lines will be eligible for federal funding. I believe the final guidelines should allow federal funds for research using any existing stem cell lines that were created under ethical guidelines. This will allow research to build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding. Since new breakthroughs to create stem cell lines occur regularly, it is crucial that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ethical ways.</p>
21929		5/15/2009 10:13:35 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21930		5/15/2009 10:14:46 AM	<p>I fully support Stem Cell Research and am glad restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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21931		5/15/2009 10:14:48 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21932		5/15/2009 10:16:36 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21933		5/15/2009 10:17:03 AM	<p>Dear NIH:</p> <p>President Obama's Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. The NIH deserves credit for producing draft Guidelines quickly to provide time for public comment. However, I am worried that that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing stem cell lines ethically created over the last eight years. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration:</p> <p>[1] Develop final Guidelines that allow the NIH to fund research utilizing established hESC lines derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR Guidelines for the Conduct of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. These guidelines recommend independent oversight, voluntary and informed donor consent and no undue inducements. Most established hESC lines that are widely used in research today have been obtained in accordance with these principles. To ensure continued international collaboration, these principles should be applied to the evaluation of existing lines.</p> <p>[If you are utilizing specific lines in research, it would be helpful to mention the lines you are using and the nature of your research. In addition, it would be useful if you would cite publications by yourself or others concerning existing lines, and point out that the sort of research that would not have been, or will not be fundable by the NIH if the lines used or generated in that research were not eligible for funding.]</p> <p>[If you perform work internationally, it would be helpful to describe the nature of your collaborations.]</p> <p>[2] Most existing U.S. lines have been derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR's guidelines and consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving IRB oversight and approval. In some instances, additional specialized embryonic stem cell research oversight committees (ESCROs), and other oversight methods in other countries (referred to as SCROs in ISSCR Guidelines), have also provided oversight. Established policy has demonstrated that this self-regulatory structure has provided a sound ethical foundation for stem cell research. In developing the final Guidelines the NIH should consider this well-established framework of independent oversight and give weight to its determinations.</p> <p>[If you have had a research protocol reviewed, it would be helpful to describe the comprehensive nature of the review and oversight.]</p> <p>[3] Specifically, for funding eligibility purposes, the ethical provenance of existing U.S. cell lines should be judged based on the standards that prevailed at the time they were derived, provided the protocol under which donations were accepted, and any amendments, were approved by an IRB operating under federal regulations. Non-US lines should be eligible for funding within the US if the IRB and/or SCRO for the US institution receiving NIH funding determines that the protocol under which the underlying donation occurred met operative standards of the time and core ethical principles. In addition, new requirements that go beyond established U.S. and international practice should be applied prospectively only, and after a time period for affected parties, including IVF clinics, to adapt. We specifically ask the NIH to reconsider those aspects that go beyond existing ISSCR standards, including, for example, the proposed mandatory dual IVF consent the proposed guidelines would require, and the proposed requirement that the informed consent form is the sole source for ethical validation.</p>

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21934		5/15/2009 10:17:41 AM	<p>I am against this whole form of research. There has to be another way than destroying precious little embryos that will one day grow into a productive human being. I highly resent the fact that my hard-earned tax dollars are being used to fund this atrocity. It is no different than Auschwitz.</p>
21935	redacted	5/15/2009 10:18:56 AM	<p>I am very much in favor of loosening restrictions on stem cell research. Many people are suffering daily from diseases that may in the future be cured or made more bearable by the use of stem cell research. I pray that is in our lifetime, but the important thing is to continue research and support those scientists in their critical efforts to end devastating diseases worldwide. There is no scientific or medical reason to avoid research on stem cells. We live in a modern society, where church is separate from state, and as citizens, we deserve to reap the rewards of living in such a state. I refuse to allow my freedoms and my country's freedoms to be hijacked by a small group of religious extremists -- for that is what is happening when stem cell research is banned due to religious concerns.</p> <p>My father had diabetes, and later, dementia. My uncle is struggling with Parkinsons. It is too late for my father, but I hope that the younger generation will be helped by stem cell research.</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p>
21936		5/15/2009 10:24:58 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21937		5/15/2009 10:26:01 AM	<p>Parkinson's disease exacts a devastating toll on people and their families. I know because I have a very close friend who has suffered from Parkinson's for 24 years from this devastating disease. Embryonic stem cell research offers her hope for a better future and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise my friends health by restricting scientists. We deserves and need the best treatment science can provide.</p>
21938		5/15/2009 10:26:24 AM	<p>I know many people with serious and debilitating health problems that have little to no hope for improvement in their lifetimes without potential new treatments. These will not happen without loosening the restrictions on stem cell research. Please loosen the restrictions, or at least craft them more deftly so that general research may proceed.</p>
21939		5/15/2009 10:27:11 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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21940	redacted	5/15/2009 10:27:39 AM	<p>I oppose the drafted guidelines on human stem cell research proposed by the National Institutes of Health. I object to forcing taxpayers to subsidize research that is unethical. i believe it is unethical because it destroys human embryos.</p> <p>The money spent on embryonic stem cell research globally has yielded nothing but failures and the destruction of human embryos. In light of the amazing success of adult stem cell research and the many current cures and treatments already helping people, it is reckless and against the evidence of true results to proceed with the unethical embryonic research when that money could be much better spent on adult stem cell research that is producing results.</p> <p>The other concern I have is that the regulations proposed by the NIH will inspire a financial incentive to create human embryos for the sole purpose of research and ultimately destruction. This is unconscionable and invites all manner of unethical activity such as human cloning. With adult stem cell research this is not a problem because every human being has adult stem cells in abundance and we produce them as a normal part of body activity and function.</p> <p>We are failing our society at a deep level when we try to harness what belongs to another and cause his or her destruction to further our own agendas or ideas, all the while trying to label it progress. Instead we are walking blindly into deep societal regression.</p> <p>With deep concern,</p>
21941		5/15/2009 10:29:15 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21942	redacted	5/15/2009 10:30:33 AM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.

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21943		5/15/2009 10:32:14 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 747 147">Dear NIH:</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1938 362">President Obama's Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. The NIH deserves credit for producing draft Guidelines quickly to provide time for public comment. However, I am worried that that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing stem cell lines ethically created over the last eight years. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration:</p> <p data-bbox="634 401 1917 550">[1] Develop final Guidelines that allow the NIH to fund research utilizing established hESC lines derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR Guidelines for the Conduct of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. These guidelines recommend independent oversight, voluntary and informed donor consent and no undue inducements. Most established hESC lines that are widely used in research today have been obtained in accordance with these principles. To ensure continued international collaboration, these principles should be applied to the evaluation of existing lines.</p> <p data-bbox="634 586 1938 797">[2] Most existing U.S. lines have been derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR's guidelines and consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving IRB oversight and approval. In some instances, additional specialized embryonic stem cell research oversight committees (ESCROs), and other oversight methods in other countries (referred to as SCROs in ISSCR Guidelines), have also provided oversight. Established policy has demonstrated that this self-regulatory structure has provided a sound ethical foundation for stem cell research. In developing the final Guidelines the NIH should consider this well-established framework of independent oversight and give weight to its determinations.</p> <p data-bbox="634 833 1938 1138">[3] Specifically, for funding eligibility purposes, the ethical provenance of existing U.S. cell lines should be judged based on the standards that prevailed at the time they were derived, provided the protocol under which donations were accepted, and any amendments, were approved by an IRB operating under federal regulations. Non-US lines should be eligible for funding within the US if the IRB and/or SCRO for the US institution receiving NIH funding determines that the protocol under which the underlying donation occurred met operative standards of the time and core ethical principles. In addition, new requirements that go beyond established U.S. and international practice should be applied prospectively only, and after a time period for affected parties, including IVF clinics, to adapt. We specifically ask the NIH to reconsider those aspects that go beyond existing ISSCR standards, including, for example, the proposed mandatory dual IVF consent the proposed guidelines would require, and the proposed requirement that the informed consent form is the sole source for ethical validation.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1174 1938 1385">[4] It will be essential that investigators know with some certainty what lines are eligible for funding. I therefore urge the NIH to work with organizations such as the ISSCR to develop a list or registry of hESC lines available for NIH-funding or resources to support the oversight process. The ISSCR has in development a registry to document that hESC derivation was performed in accordance with ethical requirements, and make associated documentation available to reviewing IRBs and stem cell oversight bodies. Such a registry would reduce uncertainty and improve research efficiency. While that registry is being finalized, a useful and easy place to start in the meantime would be for the NIH to publish, on a Web site, the lines that are determined to be fundable based on IRB and SCRO determinations.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1421 1341 1446">Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guidelines.</p>

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21946		5/15/2009 10:35:08 AM	<p>research for somatic cell nuclear transfer is very important and should not be left out of the bill</p>
21947	redacted	5/15/2009 10:36:12 AM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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21948	redacted	5/15/2009 10:40:00 AM	<p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21949		5/15/2009 10:40:30 AM	<p>Why, oh way, do we allow ourselves to be so policially correct that we are behind the rest of the enlightned world is so many fields?</p> <p>We have the research facilities,the man power and the money but after we develop a viable product, we allow the rest of the world to steal it from us and profit while we just sit bac withour hands tied behind our backs!!</p> <p>How many more industries or products will be allow to leave this country?</p>

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21950		5/15/2009 10:42:00 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21951	redacted	5/15/2009 10:42:07 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 1948 180">It would be cost-ineffective and morally wrong to use American taxpayers' money to fund embryonic stem cell research. The evidence shows major problems with such research, and the many successes with adult stem cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="634 212 1948 272">The following article shows how adult stem cell research is already successfully treating, for example, spinal cord injuries, and how it is even being used to alleviate the tumor-causing properties of injected embryonic stem cells.</p> <p data-bbox="634 305 1564 365">The source of the article is CitizenLink e-mail newsletter, May 13, 2009. Web address: http://www.citizenlink.org/content/A000010016.cfm</p> <p data-bbox="634 430 1377 456">"Good News: Adult Stem Cells Solve Embryonic Research Problems"</p> <p data-bbox="634 488 1948 581">"Scientists are using embryonic stem cells to try to treat mice with spinal-cord injuries. The problem is that life-destroying embryonic stem-cell research forms tumors. So, the researchers are co-transplanting adult stem cells to deal with the tumor growth.</p> <p data-bbox="634 613 1948 673">"The irony is adult stem cells are already ahead of embryonic stem cells when it comes to spinal-cord injuries. Researchers have done trials on humans and have seen restored sensation in patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 706 1948 766">"Wesley J. Smith, senior fellow at the Discovery Institute, said the public should not forget the core of the debate between ethical adult stem-cell research and embryonic stem-cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="634 799 1948 891">"I think in discussing any scientific achievement — whether it's adult stem cells, embryonic stem cells, induced pluripotent stem cells or otherwise — it's important to understand that the embryonic stem-cell debate is an ethics debate," he said. "It's a fight over morality, not over science."</p> <p data-bbox="634 924 982 950">— Nima Reza (author of article)</p> <p data-bbox="634 982 1837 1042">Please consider the facts concerning both kinds of stem cell research, and choose the one that is both morally and practically appropriate.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1075 743 1101">Sincerely,</p>

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21952		5/15/2009 10:43:02 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
21953		5/15/2009 10:43:12 AM	<p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>

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21954	redacted	5/15/2009 10:44:12 AM	<p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21955		5/15/2009 10:44:18 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21956	redacted	5/15/2009 10:44:41 AM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21957		5/15/2009 10:44:47 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research</p>
21958	redacted	5/15/2009 10:47:48 AM	<p>Parkinson's disease exacts a devastating toll on people and their families. I know because my Mom has suffered from Parkinson's for over 20 years. Embryonic stem cell research offers her and millions of others hope for a better future and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise my Mom's health by restricting scientists. She deserves the best treatment science can provide.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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21959		5/15/2009 10:48:26 AM	I support the wonderful opportunity to help find the cures for so many horrible diseases. Thank God we have a forward thinking president.
21960	redacted	5/15/2009 10:48:41 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21961		5/15/2009 10:50:38 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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21962		5/15/2009 10:54:55 AM	<p>Neither this country nor the international community permit experimenting on non-consenting human beings, much less killing them, even though it be for the advancement of medical research and technology, even though such practices could doubtlessly lead to many discoveries. It is equivalent to slavery to reduce the body and life of a person, or the bodies and lives of a class of persons, to mere tools for the medical benefit of others. This is precisely what embryonic stem cell research does.</p> <p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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21963		5/15/2009 10:56:52 AM	<p>My comments are mainly about section II which operationalize the stem cell lines.</p> <p>These changes in the wording (making it simpler and more general) may allow preservation of all existing lines as well as federal funding for more lines to be created.</p> <p>No comments on Section I</p> <p>Comments on Section II:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suggest using simpler language and obtaining consents at the onset. 2. Clarifying life is preserved when stem cells are made. <p>I have drafted an example section II using the above ideas as follows:</p> <p>Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem Cells Derived from Human Embryos: Human embryonic stem cells may be used in research using NIH funds, if the cells were derived from human embryos that were created for reproductive purposes, were no longer needed for this purpose, were donated for research purposes, and for which documentation for all of the following can be assured:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All donors be informed of their option to allow the use of embryos that are no longer needed for reproductive purposes for creating stem cells, allowing them to consent for donation of their embryos at the outset by a yes/no answer in the consent form before a reproductive donation can be made. 2. No inducements were offered for the donation. 3. A policy be in place at the health care facility where the embryos were donated that no donations of any kind can be made unless there is an yes/no answer for sub-section 1 above. 4. If there are individuals who at the time of donation, consented only for reproductive services, those donors be notified in writing, to answer yes/no to section 1 and given a 2 year window to not allow donation. 5. Include a statement that donor(s) understood alternative options pertaining to use of the embryos; 6. Information that the embryos not selected for reproductive purposes are routinely destroyed and donation of the same to derivation of human embryonic stem cells for research will lead to preservation of life of those embryos, even though existing as cell lines and lack a human form. 7. A statement that the research was not intended to provide direct medical benefit to the donor(s); 8. A statement as to whether or not information that could identify the donor(s) would be retained prior to the derivation or the use of the human embryonic stem cells (relevant guidance from the DHHS Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) should be followed, as applicable. 9. A statement that the results of research using the human embryonic stem cells may have commercial potential, and a statement that the donor(s) would not receive financial or any other benefits from any such commercial development. <p>C. Prior to the use of NIH funds: Funding recipients must ensure that: (1) The human embryonic stem cells were derived consistent with sections II.A and B of these Guidelines; and (2) the grantee institution maintains appropriate documentation demonstrating such consistency in accordance with 45 CFR 74.53, which also details rights of access by NIH. The responsible grantee institutional official must provide assurances with respect to (1) and (2) when endorsing applications and progress reports submitted to NIH for projects that utilize these cells.</p> <p>No comments on Section III. Delete Section IV entirely.</p>

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21964		5/15/2009 10:57:26 AM	My family has a history of diabetes
21965		5/15/2009 10:57:29 AM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.
21966		5/15/2009 10:58:28 AM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.
21967		5/15/2009 10:59:27 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Embryonic stem cell research, where a human embryo is destroyed, has been in use for years but has yet to yield any cures. Other types of stem cell research, which do NOT involve the destruction of human life, have already proven successful in just a few years' time. - Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life. - The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.

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21968		5/15/2009 11:00:36 AM	<p>As one of many citizens of our wonderful United States and after hearing from the Concerned Women of America Organization, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos. And I do not appreciate being forced to do this. I also know that I do not stand alone.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. I am among many who know we are talking about human beings, not just embryos. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids. This opens us up as a nation for horrendous unethical, immoral, and dangerous practices.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>
21969		5/15/2009 11:02:38 AM	<p>Do not fund stem cell research that destroys human life!</p> <p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21970		5/15/2009 11:03:17 AM	<p>I believe that funding for stem cell research should be increased.</p>

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21971		5/15/2009 11:03:27 AM	<p>Please do not fund stem cell research that destroys human life!</p> <p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
21972		5/15/2009 11:03:30 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner</p>

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21973		5/15/2009 11:04:00 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21974	redacted	5/15/2009 11:04:23 AM	<p>May 15, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21975		5/15/2009 11:04:55 AM	<p>No one has a right to destroy human beings. There is a better way, not killing, but promote life. There is no need for the research on the human embryonic stem cells. It has been proven that the human adult stem cells will be the best because of their stability. Embryos are unstable. There should be research for a cure for the diseases not research on embryos. There is no evidence that the embryonic stem cells would help in the diseases and conditions: Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, spinal cord injury, burns, heart disease, diabetes, and arthritis. I could not live with the fact that I would be treated with embryonic stem cells for the diseases listed above, because of the destruction of life. I will live with my disease and save a human life.</p>

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21976	redacted	5/15/2009 11:06:00 AM	<p>I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
21977		5/15/2009 11:06:45 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21978		5/15/2009 11:07:25 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21979		5/15/2009 11:08:35 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21980		5/15/2009 11:09:27 AM	<p>Please loosen standards for stem cell research.</p>
21981		5/15/2009 11:09:30 AM	<p>Please loosen standards for stem cell research.</p>

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21982		5/15/2009 11:10:17 AM	funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.
21983		5/15/2009 11:10:35 AM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.
21984	redacted	5/15/2009 11:11:23 AM	I would like to urge that destructive embryonic stem cell research be banned. Adult stem cell research has resulted in extraordinary advances in treatments and therapies. I strongly object to the creation of embryos for the single purpose of killing them and harvesting their stem cells. The symantic gymnastics of calling the process by different names to dupe the public is not worthy of what this country has always stood for. The utilitarian argument that it will help so many people is not only disengenuous it is morally wrong. Embryonic stem cells have not helped anyone...stick to ethical (adult/placenta/cord blood) stem cell research!
21985		5/15/2009 11:11:33 AM	<p>The embryonic stem cell research that the NIH guidelines would permit are both morally objectionable AND lacking in ANY proven utility.I do not comprehend how any thinking human being could recommend such research, in light of successful and ethically responsible alternatives utilizing adult stem cells.</p> <p>In other words, I think these new guidelines should be thrown out.</p> <p>I wish you people would get a clue, and use your common sense.</p>
21986		5/15/2009 11:12:09 AM	<p>As a taxpayer, I cannot agree to have these funds used to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do NOT destroy human life and have already been proven successful. There is no qualifiable case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes. We cannot create life just to destroy it; we cannot trade one life for another.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately. I demand and expect that my government will honor and protect ALL human life, especially that of those who cannot protect themselves. As stated by our Founding Fathers, every person is entitled to "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness." To deny life to the unborn would be a serious denial to what this country stands for.</p>
21987		5/15/2009 11:13:30 AM	You do not have my permission to use my tax dollars to destroy life. This blood will not be on my hands. Adult stem cells are the best choice because they have proven effective and they do not involve killing potential life. Do not be driven be death and destruction but by life and health.

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21988		5/15/2009 11:13:40 AM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p>
21989		5/15/2009 11:13:49 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21990		5/15/2009 11:14:07 AM	<p>I am totally in favor of embro. cell research! Millions of Americans lives can be saved and changed as a result of this kind of research. We've lost so much valuable time. I'm appreciative the new Administration realizes the importance of this valuable research.</p>

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21991		5/15/2009 11:14:48 AM	<p>Dear NIH:</p> <p>President Obama's Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. The NIH deserves credit for producing draft Guidelines quickly to provide time for public comment. However, I am worried that that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing stem cell lines ethically created over the last eight years. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration:</p> <p>[1] Develop final Guidelines that allow the NIH to fund research utilizing established hESC lines derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR Guidelines for the Conduct of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. These guidelines recommend independent oversight, voluntary and informed donor consent and no undue inducements. Most established hESC lines that are widely used in research today have been obtained in accordance with these principles. To ensure continued international collaboration, these principles should be applied to the evaluation of existing lines.</p> <p>[2] Most existing U.S. lines have been derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR's guidelines and consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving IRB oversight and approval. In some instances, additional specialized embryonic stem cell research oversight committees (ESCROs), and other oversight methods in other countries (referred to as SCROs in ISSCR Guidelines), have also provided oversight. Established policy has demonstrated that this self-regulatory structure has provided a sound ethical foundation for stem cell research. In developing the final Guidelines the NIH should consider this well-established framework of independent oversight and give weight to its determinations.</p> <p>[3] Specifically, for funding eligibility purposes, the ethical provenance of existing U.S. cell lines should be judged based on the standards that prevailed at the time they were derived, provided the protocol under which donations were accepted, and any amendments, were approved by an IRB operating under federal regulations. Non-US lines should be eligible for funding within the US if the IRB and/or SCRO for the US institution receiving NIH funding determines that the protocol under which the underlying donation occurred met operative standards of the time and core ethical principles. In addition, new requirements that go beyond established U.S. and international practice should be applied prospectively only, and after a time period for affected parties, including IVF clinics, to adapt. We specifically ask the NIH to reconsider those aspects that go beyond existing ISSCR standards, including, for example, the proposed mandatory dual IVF consent the proposed guidelines would require, and the proposed requirement that the informed consent form is the sole source for ethical validation.</p> <p>[4] It will be essential that investigators know with some certainty what lines are eligible for funding. I therefore urge the NIH to work with organizations such as the ISSCR to develop a list or registry of hESC lines available for NIH-funding or resources to support the oversight process. The ISSCR has in development a registry to document that hESC derivation was performed in accordance with ethical requirements, and make associated documentation available to reviewing IRBs and stem cell oversight bodies. Such a registry would reduce uncertainty and improve research efficiency. While that registry is being finalized, a useful and easy place to start in the meantime would be for the NIH to publish, on a Web site, the lines that are determined to be fundable based on IRB and SCRO determinations.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guidelines.</p>

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21992		5/15/2009 11:15:43 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21993		5/15/2009 11:16:50 AM	<p>I am opposed to the use of federal tax money for the embryonic stem cell research. Do not use my tax dollars for this research!!!!</p>
21994	redacted	5/15/2009 11:18:53 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>Please take this opportunity to stand up to President Obama's order that allows more of your tax dollars to be spent on the destruction of human life.</p> <p>Even though morality is controversial and often times politically incorrect; please don't do something that could bring a curse on this land. Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely Prophet *****</p> <p>P>S>know that I am always praying for God's blessings, wisdom and protection for you.</p>

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21995		5/15/2009 11:19:24 AM	<p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>
21996		5/15/2009 11:20:18 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
21997		5/15/2009 11:22:51 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
21998		5/15/2009 11:25:59 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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21999		5/15/2009 11:26:34 AM	<p>For many americans with a personal connection to type1 diabetes, the Adminstrations expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future. The Adminstration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH , however to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically responsible manner according to the best practices at this time. Research on these stem cells lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigoursly pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages this research has already yielded impresssive results ins our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin producing betat cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or pratical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commmend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22000	redacted	5/15/2009 11:26:38 AM	<p>Hello. I am concerned about Section II B. It sounds as though this Section does not ensure that current stem cell lines will meet the criteria outlines and, thus, be eligible for federal funding. I believe it's important for the final guidelines to allow federal funding for research using all stem cell lines created by following the best ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>

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22001	redacted	5/15/2009 11:27:48 AM	<p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing you to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. I am opposed to the proposed regulations when alternatives to embryonic stem cells have proven to be more effective and are actually treating patients today. As a taxpayer, I do not feel that I should be forced to pay to subsidize unethical research that will be difficult to oversee.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22002		5/15/2009 11:29:55 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans facing the challenges of living with many diseases and disorders. I have been following progress in this field with great interest and understand the importance that it holds for people living with chronic diseases like multiple sclerosis. I am encouraged to see the field of human embryonic stem cell research expanded through the issuance of these guidelines and the change in federal policy around funding for this important scientific field. Much progress has been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of studies using stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and using new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos. Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>

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22003		5/15/2009 11:34:58 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p>
22004		5/15/2009 11:36:37 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22005	redacted	5/15/2009 11:37:25 AM	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am opposed to using embryonic stem cells for research. A unique human person is created at the moment of conception and shares the same rights as those of us who are out of the womb.</p> <p>Please do not condone this research.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>***** (former embryo)</p>
22006	redacted	5/15/2009 11:37:35 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>P.S. Regardless of the politics in America, opposition to embryonic stem research will not stop the research---the benefits are too great. Instead it will just impair our U.S. scientists ability to participate in these new scientific advancements, and hence threaten the world leadership role we have held in healthcare sciences since the end of World War II</p>
22007		5/15/2009 11:38:03 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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22008		5/15/2009 11:38:03 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22009		5/15/2009 11:38:32 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22010		5/15/2009 11:39:11 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. As someone who is diabetic and who suffers from degenerative disc disease I see great hope for effective treatments as a direct result of stem cell research. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22011		5/15/2009 11:41:53 AM	<p>I am in favor of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research.</p>
22012		5/15/2009 11:42:47 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22013		5/15/2009 11:47:19 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>Please take this opportunity to stand up to President Obama's order that allows more of your tax dollars to be spent on the destruction of human life.</p>
22014		5/15/2009 11:49:57 AM	<p>I feel stem cell research holds great potential to improve health care for people suffering from a variety of conditions. As humans we have been driven to pursue methods to improve the quality of life for ourselves and those around us. Stem cell therapies have the potential to increase the quality of life for people suffering from a vast number of diseases from neurodegenerative diseases, like Alzheimer's, to autoimmune disease or even cancer. The true potential of these techniques won't ever be clear if research is not allowed to freely continue.</p>
22015		5/15/2009 11:50:29 AM	<p>I strongly support federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, and I support the Administration's efforts to ensure federal funding of this important research. I am pleased that the draft guidelines will permit federal funding for new stem cell lines, and will finally allow meaningful embryonic stem cell research to move forward. It is important to me and my family that politics not stand in the way of scientific progress that may lead to better treatments and a cure for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer, and heart disease.</p> <p>I am concerned, however, that Section II B does not "grandfather" or ensure the continued use of the few embryonic stem lines that were eligible for federal funding under the Bush policy. As we work to lift the de facto ban, the final guidelines must allow the current lines to remain eligible for federal funding. We cannot lose the progress scientists have achieved over the past several years. We cannot afford to lose any more time.</p> <p>In addition, NIH must regularly update the guidelines as science advances. There will be important research tools discovered over the next several years that will necessitate regularly updated guidelines, such as human Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer cell lines. The guidelines must adapt to new science that will help researchers better understand and treat diseases.</p> <p>It's time to get politics and unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles out of the way. It's time to speed the pace of progress. It's time to develop better treatments for people living with diseases.</p>

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22016		5/15/2009 11:51:48 AM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.
22017		5/15/2009 11:52:12 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22018	redacted	5/15/2009 11:54:18 AM	<p>Sample Letter: NIH Stem Cell Guidelines</p> <p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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22019		5/15/2009 11:54:28 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
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22022		5/15/2009 12:01:16 PM	<p data-bbox="634 123 991 240">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 277 926 302">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 339 1934 428">As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 466 1940 613">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 651 1898 704">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 742 1934 795">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 833 743 857">Sincerely,</p>
22023		5/15/2009 12:03:12 PM	<p data-bbox="634 881 1934 1029">The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1066 1883 1156">My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22026	redacted	5/15/2009 12:07:01 PM	<p>I am in favor of all stem cell research. I can only see an up side to helping cure disease and making lives better. As active person diagnosed with MS, such research allows me to be hopeful that my life will remain active and fulfilling.</p>
22027		5/15/2009 12:13:51 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22028		5/15/2009 12:14:58 PM	<p>I have a dear uncle suffering from Parkinson's. I was so pleased that Section II B of the draft guidelines appears to permit federal funding of some existing stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines that will be created from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, Section II B does not ensure that all current stem cell lines will be eligible for federal funding. I believe the final guidelines should allow federal funds for research using any existing stem cell lines that were created under ethical guidelines. This will allow research to build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding. Since new breakthroughs to create stem cell lines occur regularly, it is crucial that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ethical ways.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
22029		5/15/2009 12:16:11 PM	<p>Incurable, debilitating diseases such as Parkinson's, Huntington's, MS and ALS exact a devastating toll on patients, their families and society in general. Embryonic stem cell research offers millions hope for a better future, and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines in Section 11 B will permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) also should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made by allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise millions of people's health by restricting the ability of scientists to cure and prevent these devastating diseases. We all deserve the best healthcare science can provide</p>
22030		5/15/2009 12:16:53 PM	<p>"As a parent of a child suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, and, mother-in-law of a son with diabetes I am pleased that Section II B of the draft guidelines appear to permit federal funding of some existing stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines that will be created from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that all current stem cell lines will be eligible for federal funding. I believe the final guidelines should allow federal funds for research using any existing stem cell lines that were created under ethical guidelines. This will allow research to build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding. Since new breakthroughs to create stem cell lines occur regularly, it is crucial that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ethical ways. "</p>
22031		5/15/2009 12:18:00 PM	<p>It is God who creates all life and only God who shall take it away.</p>

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22032		5/15/2009 12:19:27 PM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you."
22033	redacted	5/15/2009 12:19:41 PM	<p data-bbox="634 295 785 321">May 15, 2009</p> <p data-bbox="634 357 991 477">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 513 926 539">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 574 1934 662">As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 698 1940 847">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 883 1902 938">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 974 1934 1029">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1065 743 1091">Sincerely,</p>
22034		5/15/2009 12:20:11 PM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.

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22035		5/15/2009 12:22:10 PM	<p>In this document it says that its purpose it to "help ensure that NIH-funded research in this area is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law."</p> <p>Destroying an embryo in order to harvest its stem cells is not "ethically responsible." An embryo is a small human life. It is a living human being and deserves the same rights we all do. As Horton the elephant says, "a person is a person, no matter how small."</p> <p>It is impossible to us to understand why embryonic stem cells are still being "experimented on" when there has been NO positive scientific results from their destruction.</p> <p>If "scientifically worthy research" is sought than adult stem cells should be used. Already amazing, positive results have resulted from the use of these adult stem cells that has not caused the stem cell donor any harm.</p> <p>To us the choice is clear-embryonic stem cells destroy human life and have yet to yield any viable scientific results.</p> <p>Adult stem cells cause no harm to the donor and have resulted in many, many positive scientific results that have benefited patients. Adult stem cells are not only scientifically worthy they are also absolutely ethical.</p> <p>There is no argument.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments and may you prosper in your work.</p>
22036		5/15/2009 12:22:28 PM	<p>Both my sister and my best friend have suffered from Parkinson's for 25 years. Their drugs are no longer effective. At 68, my sister was confined to a wheelchair. Now, 2 years later, her husband can no longer physically care for her and because they live on Social Security, must find a nursing home that accepts Medicaid. It is painfully sad for me to watch the deterioration of both my friend's and my sister's bodies that Parkinson's has caused.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research offers them and so many others hope for a better future. I have seen my sister be close to normal - after having been totally incapacitated - through the use of medicines (while they still worked) and the Deep Brain Stimulation surgical implants (until it, too, became ineffective). I believe that stem cell transplants have the ability to return my sister, my friend and millions of others to a productive, active life.</p> <p>It is important for the final NIH Guidelines to encourage this desperately needed research through federal funding of stem cell lines derived from not only the use of excess IVF embryos (Section 11 B), but equally important, from sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT).</p> <p>Having the final guidelines include a grandparent clause enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made would allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise the health of the people I love by restricting scientists. They deserve the best treatment science can provide.</p>

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22038		5/15/2009 12:23:04 PM	<p>As a private party who abhors the taking of a human life for any reason other than severe criminal aberation, I hereby protest the drafting of any NIH Human Stem Cell guideline/policy which results in the taking of the life of a human fetus or newborn child.</p>
22039	redacted	5/15/2009 12:23:45 PM	<p>stem cell research holds promise for treatment of so many diseases and we are thrilled the new administration is allowing research to go forward</p>
22040		5/15/2009 12:24:12 PM	<p>Right to life from conception to natural death</p>
22041		5/15/2009 12:24:21 PM	<p>I strongly oppose your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force taxpayers to subsidize research that destroys human life. This sort of reseach can never be ethical. I support stem cell research and treatments that don't destroy human life and are already proven successful. Adult stem cells effectively and ethically treat patients. Stem cell research that destroys embryos has been ineffective and dangerous, causing tumors, etc. The government should never support creation of human embryos for research. The proposed regulations don't prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids, a loophole that must be closed immediately.</p>
22042		5/15/2009 12:25:49 PM	<p>I am a diabetic and, of even more concern, I have a young nephew with juvinile diabetes that requires medication several times a day, careful diet, and frequent blood tests; his life expectancy is poor. The major hope for his life is stem cell research and I implore you to permit extensive government sponsorship of stem cell research.</p>
22043		5/15/2009 12:26:56 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22045		5/15/2009 12:28:03 PM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>
22046		5/15/2009 12:32:07 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22047		5/15/2009 12:32:13 PM	NIH staff members, As you consider the guidelines for Human Stem Cell research, I would strongly urge you to protect Human embryos from destruction for the following reasons: 1. Adult stem cell research has already been successful in demonstrating dozens of therapies and treatments. Embryonic stem cells are more likely to form tumors and have not been as successful. It would be a wiser use of tax dollars to spend money where research has been more promising. 2. Human embryos are small human beings and like you, deserve the right to life, not death. Thank you for your consideration.
22048		5/15/2009 12:32:46 PM	Why should we support something that is not only demeaning to our respect for our own humanity but that has not proven to be usefull as it has been seen to cause more cancer. It has been more succesfull but little recognized the use of the patient's own body's stem cells.

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22049		5/15/2009 12:34:17 PM	<p>I would like to address the proposed policy and procedures for Executive Order 13505 which provides taxpayer funding for research using embryos that were produced through in vitro fertilization clinics, but will no longer be used for reproductive purposes. The NIH proposes that the research will be conducted in a manner that is “ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law.”</p> <p>Any research that involves the deliberate destruction of human beings in order to obtain stem cells for so called therapeutic purposes is not ethically responsible. A human individual, is entitled to a right to life as guaranteed in the US Constitution. Any intervention that is not of benefit to the embryo itself is not an ethically responsible action and further, it would violate the laws established in US 45 CFR 46, the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the Nuremberg Code. Whether the NIH agrees with such universally known principles or not is of little consequence because by using federal funds to destroy human life, millions of taxpayers would be forced to become complicit with the immoral actions of the government.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cells have failed to effect the cure of even one disease, while more than 70 diseases have been successfully treated using adult stem cells. Moreover, embryonic stem cells, in addition to being ineffective in the treatment of disease, have demonstrated a tendency to cause immune rejection and cancerous tumors. Medical treatments are supposed to be of aid to the patient, not to induce death by another disease. To invest taxpayer money in a clear (and dangerous) failure, while a proven success is at hand is completely irresponsible, a betrayal of public trust.</p> <p>One is left wondering at the pursuit of such research, especially since it features a total lack of respect for the human person; a human being is a thing to be used, experimented with and then disposed of when no longer useful. Dr. Joseph Mengele, the Angel of Death at the infamous Aschwitz concentration camp was known to conduct experiments on human beings which frequently resulted in their deaths. The purpose of these experiments is unclear. Their value to the science of medicine is negligible. A staggering cost in human suffering was paid, and for a return that amounted to virtually nothing. In the aftermath of this horror the Nuremberg Code, which was established in 1947 and later became the basis for US 45 CFR 46, states in Article 2: “The experiment should be such as to yield fruitful results for the good of society, unprocurable by other methods or means of study, and not random and unnecessary in nature.” As the saying goes: “He who will not learn the lesson of history is condemned to repeat its mistakes.”</p> <p>□ Under Section B. Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem Cells Derived from Human Embryos, the guidelines state that, “Human embryonic stem cells may be used in research using NIH funds, if the cells were derived from human embryos that were created for reproductive purposes, were no longer needed for this purpose, (and) were donated for research purposes” In other words, since they are going to die anyway we might as well use them for whatever we think worthwhile. Doctor Megele’s reason was virtually identical. Since the occupants of this camp are going to die anyway, why not use them for experimentation? No regulations exist for the limitation of embryo production. Therefore, embryo farming would be a growth industry, supplying much the same opportunity as was enjoyed by Mengele at Aschwitz.</p> <p>In summary, embryonic stem cell research using Federal Funding violates the moral and religious rights of millions of US citizens who oppose the destruction of human life for research purposes. It has not yielded any benefits to society; it has not produced treatments or therapies despite years of research using private funds. It violates existing laws governing the use of human subjects for research; it opens the door for reckless abuse of the law and the potential for massive production and destruction of innocent human life. Even if embryonic stem cell research might one day produce some sort of human benefit, millions of people in need will forego such treatments rather than violate their religious beliefs.</p> <p>To date, over 615,000 Americans have joined the Campaign for Ethical Vaccines because there are several immunizations that are produced using aborted fetal cell lines and families are refusing to use them. Please do not make the same mistake again! Research that uses public funding should be focused on treatments that all Americans and indeed, citizens of the entire world can benefit from without moral compromise.</p>

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22050		5/15/2009 12:34:59 PM	<p>Please fund adult stem cell research instead of embryonic stem cell research. Adult stem cells have been doing a lot of good in a noncontroversial way. Our limited funds should not be spent on controversial embryonic stem cell research when a proven alternative is available. Embryonic stem cell research sets a dangerous precedent, that life is expendable. Our grandparents would be appalled at its use.</p> <p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
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22052		5/15/2009 12:37:28 PM	<p>The sciences have proven embryonic stem cells are nowhere near as succesful as adult human stem cells. Embyronic stem cell research must be stopped. It is a wastefull expenditure of money. Stop wasting tax-payer money. Put the tax-payer dollar to good use in other areas of research.</p>
22053		5/15/2009 12:39:29 PM	<p>Please procede with this research. Add lung diseases to those studies, esp Alpha 1 antitrypsin defieciency with whcih I live</p>
22054		5/15/2009 12:39:41 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22055		5/15/2009 12:39:45 PM	<p>OPPOSE DESTRUCTIVE EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH National Institutes of Health (NIH) is proposing guidelines to destroy human embryos derived from in vitro fertilization - a "create to kill" policy. Our tax dollars will pay for this research! Please complete the following form, cut it out and send to the NIH: / oppose the destruction of embryonic stem cells for body parts and cloning.</p>

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22058		5/15/2009 12:41:03 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
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22060		5/15/2009 12:41:57 PM	<p>OPPOSE DESTRUCTIVE EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH National Institutes of Health (NIH) is proposing guidelines to destroy human embryos derived from in vitro fertilization - a "create to kill" policy. Our tax dollars will pay for this research! Please complete the following form, cut it out and send to the NIH: / oppose the destruction of embryonic stem cells for body parts and cloning.</p>
22061		5/15/2009 12:42:25 PM	<p>OPPOSE DESTRUCTIVE EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH National Institutes of Health (NIH) is proposing guidelines to destroy human embryos derived from in vitro fertilization - a "create to kill" policy. Our tax dollars will pay for this research! Please complete the following form, cut it out and send to the NIH: / oppose the destruction of embryonic stem cells for body parts and cloning.</p>
22062		5/15/2009 12:43:21 PM	<p>I object to the use of human embryonic stem cells for research. Even more basic, I object to the creation of embryos that will not be used to attempt a successful pregnancy.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and for your consideration.</p>

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22063		5/15/2009 12:43:34 PM	<p>As a practicing physician as well as a voting citizen, I oppose embryonic stem cell research, and I WHOLEHEARTEDLY endorse and URGE the funding of ADULT stem cell research!</p> <p>Adult stem cell research is where the useful science is at. It is absolutely FOOLISH to throw money at embryonic stem cell research which has extremely little promise, comparatively speaking, while adult stem cell research has not only ALREADY produced results, but also has the promise of MUCH more progress in the near future.</p> <p>Furthermore, adult stem cell research has few, if any, of the ethical problems inherent to embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22064		5/15/2009 12:44:14 PM	<p>Greetings!</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on NIH's proposed guidelines for federal funding of human embryonic stem-cell research (ESCR) I oppose expanding the availability of federal funding beyond the current restrictions because ESCR destroys nascent human life.</p> <p>Embryos left over from ferti/ity treatments, if allowed to develop, would become human lives and should not be used for scientific research. I would encourage federal funding be diverted to morally acceptable forms of research, such as those using stem cells derives from non-embryonic sources such as skin cells, placenta and umbilical cord blood. As a member of the Center for Moral Clarity, a non-partisan Christian grassroots organization, my wish is for NIH to support only morally neutral forms of research.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my opinion.</p>
22065		5/15/2009 12:44:32 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22066		5/15/2009 12:45:38 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22067		5/15/2009 12:46:41 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22068		5/15/2009 12:47:14 PM	<p>We are opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which forces taxpayers to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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22069		5/15/2009 12:47:28 PM	<p>Parkinson's disease exacts a devastating toll on people and their families. I know because I have suffered from Parkinson's for 11 years. Embryonic stem cell research offers millions hope for a better future and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise my health by restricting scientists. I need the best treatment science can provide</p>
22070	redacted	5/15/2009 12:48:06 PM	<p>Please do not allow the stem cells of unborn babies and instead focus on adult stem cells which have been proven to help create new cells. Thank you for your time and consideration. Thank you</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22071		5/15/2009 12:51:20 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22072	redacted	5/15/2009 12:51:51 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p> <p>You must understand that this is a deeply held moral issue for me and one that can be deeply divisive to the country. Please use your good offices for research to promote life affirming research, and not life destructive research.</p> <p>My prayer is that adult stem cell research becomes the focal point for this research. This is the area where we have a chance to provide cures in a responsible manner.</p>

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22073		5/15/2009 12:51:54 PM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.

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22074		5/15/2009 12:52:45 PM	<p>On March 9, President Obama issued an Executive Order overturning President Bush's stem cell research funding policies. On April 23, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) published draft guidelines implementing the Obama directive. The public has until May 26 to submit comments.</p> <p>In response to the NIH draft guidelines, Reps. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Michael Castle (R-DE) said they intend to move forward with Legislation that goes beyond the guidelines.</p> <p>People are urged (1) to send messages to Congress opposing any legislation promoting destructive embryonic stem cell research and (2) to send comments to NIH on the draft guidelines.</p> <p>E-mail messages can be sent to Congress and to NIH through the NCHLA Grassroots Action Center at: www.nchla.org/steincell. People are first directed to send e-mails to their U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. They are then directed to go to the NIH web form, where their name and a prepared pro-life message have already been inserted. Before submitting the comments, the user must complete a simple "Security Check" (fill in a random set of four provided numbers). Comments can be added to both messages.</p> <p>Please encourage your people to visit the NCHLA Grassroots Action Center.</p> <p>For more information, please see the attached Action Alert at: www.nchla.org/actiondisnlav.asn?ID=272.</p> <p>The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities is preparing a special stem cell page on their web site. See "Oppose Destructive Stem Cell Research/" at: www.usccb.org/stenicellcampaign. To facilitate people sending their e-mails messages to Congress and NIH, the bishops' web site will again link to the NCHLA Grassroots Action Center. Dear Director for NIH Stem Cell Guidelines. I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes. I am Vice President of the Buffalo Regional Right to Live Committee and Blessed Mother House (Pregnancy House for Expecting Mothers). We have 1500 members.</p> <p>Oppose Funding of Destructive Embryonic Stem Cell Research! Support Cures We Can All Live With</p> <p>On March 9, President Obama issued an Executive Order overturning the limits President Bush had placed on government funding of destructive embryonic stem cell research. On April 23, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) published draft guidelines to implement the Obama directive. If these guidelines are approved, federal taxpayer funds will support research on human embryonic stem cells derived by killing human embryos created in fertility clinics through in vitro fertilization. Parents will be able to donate their embryonic children for such research when they feel they no longer need them for reproduction. The guidelines currently do not allow federal funding for research on human embryonic stem cells derived from cloning or parthenogenesis, or from IVF embryos specially created for research purposes. See: www.nchla.org/dn?display.asp?ID=245. The public has until May 26 to submit comments.</p> <p>Cardinal Justin Rigali, chairman of the Catholic bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, called the draft guidelines "a new chapter in divorcing biomedical research from its necessary ethical foundation." Without unconditional respect for human life, he said, experiments on human subjects become "another way for some human beings to use and mistreat others for their own goals." The Cardinal called for "increased support for promising and ethically sound stem cell research and treatments that harm no one." He expressed concern that some in Congress and the Administration want to go beyond the draft guidelines and use embryos specially created for research by in vitro fertilization or cloning. For the Cardinal's full statement, see: www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2009/09-087.shtm. Calling the guidelines "the first step," Reps. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Michael Castle (R-DE) intend to move forward with broader legislation to "promote all forms of ethical stem cell research," which in their view includes cloning and the creation of embryos solely to destroy them.</p> <p>For important information, see the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities' special stem cell page "Oppose Destructive Stem Cell Research" at: www.usccb.org/stenicellcampaign. Also see: www.stemcellresearch.org, and www.nchla.org/issucs.asp?ID=6.</p>

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22074		5/15/2009 12:52:45 PM	<p>ACTION: Through the NCHLA Grassroots Action Center, please send messages (1) to your two U.S. Senators and Representative opposing the DeGette/Castle legislation, and (2) to the NIH opposing its draft guidelines. Please click here: wyvw.nchla.org/steiicell.</p> <p>Messages to Congress can also be sent by U.S. Mail, FAX letter, or phone. Call the Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call Members' local offices. Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at www.senate.gov and www.liouisc.gov.</p> <p>Comments on the NIH guidelines can also be submitted online at: http://iiilioei-extra.nih.gov/stem_cells/add.htm or mailed to: NIH Stem Cell Guidelines, MSC 7997, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892-7997.</p> <p>MESSAGE TO CONGRESS: "Do not use my tax dollars to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead please support adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already producing treatments."</p> <p>MESSAGE TO NIH: "I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes."</p> <p>WHEN: NIH inns! receive comments by May 26. Congress has not vet scheduled action.</p>
22075		5/15/2009 12:55:14 PM	<p>Dear NIH,</p> <p>Sunday (5-10-2009) I read Marion Roach's article in the L.A. Times.</p> <p>Please do not compromise any stem cell research, including embryonic. I believe that embryos are not people they simply have the possibility of becoming a person. If stem cell laboratories can use those embryos that are not going to be used in fertility clinics, they should be allowed to do so. I further believe that even creating embryos for stem cell research is necessary if the fertility clinics do not have enough left over for good research projects. We need to quickly find out what cures this exciting research can find for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, spinal injuries and other diseases.</p> <p>To let religious people control science is not good government policy.</p>
22076		5/15/2009 12:55:29 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p> <p>My sister and many others suffer from Multiple Sclerosis. This is only one disease that will benefit from Stem Cell Research and Therapy. Any action to improve the use of stem cells is urgent.</p>

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22077	redacted	5/15/2009 12:56:01 PM	<p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Even though millions of dollars have been spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>Also, these proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. What a waste. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids, which are unnatural and unethical!</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated! Taxpayer monies should be used only for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>
22078	redacted	5/15/2009 12:56:20 PM	<p>I am a bone marrow transplant recipient lucky enough to have a sibling match. I became a patient advocate and know several families that became pregnant to harvest the stem cells to save their older sick children. Let's keep embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you</p>
22079		5/15/2009 12:56:30 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22080		5/15/2009 12:56:41 PM	<p>In 1996, Congress enacted the Dickey-Wicker Amendment, a rider to an appropriations bill that unambiguously prohibited federally funded research resulting in the creation or destruction of human embryos. The Balanced Budget Downpayment Act, I, Pub. L. No. 104-99, paragraph 128, 110 Stat. 26 (1996). Specifically, the amendment prohibits federal funding for "the creation of a human embryo or embryos for research purposes" as well as "research in which a human embryo or embryos are destroyed, discarded or knowingly subjected to a risk of injury or death greater than that allowed for research on fetuses in utero" under existing federal regulations. Id. To date, the Dickey-Wicker Amendment has been reenacted annually by Congress. See, for example, Consolidated appropriations - FY 2001, Pub. L. No. 106-554, paragraph 510, 114 Stat 2763 (2000) and Section 510 of Public Lawl 108-109, 118 Stat. 3, 277 (January 23, 2004).</p>

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22081	redacted	5/15/2009 12:57:28 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 747 146">Dear NIH:</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1936 362">President Obama's Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. The NIH deserves credit for producing draft Guidelines quickly to provide time for public comment. However, I am worried that that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing stem cell lines ethically created over the last eight years. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration:</p> <p data-bbox="634 399 1915 548">[1] Develop final Guidelines that allow the NIH to fund research utilizing established hESC lines derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR Guidelines for the Conduct of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. These guidelines recommend independent oversight, voluntary and informed donor consent and no undue inducements. Most established hESC lines that are widely used in research today have been obtained in accordance with these principles. To ensure continued international collaboration, these principles should be applied to the evaluation of existing lines.</p> <p data-bbox="634 586 1936 797">[2] Most existing U.S. lines have been derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR's guidelines and consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving IRB oversight and approval. In some instances, additional specialized embryonic stem cell research oversight committees (ESCROs), and other oversight methods in other countries (referred to as SCROs in ISSCR Guidelines), have also provided oversight. Established policy has demonstrated that this self-regulatory structure has provided a sound ethical foundation for stem cell research. In developing the final Guidelines the NIH should consider this well-established framework of independent oversight and give weight to its determinations.</p> <p data-bbox="634 834 1936 1138">[3] Specifically, for funding eligibility purposes, the ethical provenance of existing U.S. cell lines should be judged based on the standards that prevailed at the time they were derived, provided the protocol under which donations were accepted, and any amendments, were approved by an IRB operating under federal regulations. Non-US lines should be eligible for funding within the US if the IRB and/or SCRO for the US institution receiving NIH funding determines that the protocol under which the underlying donation occurred met operative standards of the time and core ethical principles. In addition, new requirements that go beyond established U.S. and international practice should be applied prospectively only, and after a time period for affected parties, including IVF clinics, to adapt. We specifically ask the NIH to reconsider those aspects that go beyond existing ISSCR standards, including, for example, the proposed mandatory dual IVF consent the proposed guidelines would require, and the proposed requirement that the informed consent form is the sole source for ethical validation.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1175 1936 1386">[4] It will be essential that investigators know with some certainty what lines are eligible for funding. I therefore urge the NIH to work with organizations such as the ISSCR to develop a list or registry of hESC lines available for NIH-funding or resources to support the oversight process. The ISSCR has in development a registry to document that hESC derivation was performed in accordance with ethical requirements, and make associated documentation available to reviewing IRBs and stem cell oversight bodies. Such a registry would reduce uncertainty and improve research efficiency. While that registry is being finalized, a useful and easy place to start in the meantime would be for the NIH to publish, on a Web site, the lines that are determined to be fundable based on IRB and SCRO determinations.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1424 1339 1450">Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guidelines.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1487 739 1513">Sincerely,</p>

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22082	redacted	5/15/2009 12:58:57 PM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>
22083	redacted	5/15/2009 12:59:05 PM	<p>Dear Dr. Kingston:</p> <p>I commend to your further attention the comments of *****, ***** National Catholic Bioethics Center concerning the draft of the NIH Human Stem Cell guidelines. Those comments, sent to you in a letter dated May 14, 2009, provide conclusive arguments against the legality and morality of the guidelines in their current form.</p> <p>I agree with ***** that the current guidelines do not treat embryos in the same fashion as they treat fetuses, as the Dickey-Wicker Amendment requires.</p> <p>I also find it morally reprehensible for NIH to allow the deliberate destruction of human embryos for research purposes. The availability of pluripotent stem cells from adult sources is adequate for the possible therapeutic benefits that stem cell research promises, and I urge you to change the guidelines to restrict federal funding for stem cells derived only from adult sources.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p>

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22084		5/15/2009 1:00:13 PM	<p>"Long-standing Department of Health and Human Services regulations for Protection of Human Subjects, 45 CFR part 46, establish safeguards for individuals who are the sources of many human tissues used in research, including non-embryonic human adult stem cells and human induced pluripotent stem cells." The Dept of Health & Human Services should protect all human subjects, not just adults.</p> <p>Human Embryos are human children, albeit at the earliest stage of development. These children have not given consent. Even if their parents reject them, they are still children....still separate individual humans. Please protect them and their rights.</p> <p>"Human embryonic stem cells are cells that are derived from human embryos..." To obtain those cells, one must first kill the embryo...the developing human. Please protect these human subjects by establishing safeguard that will not allow these humans to be killed.</p> <p>Please establish safeguards that will not allow children to be abandoned by their parents. If you will not ban all in vitro fertilization, please require all embryos created by invitro fertilization be implanted in the mother's womb and none frozen. Please limit the number of embryos created by invitro fertilization.</p> <p>Even though the president lifted the ban for funding, his order cannot eliminate your obligation to protect human subjects, especially the most vulnerable. Please protect all humans.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
22085		5/15/2009 1:01:51 PM	<p>Greetings!</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on NIH's proposed guidelines for federal funding of human embryonic stem-cell research (ESCR) I oppose expanding the availability of federal funding beyond the current restrictions because ESCR destroys nascent human life.</p> <p>Embryos left over from ferti/ity treatments, if allowed to develop, would become human lives and should not be used for scientific research. I would encourage federal funding be diverted to morally acceptable forms of research, such as those using stem cells derives from non-embryonic sources such as skin cells, placenta and umbilical cord blood. As a member of the Center for Moral Clarity, a non-partisan Christian grassroots organization, my wish is for NIH to support only morally neutral forms of research.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my opinion.</p>
22086		5/15/2009 1:02:25 PM	<p>Greetings!</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on NIH's proposed guidelines for federal funding of human embryonic stem-cell research (ESCR) I oppose expanding the availability of federal funding beyond the current restrictions because ESCR destroys nascent human life.</p> <p>Embryos left over from ferti/ity treatments, if allowed to develop, would become human lives and should not be used for scientific research. I would encourage federal funding be diverted to morally acceptable forms of research, such as those using stem cells derives from non-embryonic sources such as skin cells, placenta and umbilical cord blood. As a member of the Center for Moral Clarity, a non-partisan Christian grassroots organization, my wish is for NIH to support only morally neutral forms of research.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my opinion.</p>

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22087		5/15/2009 1:03:08 PM	<p>Although the current prohibition on federal funding for human embryo research under the Dickey-Wicker Amendment would preclude use of NIH funds for research in the first two categories listed above, a specific prohibition in the NIH Guidelines of all three of the above categories of research would make it clear that such research will not be eligible for NIH funding even in the absence of the Dickey-Wicker Amendment.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22088		5/15/2009 1:03:35 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22089		5/15/2009 1:07:03 PM	<p>I am opposed to the draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which forces me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to adult stem cell research and treatment that is both ethical and effective in treating patients. Adult stem cells continue to provide cures for thousands of patients with over 70 diseases. There is no case where government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>It is a scientific fact that embryos are human beings. The embryo has the entire DNA required to be a unique individual. All of us began life as an embryo, conceived at the moment of the union of the egg and sperm. Therefore, as a human individual, embryos are entitled to the same protection under federal law as other human beings. Research that involves the deliberate destruction of human life violates every principal found in existing law.</p> <p>Despite years of research and billions of dollars poured into embryonic stem cell research using private funds, there has not been one single cure for any illness. In fact, embryonic stem cells have consistently proved that fatal tumors form when they are manipulated for use in treatments and because they are not patient specific.</p> <p>In addition, the proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22090		5/15/2009 1:09:47 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22091		5/15/2009 1:10:33 PM	<p>Incurable, debilitating diseases such as Parkinson's, Huntington's, MS and ALS exact a devastating toll on patients, their families and society in general. Embryonic stem cell research offers millions hope for a better future, and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines in Section 11 B will permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) also should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made by allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise millions of people's health by restricting the ability of scientists to cure and prevent these devastating diseases. We all deserve the best healthcare science can provide.</p>

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22092		5/15/2009 1:11:19 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22093		5/15/2009 1:11:23 PM	<p>I am adding my voice to those thousands whom you will be hearing from on the issue of embryonic stem cell research. For many years, I worked at a crisis pregnancy center and read everything I could about the abortion issue, and embryonic stem cell research, my reading covering a period dating back to the eighties. Technology at that time helped to show that the unborn was not "a clump of tissue" but a growing human being. Nothin ghas changed my mind since then that upon conception, we have a new life which deserves the protection of our laws. Please do not allow anything further to take away further protection from innocent life and treat it as a commodity. The advances in adult stem cells and the embilical cord tissue has rewarded us with many cures, and I would recommend that we put more money into that research. The end never justifies the means. Cures for disease never justify sacrificing someone else's life.</p>
22094		5/15/2009 1:12:01 PM	<p>I am supportive of ADULT stem cell research. I am strongly opposed to your draft guidelines for EMBRYONIC stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not DESTROY human LIFE and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>EMBRYO-destructive stem cell research has shown to be INEFFECTIVE and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. ADULT stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, EFFECTIVE in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22095	redacted	5/15/2009 1:12:05 PM	<p>"These draft Guidelines would allow funding for research using human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization (IVF) for reproductive purposes and were no longer needed for that purpose."</p> <p>To date there have not been any cures using embryonic stem cells. Stop killing unique individuals in the name of medicine.</p> <p>However, there have been cures using adult stem cells, and there is no killing any unique individuals, so that is the research that should be funded.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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22096		5/15/2009 1:13:26 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22097		5/15/2009 1:13:57 PM	<p>I am opposed to our tax dollars being used for embryonic stem cell research. The best success in using stem cells is when the cells are taken from the individual needing a stem cell transplant...their body is less likely to reject the stem cells. After years of research with embryonic stem cells there has been no successful results in the test labs. I believe that the false information about embryonic stem cell research of curing certain medical conditions by Congress & scientists is another way for them to spend our tax dollars to justify abortion.</p>
22098		5/15/2009 1:14:07 PM	<p>My husband has Parkinson's Disease. He is doing everything he can to maintain his health in order to be a candidate for stem cell replacement therapy. The hope that this therapy may help him keeps us both going.</p>
22099	redacted	5/15/2009 1:16:14 PM	<p>I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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22100		5/15/2009 1:17:06 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22101		5/15/2009 1:17:37 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22102	redacted	5/15/2009 1:17:38 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 785 147">May 14, 2009</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 989 302">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 926 365">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 401 1927 488">As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 524 1940 672">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 708 1898 764">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 800 1934 857">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 893 743 920">Sincerely,</p>
22103		5/15/2009 1:22:27 PM	<p data-bbox="634 943 1927 1091">The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1127 1881 1214">My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22104		5/15/2009 1:23:38 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I am a member of the Parkinson's community and have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22105		5/15/2009 1:25:38 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22106		5/15/2009 1:25:49 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22107	redacted	5/15/2009 1:28:10 PM	<p>Re: NIH guidelines for ESCR (embryonic stem cell research)</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is DESTRUCTIVE (DEADLY TUMORS) and OUTDATED. Thus it is ETHICALLY and FISCALLY irresponsible to use taxpayer \$\$ to clone and create embryos solely for destructive purposes.</p> <p>Please focus \$\$ and energy on the more reliable research using adult stem cells.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22108	redacted	5/15/2009 1:28:31 PM	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I agree that the proposed informed consent standards are a good idea going forward, however, they should not be retroactively applied as this would make a very large body of work useless.</p> <p>Thank-you,</p> <p>*****, MSc & MBA Candidate Research Associate Vancouver, BC Canada</p>
22109	redacted	5/15/2009 1:29:15 PM	<p>Response to Draft NIH Guidelines on Allowable Research with Human Embryonic Stem Cell Lines</p> <p>*****1 Stem Cell Researcher ***** University</p> <p>As an embryonic stem cell researcher, I looked forward to the revised guidelines, given the impression that the Obama administration was looking to lift some of the current restrictions on cell line use, while maintaining appropriate ethical oversight of this research. Upon reading the draft guidelines, however, I find they would set this research back rather than facilitate it. Cell lines currently “approved” by the NIH may now become suspect due to their derivation under the less stringent guidelines in place at the time. The WiCell lines have been the “gold standard” in the field, with the vast majority of U.S. laboratories working on human ESCs using them. We understand the conditions that support their growth and are beginning to define conditions that support their differentiation. We have spent the past two years working extensively on defining conditions that promote neural differentiation of the H1 (WA01) and H9 (WA09) cell lines. If federal funds could no longer be used for research with these cells, we and many others would have to repeat much of our work. A majority of both the science and ethics communities supported the National Academy of Sciences guidelines for donation, including informed consent. I therefore urge that these be adopted by the NIH, or that cell lines previously approved and deemed to be ethically derived be grandfathered into the allowable category.</p> <p>In addition, while it is understandable that the guidelines would not support research that derived new human ESC lines from embryos other than those created for reproductive purposes, it is unclear why funds could not be used to study lines created for research purposes, but generated with funding from other sources. This would include embryos created by parthenogenesis or somatic cell nuclear transfer.</p>

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22110		5/15/2009 1:30:39 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22111		5/15/2009 1:30:50 PM	<p>"I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you."</p>
22112		5/15/2009 1:31:00 PM	<p>The current governmental administration is seemingly one wherein impacting science in the United States is at last being encouraged. Researchers, like myself, had hoped the news of lifted bans and new guidelines for stem cell research would alleviate the restrictions placed on the field 8 years ago. These drafted guidelines, as they are written here, stand to potentially lurch the field backwards, rather than forwards. These guidelines would potentially exclude gold standard lines from WiCell that have provided ourselves and myriad other researchers with so much of the knowledge we have now. Rather than creating an ESC research community better equipped to tackle mechanisms behind devastating diseases, these guidelines will send the field, and all of the brilliant research, in reverse and back to the drawing board to repeat all of this data with new lines created under these rules. As a member of the community, I ask the NIH to more closely model their guidelines after those established by the National Academy of Science, a set agreed upon by a majority of scientists and ethicists for governing responsible stem cell research.</p>
22113		5/15/2009 1:31:14 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22114		5/15/2009 1:34:23 PM	<p>We welcome the expansion of federal funding, though the National Institutes of Health (NIH), for support of research involving human embryonic stem cells (hESC) and appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft NIH Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research ("NIH Guidelines). In the Supplemental Information section of the Notice (Federal Register, 74 (77): 1857818580; 4/23/09), it is noted that the NIH consulted guidelines from both national and international committees. The draft NIH Guidelines, however, makes no reference to international standards or guidelines. Given the global nature of science in general and, in particular, the need to encourage and allow international collaboration between and among stem cell researchers, consideration of international standards and guidelines is critical. To that end, the NIH Guidelines should specifically acknowledge international or other nations' standards or guidelines that provide equivalent protections to those referenced in the draft NIH Guidelines, e.g., content and timing of informed consent, inducements for donation, etc. With regard to the categories of research using hESC that are ineligible for NIH funding even in cases where the cells come from allowable sources, we ask the NIH to add the following prohibitions, which are supported by both the National Academies and International Society for Stem Cell Research guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Research in which hESC or human pluripotent stem cells (hPS) are introduced into human blastocysts *The transfer of human embryos into the uterus of a non-human species *The transfer of hESC, hESC research products or hPS into a human uterus. <p>Although the current prohibition on federal funding for human embryo research under the Dickey-Wicker Amendment would preclude use of NIH funds for research in the first two categories listed above, a specific prohibition in the NIH Guidelines of all three of the above categories of research would make it clear that such research will not be eligible for NIH funding even in the absence of the Dickey-Wicker Amendment.</p>
22115		5/15/2009 1:36:30 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22116		5/15/2009 1:36:35 PM	<p>we are appalled by the actions of president obama and the democratic party. we were democrats for all of our adult lives until the actions of president clinton and his impeachment debacle. we will remember the photo op when all the democratic members posed with the president in support of his transgression despite being impeached!!! the american people are watching closely and i'm positive GOD is TOO.</p>
22117		5/15/2009 1:38:10 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22118	redacted	5/15/2009 1:38:37 PM	<p>I don't understand what all the fuss is about.I know I've read numerous articles concerning a company named Advanced Cell Technology that has perfected a procedure to remove just one cell from an embryo without harming said embryo.The embryo simply replaces the cell and can develop normally.Sounds like the gold standard to me.</p> <p>This certainly sounds like the way to go,and would make the religious argument a moot point.</p> <p>If you have any other problems to solve,just drop me an e-mail.</p> <p>Most sincerely,</p>
22119		5/15/2009 1:39:07 PM	<p>applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22120		5/15/2009 1:42:38 PM	<p>To date, there is no solid scientific evidence to justify the use of embryonic stem cells instead of adult stem cells. This country obviously does not have enough money to fund an ideological crusade such as embryonic stem cell research. Do not earmark one more taxpayer dollar for this cause.</p>
22121	redacted	5/15/2009 1:42:41 PM	<p>NOW is the time to support the promising breakthroughs in stem cell research. We have many friends with Parkinsons disease and diabetics. Section II B needs the federal funding to advance the research efforts on some existing stem cell lines. In addition, at this time of discovery it is important to support SCNT as a way to provide the stem cells to further advance possible cures. We know additional ways to provide necessary stem cells for further research are being explored, but advances need to continue to as all avenues of cure are explored. The USA is capable of being a leader in this field if the proper support is secured for these researchers.</p>
22122		5/15/2009 1:46:09 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22124	redacted	5/15/2009 1:46:53 PM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>As a proponent of protecting human life, as a human being, as an American and as a taxpayer of the United States of America, I pray that you adhere to my wishes and oppose embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</p>
22125		5/15/2009 1:48:06 PM	<p>Please allow stem cell research to obtain Federal funding and be pursued with the vigor you personally would appreciate if you or a loved one have PD. I have had it for ten years and it's progression continues unabated because of the short sighted perspectives of the previous 8 years of administration. Wouldn't it have been nice for me and tens of thousands like me if I could have lived out my retirement more comfortably. If you don't fathom what I am feeling, try PD for awhile and let me know how the tremors, Dystonia and Dyskenisia feel</p>
22126		5/15/2009 1:51:56 PM	<p>Dear NIH:</p> <p>It is not really realistic legally for consent to work in a retrograde manner. It is clear that the current stem cell lines should be "grandfathered" in. If the government is willing to "grandfather in" coal companies, willing to give industries time to adjust to new standards, then the same should apply to one of the few industries which truly aims at serving the health of the American people and people around the world. The new stem cell guidelines should not apply to the current stem cell lines, at least not for another 10 years.</p>

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22127		5/15/2009 1:53:00 PM	<p>We oppose killing human embryos. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like us to fund research we believe is unethical because it requires the destruction of human embryos. Also, these regulations open the door for funding additional unethical experiments such as human cloning and animal-human hybrids whenever NIH wants to experiment in the future.</p>
22128		5/15/2009 1:57:34 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22129		5/15/2009 1:59:31 PM	<p>Whatever happened to the promises of our forefathers of "LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"? Who gives the government the right to take a human life? What is America doing to it's future? What will be the consequences of our actions? Will God continue to bless America? We are already killing our children in in numbers that far exceed the numbers of victims in the Holocaust with the legal genocide of abortion in America(over 50 million children and still counting). We are committing a homicide with every child we arbitrarily 'choose' to initiate then eliminate. It's outrageous and heartbreaking. As an American taxpayer I believe that Embryonic Stem Cell Research is always morally and ethically wrong because it snuffs out life at it's most vulnerable stage. Life begins at conception, and those who's life is snuffed out for the so called (unsubstantiated and unproven) 'benefit' of others is not something I will ever support.</p> <p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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22130	redacted	5/15/2009 1:59:34 PM	<p>I am writing on behalf of the Iowa Catholic Conference, the public policy agency of the Catholic Church in Iowa, in response to the draft NIH guidelines for human stem cell research.</p> <p>We are opposed to the draft guidelines, which require taxpayers to subsidize research requiring the destruction of human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>In addition, we are concerned that there is still room under these guidelines for subtle incentives to create embryos for the purpose of destroying them. There should be an enforceable mandate concerning the separation between the roles of the researcher and the reproductive-care provider.</p> <p>We do support the provision in the draft guidelines which forbid federally funded stem cell research using embryos specially created for research purposes by in vitro fertilization or cloning. We hope that the NIH and Congress will continue to respect this ethical norm.</p> <p>Let us retain the prohibition on the use of federal money for research on deadly research on human beings.</p>
22131		5/15/2009 2:01:27 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22132		5/15/2009 2:02:09 PM	<p data-bbox="632 120 1339 147">Ensure Strong Federal Support for Embryonic Stem Cell Research</p> <p data-bbox="632 183 1927 272">As you know, President Barack Obama recently signed an Executive Order designed to reverse restrictions on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research that have been in place for the last eight years. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are now in the process of developing guidelines to implement the Order.</p> <p data-bbox="632 306 1927 396">NIH has released its draft guidelines, and will be reviewing public comments on the draft over the next several weeks. So far, NIH has received far more comments opposed to stem cell research than in support. It is therefore critical that NIH hear from as many stem cell supporters as possible during the comment period.</p> <p data-bbox="632 430 1896 519">While the draft guidelines would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics, as drafted, it is unclear whether current stem cell lines will meet the criteria outlined and be eligible for federal funding.</p> <p data-bbox="632 553 1927 675">Further, the draft does not permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). SCNT is a very promising scientific technique for creating embryonic stem cells, yet opponents of SCNT mistakenly liken it to reproductive cloning. This comparison is completely false. The purpose of reproductive cloning is to create another human being; the purpose of SCNT is to create stem cells for research.</p> <p data-bbox="632 709 1892 799">Embryonic stem cell research holds the promise to treat and potentially cure many devastating diseases and conditions, such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Lou Gehrig's disease, spinal cord injury, and multiple sclerosis – illnesses which affect over 100 million Americans.</p> <p data-bbox="632 833 1934 922">As a world leader in stem cell research at our Goldyne Savad Institute of Gene Therapy in Israel and as a leading advocate for stem cell research in the United States, Hadassah has a special interest in ensuring that the NIH guidelines are crafted so to advance stem cell research as quickly as possible.</p> <p data-bbox="632 956 1234 984">Action Needed: Submit the following comments to NIH:</p> <p data-bbox="632 1078 1917 1232">I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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22133		5/15/2009 2:03:01 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22134	redacted	5/15/2009 2:04:43 PM	<p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22135	redacted	5/15/2009 2:06:07 PM	<p>Dear Sirs and Madams,</p> <p>In the past many years there has not been one single discovery or advance in the field of embryonic stem cell research. On the other hand, many have been made using adult stem cells. This is clearly just a partisan issue. Please look at the facts and only use what works. I think we all know that makes sense instead of using viable human babies and millions of taxpayer dollars in futile research.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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22136		5/15/2009 2:08:23 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22137		5/15/2009 2:08:32 PM	<p>Human life starts at conception and should be protected and defended from that point on. Please do all in your power to protect human life.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
22138		5/15/2009 2:09:47 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22139		5/15/2009 2:09:56 PM	<p>The new informed consent rules should only apply to new donations after a certain date. Existing lines of ESC should be grandfathered in.</p>

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22140		5/15/2009 2:11:34 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I am a member of the Parkinson's community and have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22141		5/15/2009 2:12:16 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22142	redacted	5/15/2009 2:14:33 PM	<p>Parkinson's disease exacts a devastating toll on people and their families. At age 46 ***** was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and now at age 57 it is increasingly difficult to maintain a the simplist lifestyle due to high costs of medications, doctors and help needed. Embryonic stem cell research offers her and milliions hope for a better future and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise my wife's health by restricting scientists. She deserves and needs the best treatment science can provide.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22143		5/15/2009 2:15:08 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22144		5/15/2009 2:17:19 PM	<p>"I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you."</p>
22145		5/15/2009 2:24:11 PM	<p>As a member of Concerned Women for America it has been brought to my attention of the legislation that is about to be brought before the Senate in the near future regarding using viable embyros for human stem cell research....this is not good legislation and very immoral...there are other alternatives to be used. Please do not do this....God commands "thou shall not kill"....and this is killing a living being. Remember, we will all be held accountable for our actions on this earth come judgement day and killing innocent life will result in a very comdemming and serious consequence. Thank You.</p>
22146		5/15/2009 2:27:28 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22147	redacted	5/15/2009 2:27:55 PM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to the executive order that President Obama issued March 9.</p> <p>As a taxpayer, I do not wish to be forced to pay for unethical research that requires the murder of embryonic human beings.</p> <p>As a Californian, I know that millions of dollars have already been spent on such unethical research in my state, but that no scientific advances have come from that research. Instead, only mutations and tumors have resulted.</p> <p>Through adult stem cells, we have had many successes and scientific breakthroughs. These adult stem cells also come without the ethical and moral controversy that surrounds embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Do we really want to divide our country at this time, by forcing American taxpayers to fund what they consider to be murder? During this economic crisis, do we really need to waste the money that we do have on something that has already proven to be a boondogle? Please put this money toward ethical alternatives to embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>I would also like to note that the funding proposed by President Obama will likely lead to the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed, and open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids. Such things are truly morally reprehensible.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22148		5/15/2009 2:28:20 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22149		5/15/2009 2:30:24 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am a scientist and I strongly support the ES research as a promising strategy to defeat life-threatening diseases. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22150		5/15/2009 2:31:21 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22151		5/15/2009 2:33:07 PM	<p>The final guidelines need to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following best ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p>
22152		5/15/2009 2:33:25 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22153		5/15/2009 2:34:35 PM	<p>We are very much against Embryonic Stem Cell research, there are other proven and effective ways of doing this research other than sacrificing "live" babies. We recoil at the thought that our tax monies are going to support this type of activity.</p>

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22154		5/15/2009 2:35:56 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22155	redacted	5/15/2009 2:37:50 PM	<p>I urge that the bill to legalize experimentation with human cells be defeated or vetoed. It is a biological fact that life is derived from live cells and therefore the fertilized egg is a human being deserving the rights of human beings; especially the right to life.</p>
22156		5/15/2009 2:38:28 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22157	redacted	5/15/2009 2:40:49 PM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Again, I oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22158		5/15/2009 2:44:20 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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22159		5/15/2009 2:44:41 PM	<p>i have 2 points to express in this comment.</p> <p>The First Point: the potential that embryonic stem cell research for medical purposes is clear, however great caution must be taken in how this potential is explored. "research using human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization" the fact is, is that once the egg is fertilized there is a growing human being present in that cell. not forgetting that the embryo is destroyed in this preces, this could easily be considered to be the first step down the dark road of human experimentation. within this mindset the value of an individuals life and identity is lessened to that of a rat or monkey used for an experiment. on this basis funding the practice of this type of embryonic research</p> <p>The Second Point: it is my understanding that these guidelines will implement policy that will fund this research with tax dollars.this becomes nothing less than a break down in what our governmental system is designed to achieve. which is to serve the people of the U.S.. although it is true that there is also a notable portion of the population that supports this research, the use of money from people who do not support this research is in principle, a betrayal.</p>
22160		5/15/2009 2:45:17 PM	<p>As a nurse, a mother of 9 children, and having had to deal with the loss of child due to a debilitating fatal genetic syndrome, I have had the very real opportunity to study & research how stem cells can affect and potentially harm us. We are very close to falling into an abyss of fetal stem cell research. Using fetal stem cells goes against all ethical codes .It does harm to find good..."DOES HARM TO do good".</p> <p>The federal funding of tax payers monies to deliberately use invitro to harness the fetal stem cells is nothing short of "societal vampireism" , with promises of cures to individulas who are desperate for cures. This makes the medical researchers nothing but snake oil sales men, forget the fact that in 2 decade the best results we have with fetal stem cells have been tumors and gross experiaments of rodents .</p> <p>I am 100% opposed to fetal stem cell research and I am deeply saddened that my money may potentially fund these troubling acts.</p> <p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22161		5/15/2009 2:46:39 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22162		5/15/2009 2:47:48 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22163		5/15/2009 2:48:51 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22164		5/15/2009 2:49:11 PM	<p>Cancer, diabetes, Crohn's, Celiac, Parkinson and many other diseases exacts a devastating toll on people and their families. I know because I have Crohn's, my niece has Celiac, my cousin has diabetes and I have many friends who have been diagnosed with cancer. Embryonic stem cell research offers millions hope for a better future and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise anyone's health by restricting scientists. We all deserve the best treatment science can provide.</p>

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22166		5/15/2009 2:56:44 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22167		5/15/2009 2:57:40 PM	<p>Embryonic Stem Cell research is a hoax. We can and will get more medical knowledge through the use of Adult Stem Cells. Please stop this barbaric action of creating and killing embryos.</p>
22168		5/15/2009 2:57:41 PM	<p>Adult stem cell research has given society numerous cures and countless opportunities to wipe out many illnesses. However, what has embryonic-stem cell research given us? Nothing. Not even a single cure. To make the situation worse, we have been destroying Human Beings by continuing to perform research in the embryonic-stem cell field. It should be obvious after so many failed attempts that nothing will ever come from embryonic-stem cell research, except for more death and the destruction of human lives. In short, STUDY ADULT STEM CELLS ONLY.</p>

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22169		5/15/2009 3:00:28 PM	<p>I am writing to you in good faith that you will consider the ethical limits we need to follow as we use science for stem cell research. Conscience dictates that we "do no harm" in our search; that we never allow our ends to justify a means that would destroy another. I hope that you do everything possible to put our taxpayer money toward adult stem cell research - where the outcomes have been promising. Much good for humanity can come from it, but only if there is funding. I hope that you will not allow resources to be redirected toward embryonic stem cell research, which has proved fruitless and will lead to the destruction of life that is not ours to take.</p> <p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22170		5/15/2009 3:00:35 PM	<p>embryonic stem cell research using federal funding violates the moral and religious rights of millions of U.S. CITIZENS who oppose the destruction of human life for research purposes. There has not been a single cure using embryonic stem cells. Adult stem cells have successfully treated more than 70 diseases. It is ethically irresponsible to destroy human beings in order to obtain stem cells. It violates the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and the Nuremberg Code.</p>
22171		5/15/2009 3:01:38 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
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22175		5/15/2009 3:09:18 PM	<p>Dear Mr. President,</p> <p>My ten year old daughter wanted to know exactly what embryonic stem cell research was. I was very gentle and not very specific. However, she got the picture in her mind and cried. Killing life for the better of anyone is unacceptable. Why are you doing this? Please reconsider your position on embryonic stem cell research!</p>
22176		5/15/2009 3:09:24 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
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22178		5/15/2009 3:10:20 PM	<p>Advances in stem cell research have made it more desirable to proceed with adult stem cells. How about de-politicizing this process? We do not have to strain to please those who believe that a human embryo is nothing but a scrap of meaningless tissue. We can have the results we need with adult stem cells. Time to derail the political train on stem cell research.</p>
22179		5/15/2009 3:10:28 PM	<p>Human life begins at fertilization-----obviously---because if it is stopped at that point no child develops. No fertilized egg should be destroyed. They should be offered for "adoption".</p> <p>It is killing human beings to destroy these embryos.</p> <p>No embryonic stem cell study has shown medical help yet stem cells derived from other tissues have. There is no need for embryonic stem cells. It seems to be a political power play to insist on their use. This is a poor excuse for such.</p>
22180		5/15/2009 3:12:29 PM	<p>Section 1 of Executive Order 13505 issued March 9, 2009 states that "Advances over the past decade in this promising scientific field have been encouraging." That is correct, because there have been great strides made in developing knowledge of adult stem cells and in developing techniques to utilize them in treating upwards of 40 different diseases without costing a single human life. I object strenuously to my tax dollars being used to wantonly destroy human life in the name of advancing science when great strides have been and continue to be made in utilizing adult stem cells without wasting the resource of a single human life. Furthermore, some of the research conducted with existing embryonic cell lines have reported some highly negative results. Please put the funds into the research of promise ie adult stem cell research.</p>
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22187		5/15/2009 3:14:50 PM	<p>I applaud federal funding of embryonic stem cell research leading to cures for millions of deserving patients.</p>

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22192	redacted	5/15/2009 3:17:38 PM	<p>I would like to add my voice to the many who opposed embryonic stem cell experimentation and use. It has been shown that adult stem cells work effectively and that embryonic stem cells can cause damage.</p> <p>I am opposed to abortion for any reason and stand for the fact that all in our country are assured of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness even babies in the womb.</p>

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22193	redacted	5/15/2009 3:17:56 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration’s expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration’s Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any questions. You can send us an email at advocacy@jdrf.org.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>JDRF Government Relations</p> <p>Additional Background: Last month President Obama signed an Executive Order, which lifted previous federal funding restrictions on stem cell research. Although this action was a great victory for those of us in search of a cure for type 1 diabetes, our job is not done!</p> <p>As part of the Executive Order, President Obama instructed the NIH to issue guidelines governing this research. You can view the NIH’s draft guidelines online by clicking here. The draft guidelines would permit federal funding for research using stem cells derived from embryos created by in-vitro fertilization and no longer needed for reproductive purposes. The draft guidelines also would ensure that embryos utilized for embryonic stem cell research were donated under the highest ethical standards. While JDRF supports these guidelines, we would encourage the NIH to extend funding eligibility to currently-funded stem cell lines and existing lines that were derived according to prevailing ethical guidelines.</p>

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22194	redacted	5/15/2009 3:18:43 PM	<p data-bbox="634 228 785 253">May 14, 2009</p> <p data-bbox="634 289 989 407">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 443 926 467">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 505 1927 594">As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members,I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 630 1940 776">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 813 1898 870">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 906 1934 963">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 998 743 1023">Sincerely,</p>
22195		5/15/2009 3:19:04 PM	<p data-bbox="634 1045 1898 1135">I support embryonic stem cell research. I support loosening the current restrictions on this research. I work at Stanford University, and having federal funding to continue some of the work being done here would help quicken the pace, and increase the likelihood that people's lives could be improved or saved.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1170 1934 1260">I feel that the current restrictions on embryonic stem cell research were overly influenced by religious rather than scientific or ethical concerns. Although real ethical concerns should be evaluated, having religious values play a role in this decision is not appropriate.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1295 1913 1352">My brother has a disease which may be treatable using methods of embryonic stem cell research. Please do not deny him this possibility.</p>

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22197		5/15/2009 3:20:30 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22198		5/15/2009 3:21:04 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22200		5/15/2009 3:25:51 PM	<p>I don't believe that the government should be spending any money to kill any living human embryos for research of any kind. It's wrong, and it isn't effective, either. We should be spending money for research on all the many other available stem cell research opportunities, which have been proving themselves so much more effective, and are completely moral.</p>
22201		5/15/2009 3:25:56 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22202		5/15/2009 3:30:27 PM	<p>"I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you."</p>
22203		5/15/2009 3:32:56 PM	<p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>I call for funding adult stem cell research, a choice we can ALL support.</p>

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22204		5/15/2009 3:33:14 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22206		5/15/2009 3:33:58 PM	<p>"I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you."</p>

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22207	redacted	5/15/2009 3:39:25 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 793 147">May, 15, 2009</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 991 302">NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 926 365">To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 401 1927 488">As one of Concerned Women of America's over 500,000 members, I a writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 524 1934 672">Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective and are actually treating patients.</p> <p data-bbox="634 708 1898 768">The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p data-bbox="634 803 1927 863">Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patient.</p> <p data-bbox="634 927 743 954">Sincerely,</p>

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22208	redacted	5/15/2009 3:40:54 PM	<p>I would like to voice my personal concern regarding the Draft of the National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research currently being released for public comment. Full text available at http://stemcells.nih.gov/policy/2009draft</p> <p>Although Section II B in the draft NIH guidelines would help many more existing lines of embryonic stem cells become eligible for financial support from the NIH, I am concerned Sections II B and IV of the draft NIH guidelines could be interpreted to prohibit federal funding for research on stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos.</p> <p>I respectfully requests that sections IIB and IV be amended to allow federal funding for the use of stem cell lines derived in other ways, such as somatic-cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), parthenogenesis, or other in vitro fertilization techniques for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="checkbox"/> Embryos formed via parthenogenic or SCNT techniques should be allowed the same access to Federal funding as provided for embryonic stem cells. • <input type="checkbox"/> Parthenogenetic cells are derived from unfertilized human eggs and are not human embryos. • <input type="checkbox"/> The process of parthenogenesis does not lead to the creation of a viable human embryo. • <input type="checkbox"/> Somatic-cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), parthenogenesis, and in vitro fertilization techniques are the types of research that provide the benefits personalized medicine promises for the future. • <input type="checkbox"/> Any new NIH guidelines should build upon the progress which has already been made in the field. • <input type="checkbox"/> Restricting U.S. funding to only particular types of stem cells will limit opportunities for U.S. researchers and potentially lead to lost jobs and higher costs for American health care. Parthenogenetic stem cells are unique models for the study of immune rejection and DNA expression patterns. SCNT may also create stem cell lines useful in the study genetic diseases such as Parkinson's disease. U.S. companies developing parthenogenesis and SCNT technologies are receiving funding offers from the governments of Korea, India, and China. Without access to federal funding here in the U.S., these NIH excluded technologies could migrate to other countries. When disease cures are ultimately developed and sought by the U.S. population, those cost-savings technologies and jobs will be located outside the U.S. <p>Please consider my opinion as you determine any influence you can apply to the situation to let the field move forward as rapidly as possible. Please do what you can to allow federal funding for the use of stem cell lines derived in other ways, such as somatic-cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), parthenogenesis, or other in vitro fertilization techniques.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22209		5/15/2009 3:42:56 PM	<p>I am a registered nurse in Florida, but above all I am the mother of a 17 year old Type 1 Diabetic. Four years ago when my son was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes it was totally unexpected to say the least. Since then we have dealt with hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia and the anger felt by a teenager because he feels that it shouldn't be him having to check his blood glucose numerous times throughout the day and night and give himself insulin throughout the day. It is through research that the invention of an Insulin Pump was made available to diabetics. He now wears an insulin pump 24 hours a day just to give his body insulin around the clock. Stem cell research is necessary so that people like my son will have the hope of finding a cure for Diabetes and give them the chance to have a more normal life.</p>

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22211		5/15/2009 3:48:27 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22212		5/15/2009 3:50:35 PM	<p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids. Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>
22240		5/15/2009 4:30:42 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Besides Embryo destructive stem cell research has been ineffective and dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. Support should be directed here.</p> <p>We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>Government support should not be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes. The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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22243		5/15/2009 4:33:15 PM	<p>I know from my fifty year career as a physician caring for patients and family members who have had diseases such as cancer, diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, neurologic conditions(just to mention a few), that diseases such as these and others exact a devastating toll on the unfortunate person suffering with the disease but, also, on that person's family. Embryonic stem cell research offers millions hope for a better future and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress. While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer(SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited. I urge that the final guidelines include a clause enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created while following ethical practices at the time the cell lines were derived. Patients need the best treatments that science can provide.</p>
22244		5/15/2009 4:33:59 PM	<p>Do not use embyonic stem cells for research!</p>

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22245	redacted	5/15/2009 4:34:18 PM	<p>May 15, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
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22247		5/15/2009 4:37:41 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22249		5/15/2009 4:38:58 PM	<p>i support human embryonic stem cell research.</p>
22250		5/15/2009 4:40:48 PM	<p>Parkinson's disease exacts a devastating toll on people and their families. I know because I am a friend of someone who suffers from the disease. Embryonic stem cell research offers people hope for a better future, and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise our health by restricting scientists. We deserve the best treatment science can provide.</p>

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22252		5/15/2009 4:42:16 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you."</p>
22253		5/15/2009 4:43:43 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22255		5/15/2009 4:44:13 PM	<p data-bbox="634 721 1942 841">For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration’s expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p data-bbox="634 876 1942 1088">The Administration’s Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1123 1942 1243">Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1279 1942 1458">We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22256		5/15/2009 4:45:36 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life</p>
22257		5/15/2009 4:45:57 PM	<p>I am not in favor of embrionic stem research. One prestigious and intelligent doctor agreed that it is not worth it saying that it won't work! His name is Dr. Oz and he made this comment on Oprah last week. He is not a Catholic or Republican, but a neutral party and realizes this is a waste of our money.</p>
22258		5/15/2009 4:49:09 PM	<p>Please continue researching health need using adult stem cells. There have been many good results from this research without taking the life of an unborn baby who has no voice to speak out for life.</p>
22259		5/15/2009 4:51:32 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22260		5/15/2009 4:51:40 PM	<p>I am the aunt of a niece and nephew with Juvenile Diabetes, Therefore:</p> <p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22261	redacted	5/15/2009 4:52:05 PM	<p>Former President Bush set a policy in place in 2001 that restricted federal funding only to stem cell lines that existed as of that date – thus discouraging “create and kill” behavior.</p> <p>Obama’s proposed new policy would eliminate that restriction.</p> <p>I am opposed to this. I believe it is murder.</p>

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22263		5/15/2009 4:56:21 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22264		5/15/2009 4:58:37 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22265		5/15/2009 4:59:45 PM	<p>I am very much opposed to the draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. It forces me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of what I truly believe to be innocent human life. If you wish to support stem cell research, you should be funding non embryonic stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven most successful. There is absolutely no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has proven time and time again to be ineffective and dangerous. It forms uncontrollable tumors and causes severe rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating disease. Why would we fund very controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life????????????</p> <p>In addition, the proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. If enacted, this loophole must be closed immediately and permanently.</p>

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22268		5/15/2009 5:02:14 PM	<p>The Only Stem Cell Research should be Adult Stem Cell. The embryonic is killing human life. Nothing was ever gained or a disease combatted and cleared up with embroyonic stem cells, but some 70 diseases have be cured by using Adult Stem cells. Now that just common sense to us Adult Stem Cells..But those liberals who kill, one to continue to kill and thus embryonic cells must be destroyed to be used and that means killing a life. They don't care, if that simple, they would rather kill, than to truly cure the disease. The motive is to kill not cure.</p>
22269		5/15/2009 5:02:41 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
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22275		5/15/2009 5:12:13 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22276	redacted	5/15/2009 5:14:15 PM	<p>If the desire of the NIH is "to help ensure that NIH-funded research in this area is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law." then I don't see how you can even proceed with this research.</p> <p>If we are all, as our constitution states, created equal, then even embryos are unique and fall under the protection guaranteed to us by the laws of the United States and enumerated in our constitution. If you doubt the validity of such a claim then ask yourself why even a newly fertilized embryo has unique DNA, thereby making it a unique individual and not merely an organ or an appendage belonging to its mother or father, any more than when 1, 10, or 20 years after having emerged from the womb.</p> <p>I implore you to take a stand to protect the values of a majority of Americans on this issue. And please acknowledge that Adult Stem cell research as well as umbilical cord research is not only saving lives now, but shows much more realistic promise, as opposed to 'pie in the sky' projections that are being promised with Embryonic research.</p> <p>Needless to say, the thought of expanding authority to include some forms of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research is wholly abhorrent, and should be to any rational and moral person</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22277		5/15/2009 5:15:22 PM	<p>It is important for the federal government to support all types of stem cell research. Our nation's leadership in health-related research depends upon such funding, as does the health of its citizens. A majority of Americans (73%) favor federal funding for embryonic stem cell research according to a Research!America poll. The final guidelines for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research must ensure that science can progress to the fullest extent possible.</p> <p>I am pleased that the draft guidelines would expand the number of embryonic stem cell lines that are eligible for federal funding. However, the final guidelines should allow federal funding of all avenues of stem cell research. Specifically, the guidelines must ensure that any line that is currently eligible for funding should remain eligible so that research underway is not halted. It is also important for the guidelines to support funding of research on stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer. The NIH should continue to monitor developments in the field and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>

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22278		5/15/2009 5:15:25 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22279		5/15/2009 5:17:07 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22280		5/15/2009 5:17:42 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22281		5/15/2009 5:25:38 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>
22282		5/15/2009 5:26:54 PM	<p>We should NOT destroy any human life to experiment. Are we becoming cannibals, using one human life to extend another?</p> <p>Good results have been obtained using ADULT stem cells. Let's go with what is both effective and ethical.</p>
22283		5/15/2009 5:28:25 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22284		5/15/2009 5:28:38 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>

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22285		5/15/2009 5:30:17 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22286		5/15/2009 5:31:19 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22287		5/15/2009 5:32:52 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>
22288	redacted	5/15/2009 5:35:16 PM	<p>We are opposed to the destruction of embrioninc stem cells for any reason.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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22289		5/15/2009 5:36:01 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. As an individual who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II.B -- appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II.B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. In particular, Section II.B(5) appears to create a cumbersome and duplicative consent process to establish the eligibility of a specific donation of human embryonic stem cells for use in research.</p> <p>It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding. Therefore, I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Finally, I urge you to reject those public comments that give greater weight to the potential of an embryo to develop into an adult human than to the needs of an existing adult human for access to needed cures for an existing disease. Such comments are anti-science in their essence, and degrade the value of every living person.</p>
22290		5/15/2009 5:38:02 PM	<p>I support the research and use of autologus stem cell treatments and urge that this type of treatment be legalized and available to patients.</p>

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22291	redacted	5/15/2009 5:38:16 PM	<p>On behave of STEMS members across our country with incurable illnesses, their families and friends, we ask you to truly commit to cures through science. Too many are suffering and dying while they wait for our government to address their desperate needs.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>As president of STEMS I too have a personal interest in all stem cell research . My daughter is a juvenile diabetic. After 23 years with this disease, my daughter has lost must of her sight and her future is grim. As a mother and leader of this organization I, like many in our country dream of a future of filled cures. Our dreams depend on the country's laws and leadership.</p> <p>Allow the future of chronically ill not be compromised for lack of research all stem cell research.</p> <p>***** ***** STEMS (Saving Tomorrow by Expanding Medical Science) www.cells4life.org</p>
22292		5/15/2009 5:39:22 PM	<p>I firmly oppose using my tax dollars to kill embryos, late term abortions etc. President Obama is the devil in disguise, for renigging on these important bills. How can a person lead America when we were founded on principles he is opposing. May God Bless and Help American from these people.</p>
22293	redacted	5/15/2009 5:41:33 PM	<p>I object to human embryos being used for stem cell research. All past research has shown when babies cells are used, not only don't the cells alleviate any disease, but there are also bad side effects to the patient they are administered to.</p> <p>We all know it's just another way for you to dispose of people, these being the most defenseless, so they don't join the ranks of the rest of us "useless eaters"</p> <p>The funny thing is, one day, you will be just as defenseless as those you chose to slaughter, when you face Our Lord, a Lord who is mighty angry with you.</p> <p>Lots of luck,</p>

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22294		5/15/2009 5:43:13 PM	For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future
22295	redacted	5/15/2009 5:44:46 PM	<p>To Whom it may concern, I do not want my tax dollars used for research on aborted fetus stemcells,it has been proven that fetal stemcells have a tendency to turn into cancerous tumors and also are more likely to be rejected by the body that they are placed in . It is my opinion that the research that has been documented as being most beneficial to speed repair and healing of injured tissue is the ADULT STEMCELLS ,which are harvested from the patient's own body and then place into the area of injury of the same patient ,and then immediate results are seen .This is documented and proven ,Time and TIme again!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADULT STEMCELLS ARE THE ONLY PROVEN WAY FOR POSITIVE RESULTS IN HEALING PERIOD!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****/CMFD RET.</p>
22296		5/15/2009 5:45:29 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22297		5/15/2009 5:51:00 PM	I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.

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22298		5/15/2009 5:51:14 PM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22299	redacted	5/15/2009 5:52:47 PM	<p>I am writing regarding the embryonic stem cell research guidelines. I believe it is crucial for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
22300		5/15/2009 5:56:50 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22301		5/15/2009 6:00:41 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22302		5/15/2009 6:02:11 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing. Adult human stem cells have proven effective in the treatment of more than 1000 medical conditions. The use of embryonic stem cells is destructive of life, unethical and unnecessary to the treatment of medical conditions. I strongly oppose the use of embryonic stem cells for any purpose but particularly as described in the proposed guidelines.</p>
22303		5/15/2009 6:02:25 PM	<p>please loosen restrictions on stem cell research. many lives depend on this research in hopes of finding a cure for many horrific diseases.</p>
22304		5/15/2009 6:02:28 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. I am a taxpayer and do not want to subsidize research that requires the destruction of human embryos. I do support adult stem cell research because it has already proven successful in treating disease without destroying human embryos. I do not support human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research or the creation of human-animal hybrids, and the government should make sure we are not funding these in anyway. On the other hand adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical and effective in treating patients and should be well funded. Funding science that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life is unethical and irresponsible.</p>
22305		5/15/2009 6:02:46 PM	<p>Just vote No to all Obama efforts to enhance stem cell research!</p>
22306		5/15/2009 6:08:10 PM	<p>Thank you for stem cell research. Hopefully, we will find a cure for Type 1 diabetes, which my grandson has had for seven years. He is now nine years old and we pray for a cure every day for all of those with diabetes and other illnesses that stem cell may provide an cure for. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!!!</p>
22307		5/15/2009 6:09:35 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22308		5/15/2009 6:15:05 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22309		5/15/2009 6:15:28 PM	We strongly support research and use of stem cells in medicine
22310	redacted	5/15/2009 6:19:10 PM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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22311		5/15/2009 6:22:44 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22312		5/15/2009 6:23:00 PM	NO to using tax-dollars to fund embryonic stem cell research.
22313		5/15/2009 6:25:35 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22314		5/15/2009 6:26:19 PM	<p>“I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes.”</p>
22315		5/15/2009 6:28:00 PM	<p>I am opposed to any attempt to retro-actively apply new ethics regulations to existing stem cell lines. Ethical guidelines are important for creating new stem cell lines, but at this critical early juncture in research, the scientists need the barriers cleared so that the breakthroughs can occur, which will probably benefit us all soon enough. They have been chafing under Bush's regulations long enough, and America is in danger of losing any chance for a competitive advantage in this area of endeavor. Please don't make their lives onerous.</p>
22316		5/15/2009 6:28:28 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>Please choose life!</p>

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22317		5/15/2009 6:28:45 PM	<p>I strongly support President Obama's executive order 13505 and the proposed new NIH guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. Removing barriers to responsible scientific research involving human stem cells represent an extremely important rational decision for supporting scientific progress and improving the human condition. There is overwhelming evidence that pluripotent stem cells, including embryonic stem cells, are currently transforming our views of biology and regenerative medicine. It is clear that embryonic stem cells are cell lines and not human embryos. It is also important to note that embryonic stem cells are still the standard in research involving pluripotent stem cells and cannot be replaced by adult stem cells. I believe that the responsible use of embryonic stem cells under strict regulations is ethically justifiable, similar to regulations dealing with organ transplantations. Millions of patients will ultimately benefit if we make noble decisions now and take on the great challenge of better understanding human development and diseases by using a variety of stem cell types.</p>
22318		5/15/2009 6:32:30 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22319		5/15/2009 6:33:32 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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22320	redacted	5/15/2009 6:35:29 PM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22321	redacted	5/15/2009 6:38:15 PM	<p>I am adamantly opposed to funding stem cell research.</p> <p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>Please reconsider any legislation that will not protect innocent human life.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
22322		5/15/2009 6:38:26 PM	<p>The killing of possible human life is contrary to moral law, or did I miss we are no longer a moral nation. "Forgive them Father for they know not what they are doing".</p>

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22323		5/15/2009 6:41:35 PM	<p>First of all, I have no problem with human stem cell research and using them for many medical purposes. But when it comes to using fetal and embryonic stem cells, this is where I must draw the line. These stem cell sources have no need to be used in research and in treating human diseases, when there are many other sources; limit all stem cell research to only that of naturally aborted fetuses and embryos (miscarriage), donated placental and umbilical tissues, also there are many places to get stem cells from adults, especially if they are from a person who could benefits from such treatments.</p>
22324		5/15/2009 6:43:36 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Clear guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for patients.</p> <p>Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. I addition, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
22325		5/15/2009 6:43:58 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22326		5/15/2009 6:44:46 PM	<p>Embryotic stem cells don't work. The money should go into Adult stem cell research that does work and has been working.</p>
22327	redacted	5/15/2009 6:48:10 PM	<p>I do not wish my tax dollars to be used for stem cell research...period.</p> <p>Respectfully yours,</p>

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22328	redacted	5/15/2009 6:59:51 PM	<p>Hi,</p> <p>although we applaud the lessening of restrictions on discarded embrionic stem cells, we continue to urge that the remaining restrictions be removed. We have all experienced the agony of seeing loved ones suffer and die from diseases that potentially could be cured by the free use of stem cells. Throughout the ages there have always been forces which resisted scientific advances on the basis of non-scientific beliefs. These people have the right to choose not to avail themselves of these remedies. They clearly do not have the right to deny them to others</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22329		5/15/2009 7:07:59 PM	<p>I think NIH should support the single bastomere biopsy embryo creation that was pioneered by Advanced Cell Technology. This technique preserves the integrity of the original embryo, and determines any genomic defects in the original embryo, without destroying it. It is a mutually beneficial technology both to prospective parents wanting to adopt a normal embryo, and the enhancement of the number of embryos necessary for the clinical research to bring this revolutionary technology to the world market. If the NIH approves the Advanced Cell Technology technique of embryo production it will help broaden the spectrum of genetic stem cell diversity necessary for needy patients. Also, International Stem Cell Technology has a "virgin birth process" Parthenogenesis, whereby unfertilized eggs are stimulated to create progenitor cells that seem to have similar capacities as embryonic stem cells. This is a non controversial and ethical means of producing regenerative cells to the over 200 body cell types. These technologies should be added to the stem cell armamentarium so as to make sure the genetic breath and depth is available to products coming out of the clinic, to help people live productive and meaningful lives, and to insure that America maintains its cutting edge cusp on the technologies and global markets that we so desperately need.</p>
22330		5/15/2009 7:08:17 PM	<p>Human life starts the moment conception occurs. Please do not use human babies as lab rats.</p>
22331		5/15/2009 7:12:51 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22332		5/15/2009 7:15:17 PM	<p>Expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research treating people now with adult stem cells and will divert funds away from other sources of embryonic-like stem cells that have been generated without the use of any human embryos.</p>

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22333		5/15/2009 7:17:08 PM	<p>Parkinson's disease is a dreadful disease for those with it and their families. I watched my father from age 5 deal with the disease at a time when there was little support or knowledge.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research offers hope for a better future for many with many different diseases.</p> <p>The final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles impeding progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please do not restrict God-given scientific progress. Impeding progress would be an incredibly selfish act.</p>
22334		5/15/2009 7:17:20 PM	<p>Parkinson's disease is a dreadful disease for those with it and their families. I watched my father from age 5 deal with the disease at a time when there was little support or knowledge.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research offers hope for a better future for many with many different diseases.</p> <p>The final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles impeding progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please do not restrict God-given scientific progress. Impeding progress would be an incredibly selfish act.</p>

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22335		5/15/2009 7:19:11 PM	<p data-bbox="634 152 785 180">May 12, 2009</p> <p data-bbox="634 277 1339 305">Ensure Strong Federal Support for Embryonic Stem Cell Research</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 1927 430">As you know, President Barack Obama recently signed an Executive Order designed to reverse restrictions on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research that have been in place for the last eight years. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are now in the process of developing guidelines to implement the Order.</p> <p data-bbox="634 462 1927 555">NIH has released its draft guidelines, and will be reviewing public comments on the draft over the next several weeks. So far, NIH has received far more comments opposed to stem cell research than in support. It is therefore critical that NIH hear from as many stem cell supporters as possible during the comment period.</p> <p data-bbox="634 587 1894 680">While the draft guidelines would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics, as drafted, it is unclear whether current stem cell lines will meet the criteria outlined and be eligible for federal funding.</p> <p data-bbox="634 712 1927 831">Further, the draft does not permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). SCNT is a very promising scientific technique for creating embryonic stem cells, yet opponents of SCNT mistakenly liken it to reproductive cloning. This comparison is completely false. The purpose of reproductive cloning is to create another human being; the purpose of SCNT is to create stem cells for research.</p> <p data-bbox="634 863 1894 956">Embryonic stem cell research holds the promise to treat and potentially cure many devastating diseases and conditions, such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Lou Gehrig's disease, spinal cord injury, and multiple sclerosis – illnesses which affect over 100 million Americans.</p> <p data-bbox="634 989 1927 1081">As a world leader in stem cell research at our Goldyne Savad Institute of Gene Therapy in Israel and as a leading advocate for stem cell research in the United States, Hadassah has a special interest in ensuring that the NIH guidelines are crafted so to advance stem cell research as quickly as possible.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1114 1234 1141">Action Needed: Submit the following comments to NIH:</p> <p data-bbox="634 1239 1927 1385">I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22336		5/15/2009 7:20:14 PM	<p data-bbox="634 1409 1927 1468">I support human embryonic stem cell research. I work with individuals with disabilities and feel this research could lead to improved quality of life for some in the future.</p>

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22337		5/15/2009 7:26:56 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22338		5/15/2009 7:27:50 PM	<p>I have read articles for and against stem-cell research. As I try to understand the information I read, there is no doubt in my mind that using left over human stem cells from any source must not involve the death of its source. My tax dollars cannot be used for something I am not in agreement with. The guidelines must take into account the progression of human life but not at the expense of the killing of human life.</p>
22339		5/15/2009 7:28:34 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>
22340		5/15/2009 7:31:01 PM	<p>We exhort you not to destroy any human embryos in this research. Embryonic stem cells can be adopted by actual or potential parents and many have and have grown up into healthy human beings.</p> <p>Researchers can already make adult stem cells to act like embryonic stem cells. Also over 70 diseases or types of injuries have been cured with adult or umbilical cord stem cells while no diseases or injuries have been cured with embryonic stem cells. Instead embryonic stem cells cause tumors in the mice they are used on.</p> <p>In conclusion, because of all the above reasons, embryonic stem cells should not be destroyed for research purposes or any other purpose.</p>
22341		5/15/2009 7:32:27 PM	<p>We appose any legislation that would give the right to creat embryos and then use them for experimentation. We believe that each embryo is human life at its beginning. Thank you for any support you give to our beliefs.</p>
22342		5/15/2009 7:35:54 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22344		5/15/2009 7:37:41 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22345		5/15/2009 7:38:23 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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22346		5/15/2009 7:39:03 PM	<p>Incurable, debilitating diseases such as Parkinson's, Huntington's, MS and ALS exact a devastating toll on patients, their families and society in general. Embryonic stem cell research offers millions hope for a better future, and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines in Section 11 B will permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) also should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made by allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise millions of people's health by restricting the ability of scientists to cure and prevent these devastating diseases. We all deserve the best healthcare science can provide.</p>
22347		5/15/2009 7:41:55 PM	Please reconsider harvesting human embryos in the name of science and progress. It is a dangerous road to go down.

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22348		5/15/2009 7:42:42 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22349		5/15/2009 7:44:47 PM	<p>These embryos are people. Murder is illegal, and we do not allow people to be murdered. We do not allow uninhibited research on our children when they are 1 month old. This is no different. Please do not allow these embryos to be subjected to this type of research.</p>
22350		5/15/2009 7:45:42 PM	<p>We are opposed to embryonic stem cell research. Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>We sincerely hope that you choose life, not to continue to destroy it.</p>
22351	redacted	5/15/2009 7:45:42 PM	<p>Would you please put me on your mailing list? I am very interested in stem cell. I have a friend in Florida that went to the Dominican Republic to have it done for his COPD, which is what I have. My address is:</p> <p>***** ***** *****</p> <p>Thanking you in advance.</p>

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22353		5/15/2009 7:48:26 PM	Destruction of human embryos is the destruction of human life. Hitler would love you.
22354		5/15/2009 7:48:49 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22355		5/15/2009 7:49:01 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p> <p>Additionally, please, stop rushing forward to expand the use of our hard earned dollars by creating more ways to spend our tax money. Not only does this misuse funds that are much-needed elsewhere, but it harms the human life our tax-dollars are meant to help and protect.</p>
22356		5/15/2009 7:49:37 PM	I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.
22357	redacted	5/15/2009 7:51:10 PM	I urge the NIH to provide funding and support to continue research on all existing stem cell lines and to change your guidelines so that somatic cell nuclear transfer research will take place. As one who has seen first hand the devastation caused by Parkinson"s, I can't stress enough the importance to my family of this research. Thank you.

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22358		5/15/2009 7:52:23 PM	Any legislation which is enacted as law that jeopardizes the life of an unborn child, (embryo) is absolutely appalling and should never be instituted. Besides the defamation of the sanctity of a living person, such measures would undoubtedly create an immense increased demand for embryos to harvest for body parts and tissues. This must not happen!! As a public school teacher, military member, father, husband and individual I am making my voice known! The American public needs to see this evil for what it really is. STOP EMBRYONIC RESEARCH WHICH THREATENS THE LIFE OF PURE INNOCENT BABIES. PERIOD.
22359		5/15/2009 7:52:33 PM	Please protect life. You know that embryonic stem cell research has not benefitted one single person. Adult stem cell research has proven results. Do not make this mistake for political points
22360		5/15/2009 7:53:38 PM	I oppose producing human life with the intention of destroying it for any purpose whatsoever. I do not base this on religious beliefs but rather because I very much oppose killing human life, except in a just war. Thank you.

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22361		5/15/2009 7:54:30 PM	<p data-bbox="634 123 1948 305">Destruction of human life for research purposes is not ethical, no matter what the perceived benefit may be. The basic tenets of ethical principles state that "One must never do evil so that good may come from it." Destroying one human being to benefit another violates every moral principle known outside the third world and violates the moral and religious sensibilities of millions of taxpayers. How can one consider any research to be ethical if it only benefits those who are not morally offended? I have refused to use vaccines produced from aborted fetal cell lines along with hundreds of thousands of Americans. Shouldn't public tax dollars be used in a manner that benefits ALL Americans?</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 1892 428">Despite years of research and billions of dollars poured into embryonic stem cell research using private funds, to date, there has not been one single cure for any human illness using embryonic stem cells, while adult stem cells continue to provide cures for thousands of patients with over 70 diseases.</p> <p data-bbox="634 461 1940 552">In addition, embryonic stem cells have consistently proved that fatal tumors form whenever they are manipulated for use in treatments and because they are not patient-specific, like most adult stem cell treatments, patients will have severe immune rejection problems.</p> <p data-bbox="634 584 1921 675">Research which involves the deliberate destruction of human life violates every principle found in existing law, including the Code of Federal Regulations 45 CFR 46 and the Dickey Wicker Amendment, which was signed into law under President Clinton and states:</p> <p data-bbox="634 708 1451 734">SEC. 509. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for--</p> <p data-bbox="634 740 1409 766">(1) the creation of a human embryo or embryos for research purposes; or</p> <p data-bbox="634 773 1896 863">(2) research in which a human embryo or embryos are destroyed, discarded, or knowingly subjected to risk of injury or death greater than that allowed for research on fetuses in utero under 45 CFR 46.208(a)(2) and Section 498(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289g(b)) (Title 42, Section 289g(b), United States Code).</p> <p data-bbox="634 870 1917 980">(b) For purposes of this section, the term "human embryo or embryos" includes any organism, not protected as a human subject under 45 CFR 46 (the Human Subject Protection regulations) . . . that is derived by fertilization, parthenogenesis, cloning, or any other means from one or more human gametes (sperm or egg) or human diploid cells (cells that have two sets of chromosomes, such as somatic cells).</p> <p data-bbox="634 987 1944 1136">In addition, US Constitution guarantees the right to life for every human being. Embryos ARE human beings - and this is not an ideological fact - it is a scientific fact. Embryos do not start out as some other sort of life form - they are not carrots or puppies that evolve somehow through the development process. From the first moment of the union of the egg and sperm, the embryo has all DNA necessary to become a unique individual, including hair color, eye color, personality traits, etc. Thus, as a human individual, they are entitled to the same protection under Federal Law as other human beings.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1175 1934 1227">I strongly oppose the destruction of human embryonic stem cells in any way and I oppose the use of federal money used in this effort.</p>

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22363		5/15/2009 7:55:42 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22364		5/15/2009 7:57:02 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>

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22365	redacted	5/15/2009 7:59:29 PM	<p>I voted for President Obama because I thought he'd always do the right thing. In the case of the stem cell research he absolutely did not do the right thing when he caved in and compromised. When he campaigned, he promised he would support this and has now reneged. How can I believe him on anything else.</p> <p>I understand that politics is all about compromising...giving up some things and getting others. Everybody wins. When those you love and care about get Alzheimer's disease, you will not be so quick to make such a compromise.</p> <p>I cannot tell you how disappointed I am in a man I thought would lead us in a direction we'd never been before.</p> <p>If you have any questions, contact me at *****.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22366		5/15/2009 8:00:47 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22367	redacted	5/15/2009 8:06:51 PM	<p>Please begin this process using this directive to begin stem cell research that was virtually halted during the Bush administration. All diabetics and people with serious chronic illnesses anxiously await this research to begin, so that cures may be found for these horrible human diseases. We implore you to not hesitate and to expedite this research as many people are waiting desperately... thank you in advance</p>
22368		5/15/2009 8:08:34 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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22370		5/15/2009 8:15:07 PM	<p data-bbox="634 948 1734 977">Privacy Policy About JDRF Careers Contact Us Web Compatibility copyright © 2008 JDRF</p> <p data-bbox="634 1000 1934 1088">I oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1123 1898 1211">Despite the money already spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research, the results have been an abject failure. Science has far surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1247 1919 1305">Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p>

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22371		5/15/2009 8:16:50 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22372		5/15/2009 8:18:11 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22373		5/15/2009 8:19:14 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22374		5/15/2009 8:21:01 PM	<p>Lets stop this nonsense on embryonic stem cell research. Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California, England and elsewhere, the results have been abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has produced astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovered ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Alternatives to embryonic stem cells are more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p>
22375		5/15/2009 8:25:34 PM	<p>I believe that adult stem cells should be used for medical procedures. I DO NOT believe embryonic stem cells should be used for medical procedures.</p>

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22376		5/15/2009 8:28:16 PM	<p>I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will require taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients. Why use embryonic stem cell at all, when adult stem cells are available?</p> <p>Please reconsider your proposal. Thank you.</p>
22377		5/15/2009 8:33:34 PM	<p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the NIH in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9.</p> <p>The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>I am opposed also because despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone.</p> <p>I support directing funding to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and have proven benefits in treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>
22378		5/15/2009 8:35:28 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22379		5/15/2009 8:44:55 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22380		5/15/2009 8:48:50 PM	<p>- Embryonic stem cell research, where a human embryo is destroyed, has been in use for years but has yet to yield any cures. Other types of stem cell research, which do NOT involve the destruction of human life, have already proven successful in just a few years' time.</p> <p>- Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>- The proposed regulations does not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22381		5/15/2009 8:48:53 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22382		5/15/2009 8:49:52 PM	<p>It is my understanding that stem cell research involves the killing of innocent babies. This is first degree murder. Legalizing first degree murder is a most serious sin which will bring down additional punishment ffrom God, such as those tornados that have been occuring and the bad floods in many places, those bad ice storms, snow storms and other hazzardous weather. More will come unless we all get our lives in order and stop these seriously sinful practices including abortion, same sex marriage, stem cell research and euthanasia.</p>

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22384		5/15/2009 8:51:30 PM	<p>Please protect human embryos from destruction. Instead focus on adult stem-cell research which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p>
22385		5/15/2009 8:54:54 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>
22386		5/15/2009 8:56:39 PM	<p>Please do not do embryonic stem cell research because it is destroying a human life. Only concentrate on adult stem cell research. I have read that the adult stem cell research that has been done is very promising, whereas the embryonic stem cell research that has been done has not had good results.</p>

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22387	redacted	5/15/2009 8:57:33 PM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22388		5/15/2009 8:57:47 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>
22389		5/15/2009 9:00:36 PM	<p>I believe that the future of stem cells are in the continued support and funding of ADULT STEM CELLS. More emphasis should be placed on funding and encouraging the study and therapeutic research of adult and umbilical cord blood derived stem cells.</p> <p>My son has received 5 separate sets of umbilical cord blood stem cell treatments in Mexico and I wish our country would be encouraging of such experimental therapy. Embryonic stem cell therapy has moral and ethical and health related problems. Research should be concentrated on adult stem cells. Thank You.</p>
22390		5/15/2009 9:01:03 PM	<p>There is no need for using tax payer's money on embryonic cell research when adult stem cell research is proving successful.</p>
22391		5/15/2009 9:02:20 PM	<p>It is unconscionable to submit to the tyranny of the possible by destroying the life of our most vulnerable. And to do so using my money (taxes) is beyond the pale.</p> <p>This is bigotry at its worst.</p>

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22392	redacted	5/15/2009 9:09:50 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22393		5/15/2009 9:18:12 PM	<p>i support human embryonic stem cell research.</p>
22394		5/15/2009 9:19:24 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22395		5/15/2009 9:21:43 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22396		5/15/2009 9:22:47 PM	<p>I fully support adult and human umbilical cord blood stem cells. My son has received 5 human umbilical cord blood stem cell treatments; They are life giving, proactively successful and it's time for America to embrace this gift. I do not support the continued emphasis of embryonic stem cells, for it is life taking and immorally unacceptable. It has been shown to have health concerns when used in a therapeutic setting.</p>

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22399		5/15/2009 9:25:47 PM	<p>I sincerely believe that we need to walk with GREAT caution in stem cell research that involves the destruction of a living embryo. I am 64 years old, and the longer I live it becomes more evident than ever that the best of intentions are constantly polluted by the greed and lack of moral principle in mankind. How dare we risk this important issue to the same lack of values?</p>
22400	redacted	5/15/2009 9:26:31 PM	<p>I oppose destructive ESCR. Anytime you destory a human life whether they are not born yet or 5 10 20 or 50 or 60 or age 90 no matter what stage of life they are at, it is still a life.</p> <p>Destroying life does not benefit anyone in the long run. Even when someone has stunted growth and they used to use human growth hormones, they knew it passes all diseases and traits to the next person and can cause serious problems, so they use artifical growth hormones in order for that not to happen.</p> <p>When we try to play God, we always manage to mess things up.</p> <p>Adult stem cells do more good in all tests than embryonic stem cells ever have. There is not need to take or destroy life.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>

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22401		5/15/2009 9:27:16 PM	I vehemently oppose MY tax dollars going to fund research on embryonic stem cells! This research destroys life! In addition, the need to use 'embryonic' stem cells NO LONGER EXISTS. Stem cells obtained from skin has increasing been productive in the cure of serious, chronic & life threatening diseases. Furthermore, besides being immoral, to use embryonic stem cells, when these are used, are EXTREMELY HARD TO CONTROL, so they can become cancerous, too!

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22402		5/15/2009 9:27:49 PM	<p>1. Using Federal funds to remove barriers to responsible scientific research involving human embryos should entail developing IVF methods that do not leave behind excess embryos, not looking for ways to fund unethical research that would harm and ultimately destroy human embryos.</p> <p>This is especially true in light of the fact that the embryos are human and living. This is also especially true due to the recent breakthroughs in adult stem cell research that gives us pluripotent stem cells.</p> <p>2. I oppose destruction of human embryos, whether it is gradual or instant. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to fund research I believe is unethical because it requires the destruction of human embryos.</p> <p>Rudimentary science tells us that these embryos are both human and alive. Were it not so, I find it unlikely that the list of precautions you state would be so painstakingly detailed.</p> <p>This is the irony. Because you recognize the embryo as a human life, you are willing to go to seemingly no end to describe how it will be responsibly and ethically treated. Yet you will ultimately be performing the most unethical act by destroying the embryo. You ultimately will be destroying a human life.</p> <p>3. It seems the impression is given that the embryo will not be killed through this research.</p> <p>I take this from the following statement:</p> <p>“Although human embryonic stem cells are derived from embryos, such stem cells are not themselves human embryos.”</p> <p>This leads me to question what exactly is being described here.</p> <p>Will harvesting embryonic stem cells result in the death of the embryo? If the answer is yes, then such research is not permissible as it is completely unethical.</p> <p>If the answer is no, that harvesting embryonic stem cells will not result in the death of the embryo, then this describes something that many would consider much, much more unethical. What this would essentially entail is that you are maintaining this human life in order to harvest it and experiment upon it. What makes this even more reprehensible is you are committing this moral failing against a life which is not able to speak up for or defend itself.</p> <p>4. If it is determined that such research is ethical, than any application resulting from such research will also be considered ethical.</p> <p>Furthermore, because the government is funding this research, it will automatically follow that the government considers such treatment ethical.</p> <p>I believe that this would imply that military service-members could not refuse any medical treatment, vaccinations, etc., that resulted from such research while on duty—whether they object or not.</p> <p>One would think that I may have more opportunity to refuse such treatment as a citizen, yet I read a news article out of</p>

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22404		5/15/2009 9:35:05 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
22405	redacted	5/15/2009 9:35:33 PM	<p>Do not do this. This is evil and God will punish it.</p>
22406		5/15/2009 9:39:02 PM	<p>I totally don't agree is this in God's plan for us? Everything happens for a reason.</p>

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22408		5/15/2009 9:42:57 PM	IF STEAM CELL RESEARCH CAN KEEP MY TWO GRANDCHILDREN FROM A LIFE TIME OF NEEDLES I BEG YOU PLEASE HELP
22409		5/15/2009 9:44:27 PM	I oppose NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines Draft on moral grounds: Each human embryo is a unique and complete human being, in process of development. Another human being has no right to purposefully destroy a very early human life for scientific experimentation. A society in which the stronger members can destroy the weakest among us will destroy itself. Respect for every human life is the core value of the American experiment in human government. Without that, we will ultimately destroy our society. In addition, IPS cell technology has made it unnecessary to destroy the early human child to obtain stem cells. Thus we don't even have a "scientific" excuse for our immorality.
22410		5/15/2009 9:48:07 PM	There is absolutely no reason for this stem cell research to continue. There has been an alternative provided that has been proven to be more effective and so without further need of murdering that which God has created. The use of mature skin cells. You are aware of this so what could the reason be to continue in this direction? Cheaper for you, as long as it's some other baby and not your own? Obama is committing treason right in front of everyone and alot of people are either to blind or stupid to see it. God is not mocked, what a man sows he will reap, whether it be corruption to death or life. Can't have both. Life or Death.

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22411		5/15/2009 9:55:16 PM	<p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
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22413		5/15/2009 9:57:40 PM	<p>I am so happy Our President Mr. Obama did it because now My son has a Hope someday he will be cured and he will have an easy life and for all the children like my son, they suffer from Diabetes Type 1 no more pricks, counting food, one day they will eat whatever they want cakes,candies, sodas, etc. no thinking what is better for them no more insuline. I hope I pray for that day will be real and my happiness will be back. Thank you Mr.President and God Bless you and God Bless America.</p>

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22415		5/15/2009 9:59:43 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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22417		5/15/2009 10:03:45 PM	<p>i am a diabetic and a very good friend of mine has ms ,i am all for stem cell research in any way they need to find cures for now and the future of our children.</p>
22418		5/15/2009 10:07:03 PM	<p>I am concerned that as drafted many existing HESC lines, and the future research that could derive from them, may not be allowed for federal support. In particular, the detailed consent requirements of the draft guidelines may not allow some existing stem cell lines to be eligible for federal funding. It is important to ensure that continued progress can be made where studies propose to use cell lines that were derived from embryos under the thoughtful consideration of IRB or other ethical review at the time of their derivation and where donor intent was clear. To block this research may impede ongoing and future discoveries without benefit.</p>

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22420		5/15/2009 10:11:15 PM	<p>Adult stem cells have been proven to work while embryonic stem cells reliability and health risks are uncertain. More importantly, embryonic stem cell is using a human person as a medical commodity which is unconscionable. Why are we allowing embryos to be destroyed for medical purposes when we don't know how healthy or effective they are and when we have a perfectly moral alternative in adult stem cells? Embryonic stem cell research could lead to cloning and chimera development. These loopholes must be closed so that humans will again be treated with dignity and not used as objects.</p>
22421		5/15/2009 10:17:56 PM	<p>Expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research treating people now with adult stem cells and will divert funds away from other sources of embryonic-like stem cells that have been generated without the use of any human embryos.</p>
22422		5/15/2009 10:18:28 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>
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22430		5/15/2009 10:50:54 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22431	redacted	5/15/2009 10:51:26 PM	<p>I am responding to the request for comments on the NIH Stem Cell Research Guidelines. I am delighted that the Administration Executive Order on stem cell research will restore the scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In order to have this really be left up to ethical scientists at the NIH we need to remove some of the restrictions that these guidelines will create. The administration should grandfather in the existing lines and those that have been created in the same ethical manner over the last several years by some of our top and ethical stem cell scientists, in anticipation of this day. Many millions have been spent in creating new lines that may have more diversity and also can be disease specific. It would be counter productive to disallow these stem cell lines. Scientists have created new stem cell lines using the existing ethical guidelines. Researchers need to be able to continue on lines that have already been approved for federal funding.</p> <p>For diabetes for instance we do have ESC lines that are producing insulin already. We need to move forward with this existing research also. It would be counterproductive to have scientists only having federal funding for new yet to be created stem cell lines. The wording of the new guidelines needs to make clear that these existing lines and those created with the same ethical stipulations be included for federal funding.</p> <p>I do not want to see stem cells created by SCNT excluded from federal funding. This science is the most promising for making new cell therapies that can be a genetic match for a patient. If you have a child diagnosed with diabetes, this is important to us. Many diabetics can see organ damage and other complications in the first decade of diagnoses. The number of years it takes for a cure does make a difference. We need to go in several different directions and allow stem cell lines created by SCNT. Researchers are very close to being able to use SCNT and delete the gene that would go on to create a placenta. Therefore these cells would never be able to become embryos. Also they were not created by the union of an egg and sperm. Please make this technology available for federal funding.</p>
22432		5/15/2009 10:53:07 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22433		5/15/2009 10:53:51 PM	<p>i want unrestricted hesc research or another sector of our economy will go overseas and our health care will continue to skyrocket .we vote for expanded research with our taxes give us what we want .or be condemnd to failure an third class country where all the smart people will leave this country if they can.perhaps china or inda</p>
22434		5/15/2009 10:55:37 PM	<p>I think unlimited stem cell research is critical for solving the most demanding health problems of our time.</p>
22435		5/15/2009 10:55:52 PM	<p>I think unlimited stem cell research is critical for solving the most demanding health problems of our time.</p>
22436		5/15/2009 10:58:31 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22437		5/15/2009 10:59:16 PM	<p>guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22438		5/15/2009 11:01:10 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22439		5/15/2009 11:04:41 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22440		5/15/2009 11:07:01 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22441		5/15/2009 11:13:35 PM	<p>I feel that stem cell research is one of the most important research tool that we have today. We are already years behind thanks to george bush.</p>

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22442		5/15/2009 11:13:54 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22443		5/15/2009 11:16:19 PM	<p>I cannot speak to specifics. This whole question is so upsetting I can only ask that we work that none of it is allowed to pass. The idea of using babies for this is so disgusting and wrong.</p>
22444		5/15/2009 11:19:52 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. This is UNACCEPTABLE! These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing that in other words is treating a human as a guinea pig or rat for testing. This is UNACCEPTABLE!</p>
22445		5/15/2009 11:20:56 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22446		5/15/2009 11:21:37 PM	<p>I oppose NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines Draft on moral grounds: Each human embryo is a unique and complete human being, in process of development. Another human being has no right to purposefully destroy a very early human life for scientific experimentation. A society in which the stronger members can destroy the weakest among us will destroy itself. Respect for every human life is the core value of the American experiment in human government. Without that, we will ultimately destroy our society. In addition, IPS cell technology has made it unnecessary to destroy the early human child to obtain stem cells. Thus we don't even have a "scientific" excuse for our immorality. Thank you.</p>
22448		5/15/2009 11:23:44 PM	<p>We should not fund research that destroys human life when there are other proven options that do not destroy human life. Embryo-destructive stem cell research has been shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells on the other hand are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. President Obama has proclaimed that his executive order lifting the ban on embryonic stem cell research is a case of science trumping ideology. I think he has it totally wrong as the evidence will prove if he and his administration will take the time to seek the truth.</p> <p>I am opposed to the draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life.</p>

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22449		5/15/2009 11:32:16 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22450		5/15/2009 11:32:26 PM	I oppose the new policy resulting in the destruction of human embryos for research and drug testing!!!!!!
22451		5/15/2009 11:34:12 PM	As parents of a 16 year old who has been diabetic since age 3, we want to express our wholehearted support of stem cell research with no restrictions, as we believe this provides the best chance for a cure for Type I diabetes before it can cause irreversible damage to our son.
22452		5/15/2009 11:46:32 PM	I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.
22453		5/15/2009 11:47:15 PM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.
22454		5/15/2009 11:47:48 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>Within the Federal Register Notice I found the following statement. "Although human embryonic stem cells are derived from embryos, such stem cells are not themselves human embryos." The reason these "cells" are not human embryos is because the embryo itself must be destroyed in order to harvest the cells.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22455		5/15/2009 11:50:25 PM	<p>I would like to express my opposition to any funding of research the uses embryonic stem cells. I believe that each one is a human being and may not be experimented on.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention.</p>
22456		5/15/2009 11:52:43 PM	<p>I design and market unique adaptive equipment for disabled individuals with limited or no use of their hands and arms worldwide. Those of us in this tight industry have known for years that the number of people who would benefit from stem cell research with limitations ranging from physical to mental are far greater than the published statistics. This was recently reinforced by studies done by the Christopher Reeves foundation.</p> <p>I am personally a C4/C5 quadriplegic. I'm an engineer, inventor, MBA. Knowledge is the most powerful tool we have it has changed and shaped our world since the dawn of time. Knowledge itself is not good or evil. It's how we utilize an employer that knowledge when we have available.we don't know yet where the best discoveries or technologies might be found. We don't know what secondary ramifications or developments will result from basic research on the widest front.</p> <p>Knowledge is like a virus, it only takes one little idea and from it millions of branches are diversions result in countless new ideas.do not be stifled by the fear of the unknown. Open-heart surgery in the 1950s was thought by the far majority to be completely sacrilegious. The heart was thought of as a repository of the soul. Today open heart surgeries are performed daily around the world saving countless lives.</p> <p>I encourage you to wholeheartedly support, fund, and use the guidance of bioethicists. However those who received funding absolutely must as a condition of that funding agreed to share such knowledge and collaborate. Within this field the strongest results will be obtained through a combination of stem cells backed by medications backed by other technologies such as nano fibers, etc. where those will all come from or how they will be combined I have no idea nor does anyone. But the results will be obtained by the collaboration of many.</p> <p>I was forced to crash land my airplane in the Minnesota River Valley due to engine failure in 2003. Sufficient breakthroughs in stem cell technologies and research could change my life entirely, those of my family, friends, and society in general in a very positive way.</p> <p>Would we give up antibiotics? Every new technology is questioned for fear of the unknown. we must not be ruled by our fears!</p> <p>***** ***** , Broadened Horizons Inc. ***** www.BroadenedHorizons.com</p>

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22457		5/15/2009 11:53:45 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22458		5/15/2009 11:53:53 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22459		5/15/2009 11:56:42 PM	<p>I am opposed to the draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, will for the first time, encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by our tax dollars. These guidelines promote a biased consent process. Why is this still being considered when embryonic stem cell research has not proven any success despite it's 40 years of trial. At the same time, much success has been obtained through adult stem cell research with proven results. One has to question the motive for continually pursuing a failed procedure.</p>
22460		5/16/2009 12:03:50 AM	<p>I am opposed to the use of embrionic stem cells for researches,and to the guidelines to be followed because they encourage the destruction of human life. It is also very disturbing that this destruction will be subsidized by tax payers.</p>
22461		5/16/2009 12:05:22 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22462		5/16/2009 12:17:50 AM	<p>I am pleased that Section II B of the draft guidelines appear to permit federal funding of some existing stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines that will be created from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that all current stem cell lines will be eligible for federal funding. I believe the final guidelines should allow federal funds for research using any existing stem cell lines that were created under ethical guidelines. This will allow research to build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding. Since new breakthroughs to create stem cell lines occur regularly, it is crucial that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ethical ways. "</p>
22463		5/16/2009 12:18:06 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p> <p>Please consider this email communication with as much weight as you would a hard copy letter or phone call.</p>
22464		5/16/2009 12:22:38 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22465		5/16/2009 12:23:33 AM	<p>I strongly oppose Embryonic stem cell research!! It has never been effective for curing any disease, whereas adult stem cell have been remarkably effective!!</p>

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22466		5/16/2009 12:29:47 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as to pay for research that causes the destruction of an innocent human life. There is stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy an innocent life and are proven successful. Check with Al Gore and what research he is personally financially backing. Government should not support the creation of life only to destroy it to further bogus science.</p> <p>The use of embryo stem cells has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical and proven effective in treating patients. There is no reason to destroy innocent babies, especially when science shows adult stem cells are more effective and safer.</p> <p>There exists a loophole, which could be used to permit human cloing and the creation of a human/animal hybrid that must be closed immediately.</p>
22467	redacted	5/16/2009 12:31:49 AM	<p>Incurable, debilitating diseases such as Parkinson's, Huntington's, MS and ALS exact a devastating toll on patients, their families and society in general. Embryonic stem cell research offers milliions hope for a better future, and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines in Section 11 B will permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) also should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made by allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise millions of people's health by restricting the ability of scientists to cure and prevent these devastating diseases. We all deserve the best healthcare science can provide.</p>
22468		5/16/2009 12:40:16 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft for embryonic stem cell research, which forces me, as a taxpayer, to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and MOST IMPORTANTLY, EFFECTIVE IN TREATING PATIENTS. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately!</p>

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22469	redacted	5/16/2009 12:41:17 AM	<p>This whole issue is pure murder - if you don't think it is - just allow the "embryo" to live and see what happens. I can pretty much guarantee a human will be produced! And it will be a human who could fulfill the nations need for a scientist, a doctor, a nurse, a teacher, a mechanic AND ALSO A PERSON WHO WILL PAY INTO SOCIAL SECURITY AND MAKE IT LAST LONGER.</p> <p>EVER WONDER WHY SS IS IN TROUBLE - IT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN KILLING THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE PAYING INTO THE SYSTEM. STEM CELL IS JUST A COP OUT AND PURE MURDER. HOW CAN YOU PUT A PERSON IN JAIL FOR LIFE FOR KILLING A PERSON WHO IS PREGNANT - IN FACT IT IS A DOUBLE MURDER. YET IT IS OK FOR THE MOTHER TO KILL THE EMBRYO/STEM CELL.</p> <p>ANY WAY YOU TRY TO EXPLAIN EMBRONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH, YOU ARE KILLING A PERSON-TO-BE OR THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN! IT'S CALLED MURDER - AND EACH WHO AID IN THIS WILL MOST ASSUREDLY HAVE TO ANSWER FOR IT.</p> <p>IF THIS GOES THRU - THERE SHOULD NEVER BE ANYONE IN JAIL FOR MURDER - AFTERALL THEY JUST KILLED SOME CELL AT A LITTLE DIFFERENT STAGE IN THE PROCESS.</p>
22470		5/16/2009 12:43:40 AM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leave it in the private sector, the way it has been done. If I am not mistaken, or the news lies every night, America is in a little bit of a financial situation. Why voluntarily take on more cost? 2. How is this ethical? I see a lot of "a statement will be noted" in the details of the criteria section. We all know how that goes. Small print, lots of it...sign and date at the bottom. Yeah, I don't buy the every person will be informed. Let alone the fact that where exactly are the embryonic cells coming from? Fertility places am I right? Again, where is the ethics in this? Doesn't match up to me.
22471		5/16/2009 12:46:21 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22472		5/16/2009 12:48:14 AM	<p>Gentlemen:</p> <p>I am vigorously opposed to your proposed draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, because they will encourage for the first time destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen, and even go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting the embryos to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing - even studying events during human development! All of this is ethically unconscionable. I urge you to revoke these guidelines. Thank you.</p>

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22473		5/16/2009 12:55:07 AM	<p>Last March, President Barack Obama issued an executive order that will allow virtually unrestricted federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Funding that will create incentives for scientists to create new human embryos specifically to destroy them for research.</p> <p>Former President Bush set a policy in place in 2001 that restricted federal funding only to stem cell lines that existed as of that date – thus discouraging “create and kill” behavior.</p> <p>Obama’s proposed new policy would eliminate that restriction.</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to the new regulations.</p>
22474		5/16/2009 12:55:53 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22475		5/16/2009 12:57:39 AM	<p>I have seen too many people die in pain that could be healed with stem cell.</p>

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22476		5/16/2009 1:35:50 AM	<p>I suggest NIH reconsider the guidelines because according to this article, the proposed rules actually threaten research. Here is the article. It's called:</p> <p>OBAMA STEM CELL GUIDELINES THREATEN RESEARCH</p> <p>Actual Link: http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/05/escguideline/</p> <p>Under the Obama administration's proposed rules for funding embryonic stem cell research, hundreds of existing cell lines could be ineligible, even those that qualified under President Bush.</p> <p>The guidelines were written by the National Institutes of Health and are currently in draft form and expected to be finalized in July. But in their current state, they restrict funding to stem cell lines produced according to new rules that are only now being established. Few existing cell lines will meet those requirements.</p> <p>"The so-called Presidential lines aren't suitable for actual medical application," said Patrick Taylor, deputy counsel at Children's Hospital Boston, who criticized the NIH guidelines in a paper published Thursday in Cell Stem Cell. "But we're talking about many, many more lines. The new lines were created with extensive ethical oversight. They're at stake here."</p> <p>When President Barack Obama announced on March 9 that research restrictions enforced by President Bush would be overturned, scientists rejoiced. Under Bush, only 21 embryonic stem cell lines already established by August 2001 qualified for federal funding.</p> <p>A few scientists chafed at Obama's remaining restrictions on research cloning, produced through cloning, but most believed the new rules would finally let researchers to pursue the awesome medical promise of embryonic stem cells with full governmental support.</p> <p>In recent weeks, however, scholars parsing the NIH's draft guidelines, released April 18, have realized they could prove even more restrictive. At issue are informed consent requirements for women who donated eggs left unused during fertility treatments, and eventually used to generate embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>Though egg collection has long been governed by widely lauded consent standards established by the National Research Council and International Society for Stem Cell Research, those standards didn't previously meet the letter of the NIH's proposed law.</p> <p>The NIH requires consent forms that clearly mention human embryonic stem cell research, forbid donating eggs for the benefit of a specific person, and contain various other stipulations that were generally mentioned during older consent processes, but not rigorously codified. These rules could have a massive impact on existing and proposed research.</p> <p>"The NIH estimated that their draft guidelines would make available 700 new lines of ESCs derived over the past 10 years," said Sean Morrison, a University of Michigan cell biologist. "My personal guess is that unless they loosen the informed consent standard that they're going to retroactively apply, then most of those 700 lines would not be eligible."</p> <p>Morrison said the new consent standards are good, but should be applied to future cell lines, not old ones. "The standards</p>

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22476		5/16/2009 1:35:50 AM	<p>for informed consent evolve over time,” he said. “It would make no sense to take out lines that, 10 years ago, everyone agreed were ethically derived, just because they don’t meet the letter of the new requirements.”</p> <p>Patrick Taylor agreed with Morrison. “If someone’s been doing clinical research and they apply a new protocol, we don’t ask them to go back and do all that research over again,” he said. “We ask them to change their conduct going forward.”</p> <p>Taylor noted that removing federal support for ESC lines supported by Bush wouldn’t only affect use of the cells, but all the work done to characterize line-specific behaviors and tendencies. “When you take a cell line and say we’re not going to use it any more, you’re talking about a tremendous body of information,” he said.</p> <p>Researchers who currently receive federal support for research on Bush-approved lines would be able to continue working until their grants run out, but the grants would not be renewed, said Morrison. Most ESC lines that are not now eligible would never become eligible.</p> <p>The NIH will accept public comments on the guidelines until May 26. The comment form form can be found on the NIH website, and the International Society for Stem Cell Research has provided a form letter for use by commenters.</p> <p>“Nobody thinks those lines weren’t ethically derived. It’s just that some of the details weren’t there because nobody thought of writing them down in informed consent documents,” said Morrison. “And now they’d be forcing scientists to abandon their work and start from scratch on new lines.”</p>
22477		5/16/2009 1:37:37 AM	<p>Dear Sir/Ma'am,</p> <p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me, and my family, as taxpayers to subsidize unproven research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes. Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems in test subjects. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life. The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22478		5/16/2009 1:37:57 AM	<p>We need to move forward with stem cell research. Our Family has had to deal with Diabetes for 39 years. My Daughter was diagnosed when she was 9 years old and is now 48. We have dealt with growing years, twice pregnant (two beautiful daughters)and many other episodes. She is now a Diabetes Educator and teaches Insulin pump and Glucose Sensor training. My Husband was diagnosed with Diabetes 29 years ago. He is very brittle and has many side effects. Right he is fighting for his Glucose Sensors to be covered by his insurance (Health Net Seniority Plus</p> <p>When you reach a certain age, you just don't count. The will okay payment for the young and pregnant, but when you reach a certain age you are put out to pasture. During the last 15 months he has had somewhat a normal life because of the Sensor.</p> <p>His Glycosolated Hemoglobin has been lowered 3 points and is now at 6.5.</p> <p>We do need to find a cure for Diabetes. It weighs heavy on my heart everyday. I simply, do not know how they keep going.</p>

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22479		5/16/2009 3:29:01 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner</p>
22480		5/16/2009 4:21:22 AM	<p>- "The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately." There is only one creator and the is God Almighty. It is unbiblical to murder incident unborn babies. God help us all if our great nation starts funding and approves of murdering unborn babies. Just look into the bible and see how God tolerated nations that went against His principles.</p>
22481		5/16/2009 4:48:44 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>
22482		5/16/2009 4:59:53 AM	<p>The use of human embryonic stem cells derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization (IVF) for medical research purposes should not be allowed. This technique constitutes an aggression against a potential human life. The manipulation of the human embryo is in many aspects an abortive practice. Generalized destruction of human embryos as will occur with the new law will result in deterioration of ethical standards with respect the value given to human life. Moreover the field could be open for experimentes leading to production of biological hybrids that would profoundly alter the deepest essence of human nature. The use of hES are no needed since there are now multiple alternatives to create multipotentiallity in cells used for therapeutic purposes.</p>

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22483		5/16/2009 5:27:28 AM	We offer our prayers in hopes of you realizing the gravity of stem cell research and the horrible implications it adds to the culture of death. Our votes will go to those people who have the courage to take a stand to protect the least of Gods children and the weakest of Americans. We hope you will reconsider your position.
22484		5/16/2009 5:56:45 AM	Simply, doing something wrong to accomplish something good is unethical. Destroying human embryos is wrong, as it destroys a potential human life. Since using adult stem cells is feasible, that alternative should be used instead.
22485	redacted	5/16/2009 6:14:38 AM	<p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22486		5/16/2009 6:18:59 AM	I have diabetes and macular degeneration. These diseases are taking a toll in my life. I hear there is hope for my sight to be improved. Please help!
22487		5/16/2009 6:39:55 AM	These guidelines allow humans to be killed legally. Please change them to protect innocent humans.
22488		5/16/2009 6:50:07 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22489		5/16/2009 6:55:15 AM	<p>I strongly object to any tax payer funding of embryonic stem cell research. Since adult stem cells have proven effective in treating diseases, why would we as a society even consider destroying human life and experiementing with defenseless preborn embryos!!! There is no logic here.</p> <p>I am totally opposed to the taking of human life, on the premise that another life might benefit. The end does NOT justify the means. Promoting embryonic stem cell research is a violation of my Catholic morality and a gross sin against humanity. We must respect the dignity of every human person from the moment of conception to natural death!!!</p> <p>I will consider not paying taxes if my money goes to such immoral, horrifying purposes of destroying human life. How low our society has sunk to even consider such an outrage and attack against human life.</p>

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22490		5/16/2009 7:01:49 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p> <p>Please let us know if you have any questions. You can send us an email at advocacy@jdrf.org.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>JDRF Government Relations</p> <p>Additional Background: Last month President Obama signed an Executive Order, which lifted previous federal funding restrictions on stem cell research. Although this action was a great victory for those of us in search of a cure for type 1 diabetes, our job is not done!</p> <p>As part of the Executive Order, President Obama instructed the NIH to issue guidelines governing this research. You can view the NIH's draft guidelines online by clicking here. The draft guidelines would permit federal funding for research using stem cells derived from embryos created by in-vitro fertilization and no longer needed for reproductive purposes. The draft guidelines also would ensure that embryos utilized for embryonic stem cell research were donated under the highest ethical standards. While JDRF supports these guidelines, we would encourage the NIH to extend funding eligibility to currently-funded stem cell lines and existing lines that were derived according to prevailing ethical guidelines.</p>

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22494		5/16/2009 7:42:23 AM	<p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>
22495		5/16/2009 7:45:39 AM	<p>Being the father of a twenty-six year-old daughter with ALS, I am all for any form of stem-cell research that can be made available.</p>
22496		5/16/2009 7:54:31 AM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22497	redacted	5/16/2009 7:59:43 AM	<p>I feel that it would be foolish and wasteful to bar the use of the previously-approved embryonic stem cells. As I understand it, this would cause a great deal of waste and require duplication of effort and possibly years of additional work. Retroactive changes in informed consent do not seem to me to be an important issue, with respect to cells which are simply grown in culture. I feel that these old cells could be "grandfathered" into the new regulations, or perhaps used only for basic research but not for therapy in humans, but their use should not be barred completely.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p>

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22501		5/16/2009 8:27:30 AM	<p>Killing human beings is wrong at any stage of human development. Killing another person for any reason is a crime. It is difficult to witness any individual suffer paralysis or any other physically debilitating illness.</p> <p>However, no amount of suffering justifies that one should die so another can eliminate or mitigate this suffering - even IF it were an effective means of reducing one's discomfort.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell is NOT an effective means NOR WILL IT EVER BE an effective means of limiting one's pain. Promulgating a lie to manipulate the masses into thinking it's necessary to kill another human being infinitely compounds the culpability of this crime.</p> <p>It's a fortunate thing for the advocates of this travesty that pro-life individuals don't exercise the same strategy in protecting the life of the embryo, otherwise there would be a lot of dead Democrats!</p>
22502	redacted	5/16/2009 8:29:03 AM	<p>IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THE EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH FOR PARKINSONS DIABETIS, SPINE INJURIES & MANY OTHER CAUSES. IN ORDER TO SAFE LIVES, WE ARE DESTROYING IN THE TRASH CAN EMBRYOS THAT COULD BE USED TO SAFE LIVES!!!</p> <p>IT IS INCREDIBLE THAT IN THE 21ST CENTURY, AND ALL THE MEDICAL RESEARCH AVAILABLE THAT PEOPLE ARE AGAINST THE STEM CELL RESEARCH.</p> <p>WE MUST CONTINUE WITH EMBRYONIC STEM CELL! SAFE MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, & FUTURE GENERATIONS!!!</p>
22503		5/16/2009 8:29:51 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22505		5/16/2009 8:31:57 AM	<p>Why must taxpayers morally opposed to embryonic stem cell research be forced to support this policy?</p> <p>Why not use tax dollars to support adult stem cell research and/ or the conversion of adult stem cells in to stem cells analogous to embryonic stem cells? No one would have moral objections to this approach...</p>
22506		5/16/2009 8:36:45 AM	<p>I am opposed to the ways you are proposing to use embryonic stem cell research, which forces me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous. The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22507		5/16/2009 8:37:24 AM	<p>"I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you."</p>

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22509	redacted	5/16/2009 8:40:22 AM	<p>I support the guidelines established as a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. I am concerned that the final version includes language clearly stating that stem . cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer should also be included to be eligible for federal fnding. I hope that these guidelines will assist in developing treatments leading to cures for the multitude of patients in need. Thank you for the opportunity of responding.</p>
22510		5/16/2009 8:47:46 AM	<p>Shoould this be passed it is appalling. You have admitted that these stem cells wouldnot necessarily be thrown out and disgarded.I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>
22511		5/16/2009 8:49:41 AM	<p>I have read many articles on this subject, there is no single scientific experiment done with Human Embryonic Stem Cells (HESC) that has proven of any value in treating any diseases to this day.</p> <p>This current administration is now diverting the much needed funding for Adult Stem Cell (ASC) research which has proven to be of benefit in over 80 diseases into an area where the only results have been tumor formation (teratomas).</p> <p>"" I DO NOT WANT "" the government to use "MINE" hard earned tax dollars into ethical and proven areas of research that do not involve the destruction of Human Life.</p>
22512		5/16/2009 8:51:13 AM	<p>please use stem cell research to help my friend walk again. We should do all that we can to help these people with spinal cord injuries rise again. Thank You.</p>
22513		5/16/2009 8:51:36 AM	<p>The proposed Guidelines extend the research that, if "successful", will lead to the creation and destruction of human life for the purposes of "healing". This is morally unacceptable.</p>

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22514		5/16/2009 8:52:06 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 1297 147">Comment Text (please copy and paste into Comments section)</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1942 302">For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 1942 548">The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p data-bbox="634 584 1942 703">Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p data-bbox="634 738 1942 922">We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22515		5/16/2009 8:56:08 AM	<p data-bbox="634 979 1906 1125">I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>
22516		5/16/2009 8:57:02 AM	<p data-bbox="634 1149 1942 1328">I oppose NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines Draft on moral grounds: Each human embryo is a unique and complete human being, in process of development. Another human being has no right to purposefully destroy a very early human life for scientific experimentation. A society in which the stronger members can destroy the weakest among us will destroy itself. Respect for every human life is the core value of the American experiment in human government. Without that, we will ultimately destroy our society. In addition, IPS cell technology has made it unnecessary to destroy the early human child to obtain stem cells. Thus we don't even have a "scientific" excuse for our immorality.</p>

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22517		5/16/2009 8:58:08 AM	<p>This week I received two e-mails in my in-box.</p> <p>One requested that I visit this website and offer comments on Mr. Obama's executive order allowing unrestricted funding of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The other e-mail from my daughter-in-law is below.</p> <p>Hi Aunt Rose:</p> <p>Here is an ultrasound picture from Monday...it's a little fuzzy but you can see the profile of the head and the hand up by the head. The next one won't be until late June, but then we'll find out the sex of the baby! Pass along to anybody, I didn't have any of the cousins' emails. It was nice seeing you on Sunday and we'll see you at Ann's wedding!</p> <p>love, Lauren</p> <p>The irony of one person's excitement at the creation of human life and another's desire to permit its creation and destruction, even if for the advancement of medicine, was undeniable.</p> <p>I encourage you to continue to recognize the sanctity of all human life and refrain from the creation and use of human embryos for medical research.</p>
22518		5/16/2009 9:05:54 AM	<p>As the mother of a young man who had diabetes and died from diabetic complications, I want to thank President Obama for giving other parents a chance that I did not have. It would also be nice if I thank JDRF and the support they give and are giving to newly diagnosed diabetics and their families. By giving them the opportunity to be part of their research group, it will help. What would be good if the government also offered more support for housing for these people who become disabled from this devastating disease.</p>
22519		5/16/2009 9:15:45 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22523		5/16/2009 9:28:02 AM	<p>We do not need embryonic stem cell research. There have been good results using adult stem cells that do not involve controversy and taking of human life. I understand that there have also been positive research using placentas and other tissues. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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22524		5/16/2009 9:29:12 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22525		5/16/2009 9:39:11 AM	<p>I am opposed to the stem cell research President Obama is trying to pass. Please listen to the American people. It is extremely important to protect human life.</p>
22526		5/16/2009 9:44:49 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22528		5/16/2009 9:48:39 AM	<p>I am opposed to the use of embryonic stem cells for research. The use of embryonic stem cells is morally offensive to me personally, since I believe that embryonic stem cells have one pupose: the creation of human life. I believe that destroying stem cells for any purpose destroys human life.</p>
22529		5/16/2009 9:49:29 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22530		5/16/2009 9:50:15 AM	<p>I am a registered nurse since 1982. I vehemently oppose research using embryonic stem cells. The adult stem cell research has been productive, morally acceptable and proven.</p> <p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p>
22531	redacted	5/16/2009 9:51:23 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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22534		5/16/2009 9:59:33 AM	<p>I believe this will make a difference for these people that are faced with his problem every day of their life. They're considered disabled or handicapped when they can lead a normal life with this stem cell research. Please pass this bill it would be a great thing!</p>
22535		5/16/2009 9:59:57 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22536		5/16/2009 10:00:31 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22537		5/16/2009 10:03:17 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22538		5/16/2009 10:08:03 AM	<p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>

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22540		5/16/2009 10:13:10 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22547		5/16/2009 10:25:20 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22548		5/16/2009 10:29:56 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22549		5/16/2009 10:38:57 AM	<p>I am a Christian and believe that ALL live is a gift from GOD. If this research is continued it will be murder. If the government funds it, it is my money. I don't want my parents and my grandparents as well as my money going to a research on killing an embryo. This is not what our fore father wanted, I am sure.</p>

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22550		5/16/2009 10:40:23 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>There are new poll numbers out saying that more citizens are aligning with a pro-life stance than pro-choice. With adult stem cells being more effective than embryonic stem cells and also easier to obtain, why embryonic stem cells are even still an option is ridiculous to me.</p>
22551		5/16/2009 10:44:09 AM	<p>Depoliticize this issue. Practice safe and effective public health; NOT safe and effective politics. Fund therapy mechanisms that have already proven to be effective. Do not divert scarce government funding to placate (and pander) research pressure groups, whose sole motivation is their own funding. Make effective treatments for our citizens your only goal. That goal is best addressed by funding DEVELOPMENT and CLINICAL TRIALS for the many (adult) stem cell methods already proven by past research. Indeed, adult stem cell based therapies are already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions. Again, do not permit morally and technically controversial techniques prevent morally acceptable and proven ones from improving the health of our country, and the world. Fund DEVELOPMENT and CLINICAL TRIALS for the many (adult) stem cell methods already proven by past research.</p>
22552		5/16/2009 10:44:37 AM	<p>please liftall restrictions on stem cell research</p>
22553		5/16/2009 10:46:56 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research is already obsolete, and a waste of time, energy and resources. Don't waste taxpayer's money on this unnecessary research. Research with adult and cord blood stem cells is already very advanced. Researchers in this field have made tremendous progress to the point that they can now make adult stem cells behave like embryonic stem cells. The leadership of the American Society of Hematology is wrong in supporting embryonic stem cell research. I have been a member of that organization for almost 20 years, and was involved in Stem Cell transplantation for years. I have seen the benefits of adult stem cells firsthand. My comment is scientific, and has nothing to do with the moral and ethical aspects involved in embryonic stem cell research. Please spend our hard earned taxpayer's money in the most efficient and productive adult stem cell research. Thank you.</p>

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22554		5/16/2009 10:48:05 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22555		5/16/2009 10:52:40 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22556		5/16/2009 10:57:47 AM	<p>I strongly oppose the use of my taxpayer dollars for experiments that rely on killing embryonic human beings.</p>
22557		5/16/2009 10:58:25 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22558		5/16/2009 11:09:46 AM	<p>Thank you for seeking the public's comments on this vital issue. Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am one of them -- diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease 14 years ago at the age of 45. Although significant strides have been made over the past decade, progress has been slowed by the limitations on federal funding imposed by the Bush administration in 2001. When I watched President Obama sign the executive order lifting these limitations and untying our scientists hands -- I was so filled with renewed hope that I cried.</p> <p>The final guidelines issued by NIH should build on past progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. They should not create any new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress. Most importantly, the guidelines should be based on science -- not on politics or religion. There are two areas in the draft that I am especially concerned about :</p> <p>(1) I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. A "grandfather clause" is needed to insure that every stem cell line already approved under the previous ethical guidelines will be eligible for funding.</p> <p>(2) I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). It is these type of cells that hold the most promise for developing cures. Sections II B and IV of the draft should state that alternative sources of stem cells will be eligible for federal funding.</p> <p>Thank you again for considering public input in these important decisions.</p>
22559		5/16/2009 11:11:04 AM	<p>This research is needed and to STAND in the way would be unfare to all those who need the benefits from such research. Simply put imagine your son or daughter in a wheelchair.</p>

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22560		5/16/2009 11:12:35 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22561		5/16/2009 11:17:20 AM	<p>I am fully supportive of funding for human stem cell research.</p>
22562		5/16/2009 11:18:51 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22563		5/16/2009 11:22:56 AM	<p>We completely oppose what President Obama is doing with stem cells. We do not want further research on stem cells. We disagree with the following:</p> <p>-----</p> <p>However, on March 9, 2009 President Barack Obama issued an executive order that overturned President Bush's policy and opened the floodgates for funding more embryonic stem cell research (ESCR) that creates an incentive to create and destroy human embryos.</p>

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22564		5/16/2009 11:25:07 AM	This is incredible, this will put research behind by years. Other countries are already far ahead of the United States when it comes to stem cell research. If this congress actually wants to support science and engineering, they need to fund the new cutting edge research stem cell research is it.
22565		5/16/2009 11:28:28 AM	The main theme that that information in the Draft Guidelines suggests is responsibility. How is embrionic stem cell research responsible when literally all attempts to find positive results have failed? Adult stem cells have proven to be a more productive use of time, resources, and funds, with positive results eliminating the question of ethics, yet has been virtually ignored. Lives have been saved with the ethical research provided under adult stem cells, but only lives have been destroyed as a result of unethical embrionic stem cell research. I ask again, how is this responsible?
22566		5/16/2009 11:31:19 AM	I am against the use of human embryos in stem cell research.
22567	redacted	5/16/2009 11:35:03 AM	I just want to be able to take my daughter some where in the United States for stem cell treatment, It has proven to be a vital treatment for my daughters condition (CP). Any advances in this field will on serve to help the millions of people suffering from this horrible condition.
22568		5/16/2009 11:36:00 AM	Using embryonic stem cells for cures has not only been a failure, but has also murdered numerous children. However, adult stem cells have been very successful, readily available without the loss of life, and have no ethical side effects. I pray that embryonic stem cell research will cease to continue and all of our efforts will be put towards adult stem cells.
22569		5/16/2009 11:45:18 AM	Please stop wasting time and lives by not passing stem search. On behalf of everyone I knoe with The need for this search for a cure.
22570		5/16/2009 11:47:18 AM	<p>To impose a retro-active, informed consent requirement on stem-cell lines acquired in the past is unreasonable. New requirements should only be made on newly obtained stem-cells.</p> <p>The "ethical" concerns that are raised, for the most part, seem derived from religious beliefs. As such, they have no place in regulating the distribution of federal funds with regard to research. The first amendment to our Constitution should be first in the minds of federal regulators, at NIH or elsewhere.</p> <p>The only ethical concern that government may apply according to our Constitution's preamble and its first amendment is: Does the practice in question augment or diminish the general welfare of our citizens?</p>
22571		5/16/2009 11:47:25 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22572		5/16/2009 11:49:23 AM	Please consider that adult stem cell researach is already a proven effective means that yields results without harming life, and is therefore an excellent use of taxpayer-backed funding. There is therefore no need to fund embryonic cell stem research that crosses the moral line for many taxpayers.

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22573		5/16/2009 11:49:58 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22574		5/16/2009 11:56:16 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22575		5/16/2009 11:56:24 AM	<p>Stem cell research is important BUT not by harvesting human being for the procedure. Their must be an medical ethic panel created to oversee medicine since now we can create human lives and murder them because they are too small to speak. This is a human rights issue which history will view as horrendous as the holocaust and black lynchings. Please protect all human life!!!!</p>
22576	redacted	5/16/2009 12:02:35 PM	<p>We have eight long, heartless, ill-led years with the Bush administration to erase, and must quickly move forward with the needed medical research in Embryonic Stem Cell Research for the good of millions of Americans and world-wide victims.</p>

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22577		5/16/2009 12:03:04 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22578		5/16/2009 12:07:30 PM	<p>Stop Stem Cell research. It's wrong to end any life.</p>
22579	redacted	5/16/2009 12:08:05 PM	<p>I fail to understand why my tax dollars should be used for embryonic stem cell research. To date there have been NO proven benefits/treatments developed by using embryonic stem cells. There have been over 70 treatments developed using adult stem cells - which do not require the killing of an embryo.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22580		5/16/2009 12:10:05 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22581	redacted	5/16/2009 12:10:15 PM	<p>I write in support of embryonic stem cell research, and urge you to make the following 2 changes in the proposed regulations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section II B appears to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the kthey were derived. 2. The final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding. <p>Than you for your consideration.</p>
22582		5/16/2009 12:15:54 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22583	redacted	5/16/2009 12:20:38 PM	<p>Please do not do Human Stem Cell research. It is against our religion and moral beliefs.</p>
22584	redacted	5/16/2009 12:21:00 PM	<p>Life begins at conception. Lets not go down this path</p>

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22585	redacted	5/16/2009 12:21:02 PM	<p>Please do not disregard the facts on Human Embryonic Stem Cell research (ESCR). Despite the millions of dollars already spend on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California, England and elsewhere, the results have been abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing results with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Alternatives to embryonic stem cells are more efficient, effective and are actually treating patients. Thank you in advance for doing what is right and not wasting taxpayers dollars on failed, outdated and unethical embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
22586		5/16/2009 12:22:02 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22614		5/16/2009 1:26:56 PM	<p>There are many diseases, from those well-publicized, like Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, cancer, multiple sclerosis, and leukemia, to less known but equally disastrous diseases like Scleroderma, that exact devastating tolls on the victims and their families. I know because many in my family, including my wife, have had to deal against stacked odds with the many problems that these conditions bring with them, with little hope for their futures</p> <p>Now is the time to reverse the tide and the unfortunate 8-year stagnation in embryonic stem cell research. This research offers millions of afflicted Americans hope for a better future, but it is critical that NIH take all necessary steps to make up for valuable time lost. Against false ethical fears, the final NIH Guidelines should not create bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>At a minimum, the final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. Better still, unless a compelling case can be made for ethical considerations, a few persons' so-called ethical concern should not stand in the way of a much more compelling need for progress now.</p>
22615		5/16/2009 1:27:35 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing. Please reconsider these points of the guidelines before finalizing them.</p>

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22616		5/16/2009 1:40:34 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22617		5/16/2009 1:44:31 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22618		5/16/2009 1:45:23 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22619		5/16/2009 1:49:49 PM	<p>With diabetes running on both sides of my family, stem cell research is necessary to find a cure and maybe a way to prevent it in future generations.</p>

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22620		5/16/2009 1:54:57 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p>
22621		5/16/2009 1:55:42 PM	<p>I do not wish to support embryonic stem cell research in any way.</p>
22622		5/16/2009 2:04:02 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22623	redacted	5/16/2009 2:06:15 PM	<p>While stem cell research is promising, morals dictate the importance of preserving life, not sacrificing the innocent. I collect cord blood from normal child births and send to St Louis Cord Blood Bank for such morally justified research. Please do not allow sacrifice of early human life for this research. It is not right to sacrifice babies of any age to study potential medical cures. I'm sure you would not want to sacrifice politicians either to study potential medical cures.</p> <p>Thank You for listening, *****,M.D. a midwest physician</p>

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22624		5/16/2009 2:06:54 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 747 147">Dear NIH:</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1936 363">President Obama's Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. The NIH deserves credit for producing draft Guidelines quickly to provide time for public comment. However, I am worried that that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing stem cell lines ethically created over the last eight years. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration:</p> <p data-bbox="634 401 1915 553">[1] Develop final Guidelines that allow the NIH to fund research utilizing established hESC lines derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR Guidelines for the Conduct of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. These guidelines recommend independent oversight, voluntary and informed donor consent and no undue inducements. Most established hESC lines that are widely used in research today have been obtained in accordance with these principles. To ensure continued international collaboration, these principles should be applied to the evaluation of existing lines.</p> <p data-bbox="634 586 1936 797">[2] Most existing U.S. lines have been derived in accordance with the core principles in the ISSCR's guidelines and consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving IRB oversight and approval. In some instances, additional specialized embryonic stem cell research oversight committees (ESCROs), and other oversight methods in other countries (referred to as SCROs in ISSCR Guidelines), have also provided oversight. Established policy has demonstrated that this self-regulatory structure has provided a sound ethical foundation for stem cell research. In developing the final Guidelines the NIH should consider this well-established framework of independent oversight and give weight to its determinations.</p> <p data-bbox="634 834 1936 1138">[3] Specifically, for funding eligibility purposes, the ethical provenance of existing U.S. cell lines should be judged based on the standards that prevailed at the time they were derived, provided the protocol under which donations were accepted, and any amendments, were approved by an IRB operating under federal regulations. Non-US lines should be eligible for funding within the US if the IRB and/or SCRO for the US institution receiving NIH funding determines that the protocol under which the underlying donation occurred met operative standards of the time and core ethical principles. In addition, new requirements that go beyond established U.S. and international practice should be applied prospectively only, and after a time period for affected parties, including IVF clinics, to adapt. We specifically ask the NIH to reconsider those aspects that go beyond existing ISSCR standards, including, for example, the proposed mandatory dual IVF consent the proposed guidelines would require, and the proposed requirement that the informed consent form is the sole source for ethical validation.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1175 1936 1386">[4] It will be essential that investigators know with some certainty what lines are eligible for funding. I therefore urge the NIH to work with organizations such as the ISSCR to develop a list or registry of hESC lines available for NIH-funding or resources to support the oversight process. The ISSCR has in development a registry to document that hESC derivation was performed in accordance with ethical requirements, and make associated documentation available to reviewing IRBs and stem cell oversight bodies. Such a registry would reduce uncertainty and improve research efficiency. While that registry is being finalized, a useful and easy place to start in the meantime would be for the NIH to publish, on a Web site, the lines that are determined to be fundable based on IRB and SCRO determinations.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1451 1339 1479">Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guidelines.</p>

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22625		5/16/2009 2:23:43 PM	We are in support of stem cell research.
22626		5/16/2009 2:24:35 PM	I believe adult stem cell research can lead to tretment for some diseases and is non-controversial. Please support this work and not on embryonic stem cell which is controversial.
22627		5/16/2009 2:28:20 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22628		5/16/2009 2:30:14 PM	<p>Stop playing around with a human being - how would you like it if some one put a gun to your head and pulled the trigger ?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THAT IS EXACLY WHAT YOU ARE DOING.</p>
22629		5/16/2009 2:34:53 PM	<p>We are unalterably opposed to embryonic stem cell research - period. Such researchch is not necessary since adult stem cell research has already provedto be extremely productive. It is this research that should be funded. Your current draft guidelines will be funded by taxpayers like ourselves and we protest this strongly. Further, these same guidelines go beyond the use of those embryos which may be discarded and encourage parents to donate their embryos upfront. Outrageous!</p>

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22630		5/16/2009 2:36:02 PM	<p>We are unalterably opposed to embryonic stem cell research - period. Such research is not necessary since adult stem cell research has already proved to be extremely productive. It is this research that should be funded. Your current draft guidelines will be funded by taxpayers like ourselves and we protest this strongly. Further, these same guidelines go beyond the use of those embryos which may be discarded and encourage parents to donate their embryos upfront. Outrageous!</p>
22631		5/16/2009 2:43:18 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22632		5/16/2009 2:43:30 PM	<p>We strongly believe that embryonic stemcell research is not only unethical, it is proven useless compared with adult stemcell research. Embryonic stemcell research is a waste of tax money, needlessly burdening tax payers. We wonder about the real purpose for it, since it does not make good sense.</p>
22633		5/16/2009 2:52:53 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22634		5/16/2009 2:57:22 PM	<p>? I oppose killing human embryos. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to fund research I believe is unethical because it requires the destruction of human embryos.</p> <p>? Expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research treating people now with adult stem cells and will divert funds away from other sources of embryonic-like stem cells that have been generated without the use of any human embryos.</p> <p>? The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>? The guidelines do not require any separation between an IVF doctor and an ESCR researcher. The guidelines say they "should" be separate, but only when practicable. The guidelines allow any IVF doctor to create more embryos than are needed for fertility purposes in order to generate more so-called "leftover" embryos for ESCR research using taxpayer funds.</p> <p>? Instead of preventing any future expansion of funding for ESCR on unethical experiments involving human clones and human-animal hybrids, these regulations open the door for such funding whenever NIH wants in the future.</p> <p>? The guidelines do not require full informed consent for the parents of the human embryos as to their options for their human embryos to be adopted by other infertile couples.</p>
22635		5/16/2009 3:10:51 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p> <p>In an attempt to</p>

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22636		5/16/2009 3:11:03 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22637		5/16/2009 3:13:06 PM	<p>The following words from the April 23, 2009 Federal Register Notice are extremely disturbing: "These draft Guidelines would allow funding for research using human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization (IVF) for reproductive purposes and were no longer needed for that purpose." This is a very strong indication that our government is sinking further and further into the mire and has no care for the sanctity of human life. We can use a myriad of words to describe what is being done here but NO ONE can escape the fact that it is unjustified killing of humans. Please demonstrate care for the human race and stop ALL embryonic stem cell research.</p>
22638		5/16/2009 3:14:22 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>

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22639		5/16/2009 3:18:49 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22640		5/16/2009 3:22:09 PM	<p>Hasn't it been proven that embryonic stem cells are no better than adult stem cells, which are more readily available? Why create to kill?</p> <p>Please consider this decision carefully, as life is NOT in our human hands.</p> <p>If any stem cells must be used, look to the adult cells a little more.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p>

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22641		5/16/2009 3:23:25 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22642		5/16/2009 3:34:57 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22643		5/16/2009 3:35:18 PM	<p>Parkinson's disease exacts a devastating toll on people and their families. I know because my father died of Parkinson's and my brother currently has the disease. Embryonic stem cell research offers him and millions of others hope for a better future and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise my brother's health by restricting scientists. He deserves and needs the best treatment science can provide.</p> <p>***** Houston, Texas *****</p> <p>5-16-09</p>
22644		5/16/2009 3:35:20 PM	<p>I oppose these draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>No case can be made for this over-reaching of government when already proven stem cell methodologies exist which avoid the destruction of human life. Under no circumstances can I stand by while my taxpayer dollars are used for the casual killing of human beings at the early stages of their development.</p> <p>Furthermore, these guidelines leave open the possibility of human-cloning and human-animal hybrid experimentation. It will signal that we have forsaken our humanity if these "guidelines" are accepted.</p>

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22647		5/16/2009 3:52:44 PM	<p>As intelligent persons of science I expect that you would understand that life begins a conception. Therefore, the destruction of human embryos is the destruction of human life. It is unethical, immoral, and a violation of what we Americans hold so dear, human life.</p> <p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22648		5/16/2009 3:59:37 PM	<p>I hope the government continues funding and regulating stem cell research with the ultimate goal that diseases can be cured. With the cure of disease the government, the taxpayer, insurance companies, and individuals could save millions in health care costs a year. We could budget less for people on disability and healthcare.</p> <p>As a person with Type I diabetes I truly believe that stem cell research is my only hope of a cure. I do not believe our current methods of curing disease show any promise. I also believe that the private sector is not interested in curing disease as treating disease is so profitable.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
22649		5/16/2009 4:02:24 PM	<p>Dear Sir or Madam:</p> <p>We live and we die and that is fact. God gives life and God takes it away. Our life lies in the hands of our Almighty God. No one knows if their tomorrow will come and that is fact.</p> <p>Everyday we see people with terminal illnesses that our scientists have yet to find a cure. It is not our place to play God under any circumstances. But, He did give us brilliant minded people to help combat illnesses. He did not give us these brilliant minded people to take a life for another.</p> <p>Personally, to save embryonic cells for future implantation into a females womb is not of God, and most definitely to destroy these living embryonic cells for research is not of God. My uncle has Parkinson's Disease, and he would never think of taking a life for his own gain.</p> <p>The only suggestion that I have is that America (Government and the People) give more financially for the research to find cures to save children and adults with cancer, Parkinson's disease, heart diseases, etc., and etc.</p> <p>Our President said that America is not a Christian nation. In a way I agree, because we may say or think we are, but does God rule our hearts and minds. If God does not rule our hearts and minds, we are nothing to Him, which makes our nation nothing to Him, and that is fact. For our leaders to say that God's word spreads hate is the unthinkable, because people spread hate, not our Almighty God.</p>
22650		5/16/2009 4:03:48 PM	<p>Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding.</p>

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22651	redacted	5/16/2009 4:04:06 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you! Sincerely,</p>
22652	redacted	5/16/2009 4:13:45 PM	<p>I oppose using taxpayer funds on controversial and unproven research. Ethically harvested adult stem cells offer cures that embryonic stem cells cannot.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22653		5/16/2009 4:28:21 PM	<p>President Obama needs to respect ALL human life and the natural law. Embryonic stem cell research, abortion and cloning are ALL morally, ethically and naturally wrong. These practices should not occur in our nation.</p>

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22654		5/16/2009 4:28:48 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22655	redacted	5/16/2009 4:30:58 PM	I fully support Stem Cell research. I urge fully funded scientific exploration supported by our government and protected by our Constitution. -
22656		5/16/2009 4:32:10 PM	I oppose the use of federal funds for research on human embryonic stem cells. In addition to the fact that it is constitutionally and morally illegal to collect tax money for embryonic stem cell research, they have been found to cause cancer when used. Adult stem cells have already shown promise in taking care of several diseases. MOST IMPORTANTLY, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND NO TAX MONEY SHOULD BE USED.
22657	redacted	5/16/2009 4:32:25 PM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.

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22658		5/16/2009 4:34:42 PM	<p>all stem cells should be allowed to be used for research. most especially stem cells from reproductive clinics that would otherwise be disposed of should be used, those from aborted fetuses, miscarried pregnancies, and the stem cells from the afterbirth of babies too. i dont have a problem with any and all stem cells from fetuses or infants being used. stem cells are just cells, they are NOT "the unborn." we need to follow science not medieval religious voodoo.</p>
22659		5/16/2009 4:35:09 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes. Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life and have been proven effective. The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22660		5/16/2009 4:37:34 PM	<p>From the moment of conception the tiny human cell has all of the blue prints laid out. From color of eyes, hair, skin to the sex of the person. Performing research on "left-over" or "discarded" human embryo's is not ethical. Instead of promoting a culture of death in this country (murdering thousands of human embryos), why not focus on the scientific evidence that life begins at conception. There have been many discoveries made from adult stem cell research - and no one dies from it, this would be the political and morally correct way to go about further research. In vitro fertilization is also unethical and unnatural. In vitro doesn't even have a high effective outcome rate. There are many couples who conceive long after they have tried it. NIH should encourage couples to focus on the many benefits of adoption.</p>
22661		5/16/2009 4:42:57 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities. My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22662		5/16/2009 4:46:43 PM	<p>If it will help curb disease, I support stem cell research.</p>

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22663	redacted	5/16/2009 4:46:47 PM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22664		5/16/2009 4:47:01 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22665		5/16/2009 4:51:47 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22666	redacted	5/16/2009 4:51:49 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult and placental stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22667		5/16/2009 4:55:57 PM	<p>There are other options that do not destroy human life. Adult stem cell research has shown to be effective.</p> <p>I oppose your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. This forces me as a taxpayer to help fund the death of human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to human cloning.</p>
22668		5/16/2009 5:03:03 PM	<p>The guidelines that are now the responsibility of the NIH, posted in draft form on http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-9313.htm does not meet with my beliefs.</p> <p>Destruction of stem cells from embryonic human beings "left over" is inhumane in my opinion and should not be performed under any circumstances.</p>

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22669		5/16/2009 5:13:31 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22670		5/16/2009 5:21:42 PM	<p>There are alternatives that do not require the destruction of human life. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>- The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22671		5/16/2009 5:25:22 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22672		5/16/2009 5:27:15 PM	<p>Please Don't use our hard earned money our tax dollars to fund embryonic stem cell research. Don't fund stem cell research that destroys human life! Yes it is a time for CHANGE! A time for a CHANGE of HEART!</p>

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22673		5/16/2009 5:27:50 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22674		5/16/2009 5:29:01 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22675		5/16/2009 5:29:29 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Embryonic stem cell research, where a human embryo is destroyed, has been in use for years but has yet to yield any cures. Other types of stem cell research, which do NOT involve the destruction of human life, have already proven successful in just a few years' time. - Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life. - The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.

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22676		5/16/2009 5:32:53 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I am a member of the Parkinson's community and have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22677		5/16/2009 5:38:25 PM	<p>In addition to the many moral and ethical reasons I oppose the use of embryonic stem cells for research, expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research treating people NOW with ADULT STEM CELLS (with cures already documented). It will also divert funds away from other sources of stem cells that have been generated without having to destroy human embryos.</p>
22678		5/16/2009 5:43:34 PM	<p>Many good wishes in finding cures for these devastating neurological diseases including ALS. I hope that will be included in your research.</p>
22679		5/16/2009 5:43:44 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
22681		5/16/2009 5:48:39 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22682		5/16/2009 5:49:24 PM	<p>advance stem cell research to find a cure for many diseases especially those affecting children</p>

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22683		5/16/2009 5:49:43 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22684		5/16/2009 5:55:47 PM	<p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. I would encourage the NIH to grandfather into this policy, stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
22685		5/16/2009 5:55:51 PM	<p>I am opposed to any form of fetal stem cell research, as it results in the killing of a child - just as abortion does. Adult stem cell research has proven successful in a number of areas - fetal stem cells have no successes, unless you call killing a success - which in deed this president may.</p> <p>Please restrict your allowable stem cell research to adult stem cells.</p>
22686		5/16/2009 6:00:48 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22687		5/16/2009 6:01:07 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22688		5/16/2009 6:04:23 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22689		5/16/2009 6:09:52 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22690		5/16/2009 6:15:54 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22692		5/16/2009 6:20:36 PM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you."</p>
22693		5/16/2009 6:25:13 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
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22695		5/16/2009 6:27:11 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22697		5/16/2009 6:27:49 PM	<p>I will not go into all the big words here and want all stem cell research to go forward to help our sick or injured people in the United States. My sister had breast cancer, my older brother died last year due to a incurable and the worst Brain Tumor you can get. My dad died in 2006 from different complications and shouldn't have. My younger brother has MS and I have a disability from the Marine Corps for both of my lower legs and my Mom has a walking problem from nerve problems in her back, also a lower thyroid medical problem that makes her gain weight. I fully support STEM CELL RESEARCH And want it to go on to HELP SAVE OR CURE HUMAN MEDICAL PROBLEMS.</p>
22698		5/16/2009 6:31:17 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22699		5/16/2009 6:36:32 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22700	redacted	5/16/2009 6:36:46 PM	<p>I am writing as one of Concerned Women's members to oppose the draft guidelines that have been proposed by the National Institute of Health. This was in response to President Obama's Executive Order on March 9, 2009. This will force taxpayers to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos. My heart is heavy at the lack for concern for human life.</p> <p>Our funds should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. It also opens the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>God, our Creator, has given us life and we will not prosper as a nation if we fail to respect His laws. Sincerely,</p>
22701		5/16/2009 6:42:31 PM	<p>I am against the Federal government funding Embryonic Human Stem Cell Research. Such funding will create incentives for scientists to create new human embryos specifically to destroy them for research.</p>
22702		5/16/2009 6:44:07 PM	<p>It is not our place to use human embryos to gain other outcomes. Adult stem cells are being used for many good causes. We shouldn't be playing "God". Adult stem cell research is surely not getting the coverage in the media that it should nor is it probably not getting the funding that it should. Why are we so obsessed with embryos and using these innocent human beings for other purposes than what God created them for! Recently, an intelligent young woman on youtube made a great statement: A person is a person, no matter HOW SMALL.</p> <p>God Bless you</p>
22703		5/16/2009 6:48:09 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>The recent breakthrough in producing induced pluripotent stem cells should have made the argument for the destruction of embryos for research moot. But the infusion of government funds will fuel continued interest in embryonic stem cell research. This is neither ethically or scientifically sound.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>

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22704	redacted	5/16/2009 6:49:43 PM	<p>I am a US tax-payer, who request that you please reconsider the mis-use of our tax dollars for human embryonic stem cell research and destruction of human life.</p> <p>Any that are here on this earth that can choose "Pro-Choice" is only able to because their parents chose life.</p> <p>Our constitution currently states everyone deserves the right to persue happiness. Embryos grow unless killed. What gives one life the right to kill for another? Just because someone is grown doesn't give that person that right. I don't want any part of this murderous act, especially funding it with my "hard earned" tax dollars.</p> <p>Spend wise. Work smarter. Use adult stem cells, already proven. Take mine, but please leave the little ones alone. Thank you for your re-consideration.</p> <p>Advocate of those who can't yet speak, Mom, and Grandma,</p>
22705		5/16/2009 6:51:47 PM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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22706		5/16/2009 6:52:30 PM	<p>It has been proven that stem cells from embryoes are unstable and will NOT HELP ANYONE. They will end certain illnesses only by the death of the patient.</p> <p>Adult stem cells WILL CURE DESEASE WITHOUT ENDING INNOCENT LIVES. Any sane, rational person should be able to understand this.</p> <p>I pray for the immortal souls of those who believe taking innocent lives is acceptable for any reason.</p> <p>I apologize for my spelling errors. This issue makes me so upset I can't think straight.</p> <p>GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!</p>
22707	redacted	5/16/2009 6:56:11 PM	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I strongly oppose tax dollars to be spent on experimentation on with human" embryos. To date embryonic stem cells have yielded no tangible results with no likely future breakthroughs. Morally speaking I do not want my tax dollars to be devoted to the destruction of potentially living humans. Please, do not allow the funding of this flawed science. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>V/R</p>
22708		5/16/2009 6:57:44 PM	<p>We think it is horrible to kill living embryos who are in reality small human beings just to get their stem cell. To date, the only health cures have been from adult stem cells. Shame on the Federal Government for using OUR tax dollars to fund the MURDER of the unborn for no good reason. Murder is never right.4349</p>
22709		5/16/2009 6:59:14 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22710		5/16/2009 7:00:24 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22711		5/16/2009 7:01:46 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of embryonic stem cells extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p> <p>I am oppose to destroying any human life in one form to benefit another human life form. Please do not allow this.</p>

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22712	redacted	5/16/2009 7:10:45 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am a scientist, and I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22713	redacted	5/16/2009 7:14:06 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am a scientist, and I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22714		5/16/2009 7:18:08 PM	Do not use my taxes to pay for the murder of defenseless persons.

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22715		5/16/2009 7:18:24 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22716		5/16/2009 7:18:45 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22717		5/16/2009 7:19:15 PM	Please do not fund stem cell research that destroys human life.
22718	redacted	5/16/2009 7:21:12 PM	<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>I am very concerned about the reversal of President George W. Bush's ban on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. I am very much against human embryonic stem cell research, and I do not want my tax dollars going towards something I DO NOT support. I feel it is a violation of my rights. I believe human embryonic stem cell research is very unethical and immoral. Also: embryonic stem cell research, where a HUMAN embryo (otherwise known as a living, developing human baby)is destroyed, has been in use for years but has yet to yield any cures. Other types of stem cell research, which do NOT involve the destruction of human life (using adult stem cells, for example), have already been proven successful in just a few years' time. Embryo-DESTRUCTIVE stem cell research has shown to be INEFFECTIVE and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. ADULT stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly: EFFECTIVE in treating patients. We should NOT fund controversial research that DESTROYS HUMAN LIFE when we have other options that DO NOT destroy human life (which, again, have been PROVEN effective in treating patients). Also, the regulations proposed in the NIH draft do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately!</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22719	redacted	5/16/2009 7:24:19 PM	<p>Please don't destroy human embryos, It's unethical and unnecessary. Human life is to be valued, even in embryonic stages. Adult stem cells are the future, effecient, and ethical.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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22720		5/16/2009 7:30:21 PM	I oppose any research using embryonic stem cells. We have killed enough babies thru abortion. There is no need to use embryos when we have adult stem cell.
22721		5/16/2009 7:30:31 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22722		5/16/2009 7:32:07 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22723		5/16/2009 7:42:42 PM	<p>- Embryonic stem cell research, where a human embryo is destroyed, has been in use for years but has yet to yield any cures. Other types of stem cell research, which do NOT involve the destruction of human life, have already proven successful in just a few years' time.</p> <p>- Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>- The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22724		5/16/2009 7:49:40 PM	<p>I wish to post my opposition to embryonic stem cell research because of the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human life starts at fertilization and this research requires the sacrifice of human life. 2. More success has been accomplished utilizing adult stem cells obtained from a variety of sources. To date, adult stem cell research has accomplished much more than any embryonic stem cell research. 3. I object using my and my fellow Americans' tax dollars to fund research that has limited success and also destroys human life in the process. <p>Thank you.</p>
22725	redacted	5/16/2009 7:56:39 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>I have a MS from Vanderbilt University in human physiology and medical biochemistry. I believe that the only stem cell research that should be funded by the money of the citizens of the USA or really anyone should be the research using adult stem cells that are taken without loss of life. These adult stem cells can be manipulated into the same state of an embryonic stem cell and can get the results even better than the actual embryonic cell as they do not work as well as the manipulated adult stem cell. Most, if not all, of the advances in stem cell findings have been made using adult stem cells that have been manipulated. I have been a diabetic for over 40 years. There is no way I would want my health to be improved at the expense of the life of a human embryo. I feel that if all those who wupport this destruction of human life wpould get a chance to see the actual pictures of embryos in the stage of development, they would see the human features and hear the human heart beat and know that this is a human being not a mass of tissue. Most, if not all, scientists say that human life begins at conception. I believe this. If you do, then there is not way you could ask for money to kill human embryos to provide cells for research. Even the use of forgotten fertility embryos is questionable as it furthers the disrespect for the quality of human life. Who is to decide when life is not of a quality to be maintained? Who in your life would you sacrifice to provide cells for research, no matter how important?</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22726		5/16/2009 8:04:40 PM	<p>I support the Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines to allow for embyonic stem cells to be used to help cure debilitating diseases.</p>

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22727		5/16/2009 8:04:44 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22728		5/16/2009 8:05:22 PM	<p>I DO NOT THINK THAT THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORS HAVE TAUGHT HIM THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADULT STEM CELLS AND EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS. THEY MUST BE THE SAME ADVISORS WHO TAUGHT PRES. CLINTON THE DIFFERENCE (YES, WE SAW PRES. CLINTON'S INTERVIEW ON CABLE NEWS WHERE HE SAID IT WOULD BE WRONG TO KILL EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS IF THEY WERE FERTILIZED--A CLEAR CONTRADICTION IN TERMS). TO DATE, OVER 70 AMAZING ADVANCES HAVE COME FROM ADULT STEM CELLS! DON'T YOU PEOPLE KNOW THAT? DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT? THIS IS ALL ABOUT 2 THINGS: GETTING MONEY AND KILLING HUMAN BEGINNINGS.</p>
22729		5/16/2009 8:05:26 PM	<p>I oppose NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines Draft on moral grounds: Each human embryo is a unique and complete human being, in process of development. Another human being has no right to purposefully destroy a very early human life for scientific experimentation. A society in which the stronger members can destroy the weakest among us will destroy itself. Respect for every human life is the core value of the American experiment in human government. Without that, we will ultimately destroy our society. In addition, IPS cell technology has made it unnecessary to destroy the early human child to obtain stem cells. Thus we don't even have a "scientific" excuse for our immorality.</p>
22730	redacted	5/16/2009 8:06:48 PM	<p>President Obama,</p> <p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22731		5/16/2009 8:07:42 PM	<p>All the years and billions of dollars have not yet even suggested that the embryonic stem cell immunity problem is likely to be solved even within the next ten years. Put more money into adult stem cell research and start saving more lives.</p>
22732	redacted	5/16/2009 8:13:26 PM	<p>I oppose killing human embryos. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to fund research I believe is unethical because it requires the destruction of human embryos. Expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research treating people now with adult stem cells and will divert funds away from other sources of embryonic-like stem cells that have been generated without the use of any human embryos. The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells.</p>

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22733		5/16/2009 8:14:00 PM	I applaud the approval of funding and approval of stem cell research. Research and study should be allowed in its broadest form to promote the study of its many beneficial aspects.
22734		5/16/2009 8:26:05 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22735		5/16/2009 8:28:27 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in March 2005 at forty eight years of age. I have only recently been following progress in this field with great interest, based on successes recorded in my state of residence, Connecticut. I have learned that significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients "like me" as quickly as possible.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, "for the benefit of all".</p>
22736		5/16/2009 8:29:04 PM	<p>I do not believe in using embryonic stemcells from fertilized eggs, but I do believe that using stem cells from umbilical cords and healthy adult stem celsss can and will prove to very important and life/world changing.</p>
22737		5/16/2009 8:30:21 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22738		5/16/2009 8:43:28 PM	<p>I would like to protest any fedral funds being used for embryonic stem cell research. First I don't like my money being put towards something I morally stand against. Secondly is that whoever is in charge needs to do a little more anylizing of the research results! Adult stem research has proven much more effective and safe, why not fund this instead of creating for the purpose or killing already existing embryos!!!</p>

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22739		5/16/2009 8:52:37 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22740		5/16/2009 8:53:47 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22741		5/16/2009 8:56:12 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22742		5/16/2009 8:57:04 PM	<p>I am writing to support funding of adult stem cell research since this type of stem cell research has a proven track record. There are thousands of individuals, including my brother, who have benefited from therapies relying upon research into the use of adult stem cells. Embryonic stem cell research, on the other hand, has proven entirely useless and even quite detrimental. Just as important, embryonic stem cell research is definitely immoral since it involves destroying embryos. All of us that are exchanging ideas in this debate were at one time embryos. Protect life and use scarce resources wisely, by funding only adult stem cell research.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted on May 16, 2009.</p>

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22743		5/16/2009 8:59:34 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22744		5/16/2009 9:00:25 PM	<p>We are opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force us as taxpayers to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. It is wrong.</p> <p>Adult stem cells, on the other hand, are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids.</p> <p>This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22745		5/16/2009 9:02:53 PM	<p>i support stem cell research. it must be allowed to move forward.</p>

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22746		5/16/2009 9:03:45 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22747		5/16/2009 9:04:52 PM	<p>I am opposed to embryonic stem cell research because there is a better alternative which does not destroy innocent human life.</p>
22748		5/16/2009 9:05:16 PM	<p>-I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>-Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>-The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22749		5/16/2009 9:05:22 PM	<p>I oppose killing human embryos. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to fund research I believe is unethical because it requires the destruction of human embryos.</p> <p>You are killing human life. An embryo is a human life that deserves a chance to live.</p>
22750		5/16/2009 9:05:25 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22751		5/16/2009 9:06:18 PM	<p>Reference: Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research Notice which the purpose of these draft Guidelines is to implement Executive Order 13505, issued March 9, 2009,...Internal NIH procedures, consistent with Executive Order 13505 and these Guidelines, will govern the conduct of intramural NIH research involving human stem cells.</p> <p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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22752		5/16/2009 9:11:25 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22753		5/16/2009 9:25:21 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22754		5/16/2009 9:29:25 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cells, at best, show zero signs of medical progress and, at worst, cause tumors in lab rats. So, not only are you not helping people but also hurting animals. how would cloning more embryos or spending trillions more help?</p>

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22755		5/16/2009 9:30:30 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22756		5/16/2009 9:37:47 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22757		5/16/2009 9:44:55 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22758		5/16/2009 9:46:46 PM	<p>I do not wish our federal funding to have anything to do with destroying life. It is murder.</p>

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22759		5/16/2009 9:50:23 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>
22760		5/16/2009 9:53:39 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22761		5/16/2009 9:54:16 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22763		5/16/2009 9:56:35 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22764		5/16/2009 9:57:26 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22765		5/16/2009 10:07:14 PM	<p>I don't expect any of my comments to change any "reality" among the life long promoters of abortion as a method of family planning (read "not having to be responsible for my own actions, which I now see as inconvenient")but I hope to reach some bureaucrat who still has a heart for family, and loves his/her children.</p> <p>Biologically, there is nothing else which has to be done by the father or mother to receive the gift of life, in the form of a child, once the male and female sperm and egg have united. To create a child (in the making) only to destroy it for the alleged and risky promotion of "science" is something that the majority of society sees as a horror and does not support. Only radicals see this effort as "beneficial". But it does not benefit anyone other than this radical sect.</p> <p>Science has been very active in this area, and it is very clear that embryonic stem cells are the worst possible cells to look to for help in remedying the several/many diseases which need to be overcome. The scoreboard is very clear that adult stem cells is a real path to success in solving and producing actual solutions for many (over 70 at this point in time)diseases which are being studied.</p> <p>It is at all possible that you will not succumb to the political pressure of the radicals and move toward what actually works? Doing so would not destroy/kill any child in formation.</p> <p>Are any of you willing to preserve rather than destroy the family?</p>
22766	redacted	5/16/2009 10:17:44 PM	<p>Embryos are people. Please do not use them as guinea pigs for the benefit of other people.</p> <p>Adult stem cell research offers a proven successful alternative to the experimentation with innocent human life.</p>

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22767	redacted	5/16/2009 10:17:49 PM	<p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22768		5/16/2009 10:26:55 PM	<p>It is troubling that the National Institutes of Health plans to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is appalling that some members of Congress want an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in-vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities. No matter their current state or what their possible future may be, these embryos are live human beings that should be treated with dignity and afforded every right to life as guaranteed under the constitution for any citizen of the U.S.</p> <p>I oppose any use of my tax dollars to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead please support adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22770		5/16/2009 10:31:05 PM	<p>I am writing to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p>
22771		5/16/2009 10:34:49 PM	<p>Please, just because you think that abortion is right, does not mean that everyone else agrees, so you do not have the right to make us pay for it with our tax money. A single cell has life in it, how can you produce life out of no life? that's impossible..!</p> <p>Please, do not force us to pay for killing with our own tax money.</p>

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22772		5/16/2009 10:41:38 PM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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22774		5/16/2009 10:45:29 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22775		5/16/2009 10:47:00 PM	<p>Please do not conduct any type of research on embryos. From what I have learned, the use of embryonic stem cells has not been successful. Please focus your attention on the use of adult stem cells, which continues to prove successful. Thank you.</p>
22776		5/16/2009 10:57:40 PM	<p>Life begins at fertilization and therefore should not be destroyed. I acknowledge that most if not all embryos are from invitro fertilization due to fertility practices, but embryonic stem cell research only increases the demand for embryos. The destruction of embryos is scientifically wrong because science has proven with no doubt life begins at fertilization. It is also immoral.</p> <p>There have been nearly 100 successful treatments and therapies with Adult Stem Cell Research and none with embryonic stem cell research so put the money where there is the most hope for success!</p>

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22777	redacted	5/16/2009 10:59:15 PM	<p>May 16, 2009 NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
22778		5/16/2009 11:01:56 PM	<p>I am not a scientist, but I am a member of the Parkinson's community and have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>

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22779		5/16/2009 11:05:05 PM	<p>Funding for research using human embryonic stem cells should not be allowed.</p> <p>Also, research on human embryonic stem cells should not be done.</p>
22780		5/16/2009 11:08:10 PM	<p>To Whom it may concern,</p> <p>I believe that life begins at fertilization and that the sanctity of life begins then, and that life deserves recognition and protection from that point onward. I then have to fundamentally object to embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Non-embryonic stem cells have established success rates and can be made from skin cells which is fair less costly financially and emotionally to our country.</p> <p>I adamantly oppose Barack Obama's executive order that overturned President Bush's policy of protection of embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>I would prefer our funds were used to promote all life, not just children and adults who have diseases that they are in the need of a cure for. All life should be protected.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read this.</p>
22781		5/16/2009 11:11:41 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p> <p>My first husband died of leukemia at 33 and my sister is dying of ALS at 47. They both opposed this research. I feel strongly that I need to share their feelings because they would be the potential beneficiaries of such research.</p>

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22783		5/16/2009 11:25:46 PM	<p>I AM A 77 YEAR OLD FEMALE WITH A FAMILY OF 6 CHILDREN, 27 GRANDCHILDEN AND 7 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HAVING EXPERIENCED A FULL HARDWORKING LIFE, I FIND MYSELF TOTALLY APPALLED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MY COUNTRY AND HOW IT IS UNDERMINING ITS CITIZENS. I AM OPPOSED TO YOUR DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH, WHICH FORCE ME AS A TAXPAYER TO SUBSIDIZE RESEARCH REQUIRING THE DESTRUCTION OF INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE. SUPPORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO STEM CELL RESEARCH AND TREATMENTS THAT DO NOT DESTROY HUMAN LIFE AND ARE ALREADY PROVEN SUCCESSFUL. THERE IS NO CASE UNDER WHICH GOVERNMENT SUPPORT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO HUMAN CLONING OR THE CREATION OF HUMAN EMBRYOS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. EMBRYO-DESTRUCTIVE STEM CELL RESEARCH HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE INEFFECTIVE AND EVEN DANGEROUS, FORMING UNCONTROLLABLE TUMORS AND CAUSING REJECTION PROBLEMS. ADULT STEM CELLS ARE NON-CONTROVERSIAL, ETHICAL, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, EFFECTIVE IN TREATING PATIENTS. WE SHOULD NOT FUND RESEARCH THAT DESTROYS HUMAN LIFE WHEN WE HAVE OTHER OPTIONS THAT DO NOT DESTROY HUMAN LIFE.THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS DO NOT PREVENT FUTURE FUNDING FOR EMBROYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH THAT COULD LEAD TO THE CREATION OF CLONES AND HUMAN-ANIMAL HYBRIDS. THIS LOOPHOLE MUST BE CLOSED IMMEDIATELY. I AM STRONGLY AGAINST MR OBAMA'S ORDER THAT ALLOWS FOR MORE TAX DOLLARS TO BE SPENT ON THE DESTRUCTION OF HUMAN LIFE.</p>

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22785		5/16/2009 11:34:17 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I am a member of the Parkinson's community and have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>

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22789		5/16/2009 11:38:40 PM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22790		5/16/2009 11:39:43 PM	I strongly support the new Human Stem Cell Guidelines. They will allow sight saving as well as life saving innovations.
22791		5/16/2009 11:58:05 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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22793		5/17/2009 12:20:52 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22794		5/17/2009 12:33:46 AM	<p>There is much evidence of the usefulness of adult stemcells and umbilical cord cells in healing. There is NO evidence for the use of stemcells from fetal tissue for purposes of healing. I urge all involved to do your homework and look at the facts before proceeding with this legislation. Thank you for your consideration of the facts.</p>

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22795		5/17/2009 12:33:53 AM	<p>Parkinson's disease exacts a devastating toll on people and their families. I know because am a friend of someone who suffers from the disease. Embryonic stem cell research offers her and millions hope for a better future and the final NIH Guidelines should not create new bureaucratic obstacles that will slow the pace of desperately needed progress.</p> <p>While it is commendable that the guidelines, Section 11 B, would permit the use of excess IVF embryos for research, federal funding of stem cell lines derived from other sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) should be encouraged, not prohibited.</p> <p>The final guidelines should include a grandfather clause, enabling scientists to build on progress that has already been made and allowing federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>Please don't compromise health by restricting scientists. We all deserves and need the best treatment science can provide.</p>
22796		5/17/2009 12:41:51 AM	<p>I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.</p>
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22799		5/17/2009 1:01:15 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life, which is against my religious beliefs. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful, such as adult stem cell research. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. A young boy in Israel died after being treated with embryonic stem cells. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life. Since money is a scarce resource these days, we should put our money toward the best type of research, adult stem cell research.</p> <p>I hope that adult stem cell research funding will not be cut in order to pay for this unethical frontier. Please put the money of the taxpayer to the best use-with adult stem cells.</p>
22800		5/17/2009 1:18:44 AM	<p>We the undersigned Say "NO" to funding of embryonic stem cell research!</p>

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22801		5/17/2009 1:37:03 AM	Although the artificial creation of human embryos is not right in my thinking, the human embryos created are, nevertheless, just that: human. Therefore they have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, just as any other human being in this country. The fact that they are not allowed to mature and be born, is scant reason for treating them as research animals (that will die in the donation of their embryonic cells). And to make the tax-paying citizens of this country pay for such experimentation is just plain wrong. Legally killing human beings to solve problems is the biggest problem this country has and nothing will ever get better until the legal killing stops. This comment does not reference any specific sections of the Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines, but I'm sure you get my "drift." I do hope you won't determine my comments "as inappropriate or offensive."
22802	redacted	5/17/2009 1:39:50 AM	As a physician I do not see the benefit of embryonic stem cell funding, since it has borne no benefit as opposed to adult stem cells. More importantly it is the killing of human lives to try to develop an aid for those of us fortunate enough to have been given the chance to live.
22803		5/17/2009 1:41:21 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research has not been shown, at all, to prevent or cure any disease. All that embryonic stem cell research does, is deliberately destroys developing human life.</p> <p>On the other hand, concentrate efforts on adult stem cell research, which does not require the deliberate destruction of developing human life. Adult stem cell research has proven successful in many medical cases, including bone marrow transplants, which are adult stem cells.</p> <p>Lastly, start telling the public the differences between embryonic and adult stem cell research. Make sure you begin with the two listed above. When people know the whole truth and not just half of it, then they can make an educated decision.</p>
22804		5/17/2009 1:46:51 AM	Taxpayer funds should not be used for embryonic stem cell research, which is ethically questionable because it involves the killing of tiny human beings. Adult stem-cell research has shown very promising results, does not involve the killing of innocent lives, and should be further funded and encouraged.
22805		5/17/2009 1:51:03 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22806		5/17/2009 2:00:03 AM	I fully support stem cell research and everyone it can help. I completely look forward to its laws being loosened.

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22807	redacted	5/17/2009 2:13:17 AM	<p>I have leukemia and a bad heart. I urge you to hold the line and not fund embryonic stem cell research. I urge this as a matter of compassion. I fear that sufferers from terrible diseases will be waiting years for the American scientific establishment to finally focus on induced adult stem cells.</p> <p>The induced stem cell will not require scientists to learn to clone and the tendency of all early stage stem cells to cause cancer has already been lessened for induced cells. Also the possible influence of the DNA of the egg donor when cells are cloned will be removed as a factor requiring testing.</p> <p>Conclusion: Induced adult stem cells are the future. The sooner scientists focus on that the better. Funding embryonic stem cell research especially cloning is likely to extend the waiting time for cures unnecessarily.</p> <p>Thank you for your courtesy.</p>
22808	redacted	5/17/2009 2:18:29 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
22809		5/17/2009 2:36:49 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
22810		5/17/2009 2:43:36 AM	<p>Please DO NOT use taxpayer money for embryonic stem cell research. It is dangerous and unnecessary.</p> <p>Adult stem cell research already works and results in no ethical or philosophical issues.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
22811		5/17/2009 3:00:21 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
22812		5/17/2009 3:00:55 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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22813		5/17/2009 3:01:52 AM	I support Stem Cell research.
22814		5/17/2009 3:02:02 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22815		5/17/2009 3:02:08 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and the loosening of restrictions.

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22816		5/17/2009 3:02:09 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22817		5/17/2009 3:02:09 AM	I strongly oppose stem cell research.
22818		5/17/2009 3:02:12 AM	<p>I am very much in favor of stem cell research and believe it will do a great deal to save lives and to halt or reverse life-changing disabilities and illnesses. My only two comments are:</p> <p>A "grandfather clause" is needed to insure that every stem cell line already approved under the previous guidelines will be eligible.</p> <p>I believe that alternate sources of stem cell lines, such as SCNT, should not be excluded from funding.</p>
22819		5/17/2009 3:02:18 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22820		5/17/2009 3:02:59 AM	I support stem cell research. Prevent and cure disease!
22821		5/17/2009 3:03:03 AM	I wholeheartedly support Embryonic Stem Cell research
22822		5/17/2009 3:03:03 AM	I am a great supporter of stem cell research. It's vital to developing life-saving treatments. I am glad to hear about restrictions loosening, but appalled to hear about the concerted efforts of religious groups to oppose this critical work.
22823		5/17/2009 3:03:04 AM	I fully support embryonic stem cell research, so I am happy to see some of the restrictions being lifted.

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22824		5/17/2009 3:03:10 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22825		5/17/2009 3:03:13 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Please - let us use science to do some good.
22826		5/17/2009 3:03:51 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22827		5/17/2009 3:03:58 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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22828		5/17/2009 3:04:28 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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22831		5/17/2009 3:04:37 AM	<p>I support stem-cell research. My nephew was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was 4 years old. Stem cell research has the potential to help him and others like him lead a normal life.</p>
22832		5/17/2009 3:04:42 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
22833		5/17/2009 3:04:44 AM	<p>I am against embryonic stem cell research and support restrictions on it.</p>
22834		5/17/2009 3:04:53 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
22835		5/17/2009 3:04:58 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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22836		5/17/2009 3:05:03 AM	<p data-bbox="634 123 1453 334">"Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p data-bbox="634 370 1444 643">I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p data-bbox="634 678 1449 919">I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses."</p>

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22838		5/17/2009 3:05:19 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
22839		5/17/2009 3:05:22 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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22840		5/17/2009 3:05:31 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22841		5/17/2009 3:05:35 AM	I support stem cell research.
22842		5/17/2009 3:05:37 AM	Stem cell research can and will save lives. Maybe yours, maybe mine. Thank you for your efforts toward making federal funds available for research. Please don't let certain groups' religious beliefs take priority over human lives. Thank you.
22843		5/17/2009 3:06:03 AM	The unfettered ability of scientists and doctors to take advantage of stem cells will save far more lives than allowing embryos that are already headed for the trash to be thrown away. This is the kind of reasoning I believe had ended in the dark ages but it seems some would rather play politics than be reasonable. Stem cell research is not about abortion, and do not let anyone tell you it is.
22844		5/17/2009 3:06:06 AM	I strongly support stem cell research and urge you to adopt the guidelines to allow and encourage this important area of medical research.
22845		5/17/2009 3:06:23 AM	I support Stem Cell research
22846		5/17/2009 3:06:42 AM	I support stem-cell research!
22847		5/17/2009 3:06:46 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22848		5/17/2009 3:07:15 AM	i support stem-cel research.
22849		5/17/2009 3:07:40 AM	I support stem cell research, and am gladdened of some of the restrictions being loosened.
22850		5/17/2009 3:07:53 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22851		5/17/2009 3:07:55 AM	i support stem cell research
22852		5/17/2009 3:08:01 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.

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22853		5/17/2009 3:08:10 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and believe its continuance to be important.
22854		5/17/2009 3:08:16 AM	Embryonic Stem Cell Research is an important step in advancing medicine to its fullest potential. It is VITAL that existing approved stem cell lines be eligible as well as loosening restrictions to allow this research to continue for the good of all mankind.
22855		5/17/2009 3:08:17 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Hampering scientific research in the name of, mostly, religious views is against the very idea of progress and human development.
22856		5/17/2009 3:08:38 AM	I believe in and support the benefits that can be gained from stem cell research. Please consider how many advancements could be made because of stem cell research as opposed to the moral stance others may be taking against advanced research.
22857		5/17/2009 3:08:50 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Don't let extremists and fundamentalists with little regard or knowledge of science determine our best chance of curing disease and extending the quality and span of life for all Americans.
22858		5/17/2009 3:09:11 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22859		5/17/2009 3:09:15 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and I hope that the government continues to support scientific research initiatives to help provide the best possible options for finding cures for degenerative diseases and spinal cord injuries.
22860		5/17/2009 3:09:17 AM	I am pro-Stem cell research. It is best for the future of the world to loosen any restrictions on this innovative science.
22861		5/17/2009 3:09:22 AM	I support stem cell research, and those who would seek to regulate it on self-styled ethical or moral grounds are deeply misguided.

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22862		5/17/2009 3:09:28 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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22864		5/17/2009 3:10:42 AM	<p>I strongly support embryonic stem cell research, and I feel that the potential benefits to future generations far outweigh supposed ethical issues of said research.</p>
22865		5/17/2009 3:10:43 AM	<p>Stem cell research is an important step forward in therapeutic and medical science and technology, and we should not allow those who have a vested interest in hindering and ignoring those important elements of our society to dictate policy.</p>
22866		5/17/2009 3:10:49 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
22867		5/17/2009 3:10:58 AM	<p>The guidelines, while apparently reasonable, are a foray into reproductive law that frightens me. I'm concerned about the lack of legal clarity on the issue of who owns the genetic property of an individual. Does the individual own themselves or do their parents own the genetic material? I understand the medical potential that stem cells can unlock, but the path behind that door is murky morality at best. Legally, we must come to a consensus on when an individual comes into existence. If a person isn't a person at all until they are born, then what's to prevent people from becoming "donors for dollars" down the road. (I understand the provisions against compensation laid out in these guidelines.) In short, I think no laxity in these guidelines should be permitted. We are putting the cart before the horse. Define a person. Define ownership of genetic property. Then maybe, this can be discussed.</p>
22868		5/17/2009 3:11:03 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and believe that the proposed guidelines for such are needlessly restrictive.</p>
22869		5/17/2009 3:11:03 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
22870		5/17/2009 3:11:06 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened."</p>
22871		5/17/2009 3:11:15 AM	<p>I have an arachnoid cyst on my brain, please do not limit research that could go a long way to helping ease the pain I feel on a daily basis.</p>

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22872		5/17/2009 3:12:03 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research! I am happy that some of the restrictions on this research are being loosened, and I look forward to the advances in combating devastating diseases, such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and cancer, among many others, that I know stem cell research will provide, and I hope that new guidelines will not be put into place or older ones restricted in any way to slow this research process. I also think federal funding should be permitted for stem cells obtained from other sources other excess IVF embryos.
22873		5/17/2009 3:12:08 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened
22874		5/17/2009 3:12:18 AM	I support any and all stem cell research. I encourage everyone too do the same. It will help Produce a better tomorrow. Thanks.
22875		5/17/2009 3:12:18 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened
22876		5/17/2009 3:12:27 AM	I am 100 percent in FAVOUR of stem-cell research. This is a valuable tool, and is research on this subject is ABSOLUTELY necessary! Right now the States are behind numerous other countries in their research, it is my belief that if the United States were to get behind stem-cell research GREAT advancements could be made!
22877		5/17/2009 3:12:40 AM	I absolutely support the use of stem cell research to aid in combatting disease, injury, birth defects and whatever other uses it can possibly have to make our lives better.
22878		5/17/2009 3:12:41 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22879		5/17/2009 3:12:44 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research. I'm glad to hear some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22880		5/17/2009 3:12:46 AM	I support stem cell research. Please continue to lift the restrictions.
22881		5/17/2009 3:12:54 AM	I consider it morally reprehensible to use embryonic stem cells for research. There are other sources available to comprise our selves unnecessarily in this way when there are viable alternatives is sad and a waste of money I pay as an American.
22882		5/17/2009 3:12:58 AM	I fully support embryonic stem cell research.
22883		5/17/2009 3:12:58 AM	I feel strongly that Human Stem Cell research should be not only permitted but aggressively engaged in. It is my sincere hope that this mild loosening of restrictions is merely a first step to a more comprehensive and less small-minded policy. So many people could be helped by this research in so many ways. We should not allow fear and ignorance stop or slow our efforts.
22884		5/17/2009 3:13:15 AM	I think to deny the lives that would be saved through the products of stem cell research is inhumane. Allow it. Please.

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22885		5/17/2009 3:13:22 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>We have let misguided theists dictate matters of science long enough. I urge you to break this habit and vote in favor of total government funding for embryonic stem cell research.</p>
22886		5/17/2009 3:13:22 AM	I absolutely support embryonic stem cell research. I'm actually surprised that with the new administration there is still a question about it.
22887		5/17/2009 3:13:24 AM	Support this research!
22888		5/17/2009 3:13:25 AM	The possible benefits of stem cell research are too miraculous to be ignored. Please loosen some of the restrictions governing the use of embryonic stem cells. I fully support stem cell research and wish to support it by all means!
22889		5/17/2009 3:13:28 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Furthermore, I believe that religious considerations should be kept apart from decisions dealing with scientific matters.

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22890		5/17/2009 3:13:35 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22891		5/17/2009 3:13:36 AM	I support Stem Cell Research.

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22892		5/17/2009 3:13:36 AM	<p>I am a graduate student in information science and while stem cell research is far outside my field of expertise, I firmly support it as a citizen and as a student of science.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22893		5/17/2009 3:14:00 AM	Stem cell research is important to the future of medicine. I support looser restrictions so that it can be used to produce new and more effective cures and treatments.
22894		5/17/2009 3:14:10 AM	Please consider what you are doing. Stem cell research could benefit millions.
22895		5/17/2009 3:14:11 AM	<p>Stem cells may be the only possible deterrent of Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, etcetera. Scientists must be allowed to use human subjects and must have leeway to do their best to make changes for this world. However, the knowledge gained from that research and its' results must be mandated and restricted. This research walks a fine line between medical miracles and playing God. My personal opinion, which is conflicted, stems from me being a vegan, animal rights activist, environmentalist, genius, ... and candidate for the rare early- onset Alzheimer's and eventually, Parkinson's. My ethical beliefs conflict deeply with my core belief that my intellect and my capabilities could better the world, but by the time I am 30 I might be mentally useless, eventually physically useless as well. I have watched everyone in my family on my maternal and paternal side mentally rot away from (maternal) Alzheimer's dementia, and (paternal) Parkinson's.</p> <p>I ask you make wise decisions and also keep in mind that benefits gained from stem cell research should not be limited to the ultra wealthy. Watching someone you love, or yourself, disappear inside your own mind is a very haunting and horrific experience. Any ability to hinder that from happening should be explored. Thank you for listening to my opinion.</p>
22896		5/17/2009 3:14:20 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and want the restrictions to be loosened.
22897		5/17/2009 3:14:33 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Saving lives is what we should be doing with federal dollars, even at the cost of discomfiting some religious people.

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22898		5/17/2009 3:15:06 AM	<p>I've read the guidelines, and I'm glad to see some potential for stem cell research. The guidelines should be loose, in order to allow this amazing line of research to continue. I appreciate that section III prevents the NIH from funding the mixing of human cells with certain nonhuman cells - that could create unspeakable legal difficulties - but that, otherwise, the restrictions are fairly loose. If the restrictions did tighten on any point, it might make sense to restrict the use of human stem cells with any nonhuman cells, if for no reason other than the potential legal quagmire.</p> <p>Please, though, be sure to keep the restrictions on stem cell research loose! This could save lives across the world. As a scientist and a citizen, I beg you: don't let the United States fall behind in science again!</p> <p>You should also probably have a more secure method for feedback. This form could probably be manipulated easily by someone with decent programming knowledge, and it would be tragic for something of this importance to be hijacked by individual interests. If there is an overwhelming push for one position on the issue, please consider soliciting another round of comments with a more secure comment form.</p>
22899		5/17/2009 3:15:15 AM	<p>I wanted to voice my support for the current guidelines as they stand, but also advise that I believe there should still be no funding allowed for somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) or any other controversial treatments not using discarded IVF embryos.</p>
22900	redacted	5/17/2009 3:15:22 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research. I believe it is an important avenue of research providing many current and potential future advancements to medical and biological knowledge.</p> <p>In particular, it is important that a grandfather clause be included that allows any stem cell line already approved under previous guidelines to be eligible. Further, alternate sources of stem cell lines (e.g. SCNT) should NOT be excluded from funding.</p> <p>Our nation has never benefited from the intentional suppression of science and the advancement of knowledge. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>***** An Undergraduate in Biology at Oregon State University.</p>
22901		5/17/2009 3:15:49 AM	<p>I feel it is my duty to add my voice to the small (but, one hopes, growing) number speaking up in support of any and all forms of stem cell research. Science cannot be held captive to superstition and ignorance. Those who claim to hold life in such high regard have no compunction over letting countless lives be lost to disease which could be completely stopped by continuing research.</p>
22902		5/17/2009 3:15:51 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p>

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22903		5/17/2009 3:16:01 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p> <p>Please do not allow those who cannot distinguish between science and sin to determine the future course of this important research.</p>
22904		5/17/2009 3:16:11 AM	<p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics.</p> <p>However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22905		5/17/2009 3:16:39 AM	<p>I greatly support stem cell research, and am pleased that restrictions are being loosened</p>
22906		5/17/2009 3:16:49 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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22907		5/17/2009 3:17:02 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22908		5/17/2009 3:17:08 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22909		5/17/2009 3:17:21 AM	I fully support stem cell research. To hold back advancement in this important field of science is to tell our friends, family and citizens that their health is not a priority. If we are to reclaim our status as a world power, we have to be willing to loosen restrictions on such an important field of study.
22910		5/17/2009 3:17:28 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. It is an important step to learning how to cure diseases and make a better future.
22911		5/17/2009 3:17:40 AM	Science is humanities evolution. wWe will not progress as a race if we are restricted in science. I support stem cell research! Lift all restrictions now!
22912		5/17/2009 3:17:47 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, I believe it could be extremely beneficial to the world, and am glad to see some of these restrictions being loosened.
22913		5/17/2009 3:17:51 AM	Without all aspects of stem cell research being funded either through the government or private research, there will be no furthur breakthroughs. Though the research being done at NIH, patients with cancer, spinal cord injuries, and various other medical issues will be given hope. It is the only way we can save the lives of the living and breathing persons in our world.
22914		5/17/2009 3:17:52 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22915		5/17/2009 3:17:55 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds huge promise for millions of our fellow humans who suffer from preventable diseases. I am science-educated and understand the state of the technology and am convinced that we will see significant benefits from this research in the near-term.</p> <p>It is the morally correct thing to do that the NIH allows people to build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using ALL stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways.</p>

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22916		5/17/2009 3:17:56 AM	As someone suffering from a disabling illness, I must hope that medical research may someday find a cure or relief for my condition. I support more research into stem cell science as a way of saving lives, reducing pain and disability, and most importantly in the pursuit of pure science.
22917		5/17/2009 3:18:35 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22918		5/17/2009 3:18:45 AM	We need extensive stem cell research; religion has no place in science. I believe stem cells will bring answers to many syndromes, diseases, genetic disorders that current medical technology cannot fix right now.
22919		5/17/2009 3:18:47 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. However, I think that any and all stem-cell lines that are ethically produced should be eligible for federal funding. Restricting the lines to discarded IVF embryos, as is stated in sections II B and IV, unnecessarily limits the research which can be done. Disallowing somatic cell nuclear transfer, for example, will exclude some important work on creating lines to study diseases that negatively impact many people's lives. There is also no explicit guarantee that lines which are federally-funded at the present will be eligible going forward. Thank you!
22920		5/17/2009 3:18:58 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and I hope you know that a comment forum that most people might not even know about, doesn't necessarily represent Americans and their opinions as a whole. Please, please keep this in mind when this major of a decision.
22921		5/17/2009 3:19:14 AM	I am strongly in support of stem-cell research. Many of the restrictions on stem-cell research are short-sighted at best (some might say 'criminally negligent'). I am overjoyed that some of these restrictions are being loosened.
22922		5/17/2009 3:19:19 AM	I am relieved to hear that the restrictions on stem cell research have been loosened. People with life-threatening illnesses deserve at least the chance that the results of this research will point toward a cure. The restrictions previously imposed were not based on science and denied the legitimacy of this effort. Thank you for moving forward with stem cell research.
22923		5/17/2009 3:20:07 AM	I am support of embryonic stem cell research and am glad restrictions are being relaxed.
22924		5/17/2009 3:20:10 AM	I support stem cell research. Tightening restrictions and making research more difficult will only keep us from making discoveries that could change the way we look at medicine today. I support loosening the restrictions.
22925		5/17/2009 3:20:54 AM	I support stem cell research because the value of human life doesn't depreciate after birth.
22926		5/17/2009 3:20:59 AM	I support increased funding of and loosened restrictions on human stem cell research.

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22927		5/17/2009 3:21:15 AM	<p>As a voter, a tax payer, and an informed citizen I want to throw my support behind Stem Cell research. So much can be done to better our world if we allow science to march forward without tying their hands because of a small contingent of people who are against it mainly because they don't understand it.</p> <p>How many things would not have happened if we were too scared to push forward? The discovery of the new world? The Space Program? The treatment of disease?</p> <p>Do not take a handful of right wing zealots and consider it the will of the people.</p> <p>We owe it to the future of the world to pave new roads and stand tall in the face of our critics.</p>
22928		5/17/2009 3:22:07 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I hope that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. I support research using all viable stem cell lines that are derived ethically - the potential gains from this research are so enormous that scientists should have access to all the stem cell lines they need.</p>
22929		5/17/2009 3:22:27 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. It holds great promise to those with spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's among other things. Please eliminate any and all restrictions.</p>
22930		5/17/2009 3:22:33 AM	<p>I support human stem cell research for the simple reason that it will save lives.</p>
22931		5/17/2009 3:22:38 AM	<p>Please, for the sake of all living Americans, allow stem cell research with as few restrictions as possible.</p>
22932		5/17/2009 3:22:44 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. It holds great promise to those with spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's among other things. Please eliminate any and all restrictions.</p>

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22934		5/17/2009 3:22:50 AM	I support stem cell research and wholly welcome the scientific advancements that may come from it. I am relieved that the restrictions are being relaxed.
22935		5/17/2009 3:22:52 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22936		5/17/2009 3:23:08 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. We cannot afford to indulge those who wish to hamper human progress due to superstitions.
22937		5/17/2009 3:23:20 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and believe it deserves no more restrictions than standard medical research.
22938		5/17/2009 3:23:30 AM	I fully support UNLIMITED stem cell research! My grandfather died of ALS. I know someone who is paralyzed. I've lost several relatives to cancer. I could care less about a few cells in a petri dish, that is in no way a human or equal to one. This research can cure REAL living humans. To give cells in a petri dish rights over actual living human beings is a crazy theological view and wrong! Supernatural superstition has no place mixed with science! Ignore the religious right and help REAL suffering people! Science is the real miracle, advance it!
22939		5/17/2009 3:23:46 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and to its work in advancing human development.

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22940		5/17/2009 3:23:53 AM	We need this, stem cells could save thousands of lives.
22941		5/17/2009 3:25:20 AM	<p data-bbox="634 175 1948 293">I am very glad to hear of the new guidelines involving stem cell research. While I am no scientist, I have seen the good stem cell research can do and the lives that are meaninglessly lost because of their previous restrictions. I think that this decision has given way to the improvement of medicine, and how many more cures and therapies can now be explored and discovered.</p> <p data-bbox="634 331 1444 602">I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p data-bbox="634 639 1451 878">I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22942		5/17/2009 3:25:28 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. but they should go further.
22943		5/17/2009 3:25:32 AM	please lift restrictions on embryonic stem cell research.
22944		5/17/2009 3:25:38 AM	<p data-bbox="634 1013 1927 1219">I support embryonic cell research and I am glad the guidelines are now being improved, but I still think they are too prohibitive. For instance, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will be eligible for federal funding. It is important to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by ethical practices and for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). We need to build on progress that has already been made. Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines currently do not permit such federal funding and I recommend they be revised.</p>

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22945		5/17/2009 3:26:16 AM	<p>As a former IVF patient whose plans (with my husband) for any extra embryos that might have been generated by our procedure included splitting them between other infertile patients as embryo donations AND donating them to research, I would like to state, unequivocally that:</p> <p>I SUPPORT the suggested loosening of the NIH human stem cell guidelines, including allowing federally funded research using extra embryos from IVF procedures.</p> <p>I further SUPPORT the suggestion (not in the proposed guidelines) that previously created stem cell lines also be permitted for further federally funded research.</p> <p>I further SUPPORT that alternate sources of embryonic stem cells, such as somatic cell transfer, be permitted for federally funded research.</p> <p>I feel that the benefits of stem cell research, while still in infancy, are amazingly promising. I know that extraneous embryos produced in IVF procedures often sit in cryogenic suspension for many years, and if a clinic goes out of business, the embryos are simply discarded. Rather than having that happen, I infinitely prefer that they be used to benefit the human race.</p> <p>Once again, I SUPPORT the proposed NIH stem cell guidelines.</p>
22946		5/17/2009 3:26:19 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>

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22947		5/17/2009 3:26:37 AM	I support stem cell research. Do not give in to religious fanatics on this one please!
22948		5/17/2009 3:26:52 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22949		5/17/2009 3:27:11 AM	Stem Cell Research will help break open the possibilities in new science development for cures and aid. Please help researchers do all they can to get the funding, support, and legalization to do their best work for our futures, and childrens' futures.

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22950		5/17/2009 3:27:11 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 1919 180">Do not let systematic conservative flooding of this comment period create the image that only 1% of the American public supports stem-cell research. That is simply not true!</p> <p data-bbox="634 212 1442 428">Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p data-bbox="634 461 1442 737">I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p data-bbox="634 769 1442 1013">I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22951		5/17/2009 3:27:27 AM	<p data-bbox="634 1034 1713 1062">I believe every pathway should be open to helping people and I support embryonic stem cell research.</p>
22952		5/17/2009 3:27:31 AM	<p data-bbox="634 1089 1100 1117">We need stem cell research. Please help us.</p>

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22953		5/17/2009 3:27:59 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22954		5/17/2009 3:28:09 AM	<p>Please approve stem cell research. It is a vital science for the future health of the human race. To not approve is to stop scientific progress and succumb to antiquated and controlling religious organizations.</p>

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22955		5/17/2009 3:28:16 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22956		5/17/2009 3:28:28 AM	<p>I support the loosening of the rules on stem cell research. we need to be able to have all doors open! i have a sister who could be saved through stem cell research, she has diabetes. I have a grandmother who could als be saved through stem cell research, she has Parkinson. There have even been ways to convert regular skin cells into stem cells. We need to be ahead of the game here! lets not step backwards and not learn how to cure the sick! im already going to lose my grandmother soon, but please! dont take my sister away. lets get this moving!</p>

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22957		5/17/2009 3:28:29 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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22958		5/17/2009 3:28:36 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22959		5/17/2009 3:28:57 AM	<p>I am glad that the ridiculous restrictions that the Bush administration placed on stem cells are being loosened. However, even more can be done, and honestly it needs to be done to reverse the damage the last eight years have done to scientific progress in America. A grandfather clause is needed, and alternate cell lines cannot be excluded. Please, think of the benefits that this research could provide. Thank you for your time.</p>

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22960		5/17/2009 3:30:02 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22961		5/17/2009 3:30:02 AM	<p>Stem Cell Research is fundamental to advancing our understanding of science, ourselves, & the diseases which afflict us, & I fully support it.</p>
22962		5/17/2009 3:30:31 AM	<p>I support federal funding for all forms of stem cell research. Obviously, this issue needs to be handled ethically and responsibly, so I understand the need for clear guidelines as to how stem cells may be obtained. However, I'm not sure why stem cells from sources other than what is outlined in section IIb wouldn't be eligible for funding. It seems that better, quicker results would come from researching all of our options ASAP. And in the case of stem cell research, better, quicker results could save lives. I think the guidelines for obtaining excess IVF stem cells are reasonable, and I don't see why similar guidelines couldn't be established for the other sources of stem cells. Still, even in their current state, the guidelines are a huge step forward for stem cell research, so I still support them fully. Please let this crucial step forward take place.</p>
22963		5/17/2009 3:30:42 AM	<p>I fully support embryonic stem cell research. I am hopeful that policy has been slowly changing around this topic. Please continue to loosen restrictions.</p>

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22964		5/17/2009 3:30:45 AM	<p>The good that can be done by advancing human knowledge with stem cell research is infinitely more important than a perceived sanctity of life. Those stem cells are no more human entities than individual sperm or skin cells. Something having the potential to be a human being under the right conditions (being in a womb) is not the same as being sacred human life.</p> <p>Science is the best way to improve the human condition. It should not be held back because of an ill-educated group's muddled views on biology.</p>
22965		5/17/2009 3:31:00 AM	<p>I support loosened guidelines on Stem Cell Research.</p>
22966		5/17/2009 3:31:46 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist yet, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest, and I am currently studying a Bachelor of Science so I can change the world for the better. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you, I hope the NIH continues towards medical and scientific progress.</p>

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22967		5/17/2009 3:31:49 AM	<p>I unequivocally support the stem cell research outlined in the Federal Register Notice. I think this work is vital for *useful* medical research that cannot and should not be interrupted by religious groups who misrepresent stem cell research and whose bias does not serve the health or wellbeing of this nation and the world. Abandoned IVF embryos deserve a chance to do something great: cure and treat diseases. So many already born children and adults are suffering. It makes no sense, medically or otherwise, to deprive the those afflicted with conditions that could be better understood or cured with the help of stem cell research of whatever salvation medical science can provide. Those embryos aren't going anywhere, be we surely are. Let's go someplace with less Parkinson's, arthritis, spinal cord trauma. Those are just a few of the conditions that have afflicted my family.</p> <p>I strongly urge the NIH to not fall for the grotesquely inflated response it is sure to be getting from allegedly "pro-life" groups and individuals. This really is about preserving life, but the mistake is to privilege the unborn over those who are already among us. There are a lot of innocents on this side of the womb who desperately need this research to go forward, with all appropriate legal and ethical safeguards, which are only possible with government guidelines and approvals.</p> <p>I am a woman of faith, and my faith demands that while I live, I do everything I can to serve the health and safety of all people and this planet. Advocating stem cell research most certainly is included in this mandate.</p>
22968		5/17/2009 3:31:52 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research and I'm happy to see some of the restrictions loosened, but I hope that you will add a "grandfather clause" to insure that stem cell lines approved under the previous stringent guidelines remain eligible.</p>
22969		5/17/2009 3:32:01 AM	<p>I support the use of human embryonic stem cells in medical research. I feel that the guidelines require an excess of paperwork, much of which is redundant and seemingly introduced as an obstacle. I also believe that NIH funds should be allowed to be used in the derivation of ESC from embryos, although I realise that this is beyond the scope of these guidelines.</p>
22970		5/17/2009 3:32:30 AM	<p>I am writing this in absolute support of this Guideline and in favor of Stem Cell Research. We need to move forward with this possibly transformative and certainly beneficial scientific endeavor and should not be held back by those with little understanding of medicine, science, reproductive development and genetics. So many lives could be saved and improved.</p>
22971		5/17/2009 3:32:48 AM	<p>I support cell stem research.</p>
22972		5/17/2009 3:32:53 AM	<p>We cannot allow religious fundamentalists to stop scientific progress. Please consider the lives that will be saved if embryonic stem cell research is furthered and do not be bullied into halting restrictions. Loosening the restrictions will make me happy as a voter.</p>

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22973		5/17/2009 3:33:08 AM	<p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
22974		5/17/2009 3:33:19 AM	I support stem cell research.
22975		5/17/2009 3:33:24 AM	I fully support utilizing stem-cell research and am exceedingly pleased that the guidelines are being loosened.
22976		5/17/2009 3:33:37 AM	I support fully open stem cell research and feel that the guidelines under consideration are too restrictive, but any research with ESCs is better than no research.
22977		5/17/2009 3:33:42 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research is a potential source of treatment for millions of Americans who suffer from a variety of illnesses and conditions. I have been following developments that loosen the too-strict restrictions in this field with great interest. Scientists should be allowed to pursue research on stem cells without undue restriction so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>As a former infertility patient, I am pleased that this draft, in Section II B, would appear to open federal funding to stem cell lines previously not eligible, and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. As currently written, however, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made instead of creating new restrictions.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding; I recommend that the final guidelines allow for federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
22978		5/17/2009 3:34:25 AM	Research on embryonic stem cells is vital, and this is the most ethical way to obtain them - from embryos that will simply be otherwise discarded.

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22979		5/17/2009 3:34:58 AM	I'm a registered voter and I support embryonic stem cell research.
22980		5/17/2009 3:35:04 AM	Valid and complete science only occurs when we make decisions based on solid scientific principles, not on misunderstandings so tightly tied to religion as to be indistinguishable. There is no rational or ethical reason not to use fetal stem cells.
22981		5/17/2009 3:35:13 AM	<p>As a means of advancing scientific research to help further the advancement of all humans, I am completely and totally in support of Embryonic Stem Cell Research.</p> <p>In response to the moral debate regarding this issue, I would like to state that in terms of determining whether supporting this research also means supporting the termination of human lives, there is a clear, indisputable characteristic that defines a human as alive; it's called birth.</p>
22982		5/17/2009 3:35:26 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible.</p> <p>The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress. I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding.</p> <p>It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways.</p> <p>If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
22983		5/17/2009 3:35:49 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research and fully believe that the next big medical breakthrough will come through this avenue. I am glad for the restrictions loosening and will be happy when this can be fully utilized and explored for its benefit to humanity.</p> <p>There should be a clause to make sure that every stem cell line already approved under the previous guidelines will be eligible for use in research under the new guidelines.</p> <p>Alternate sources of stem cell lines should not be excluded from funding. I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways.</p>

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22984		5/17/2009 3:36:08 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and I am very glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22985		5/17/2009 3:36:31 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
22986		5/17/2009 3:37:09 AM	I support Stem Cell Research and can barely comprehend the "logic" of anyone who claims not to.
22987		5/17/2009 3:37:16 AM	I do not believe that any embryonic stem cells should be excluded from use in research. I think no issues should be had with using cells produced through discarded embryos, created embryos, any method of obtaining short of harm to the subject. Stem cells and embryos are perfectly acceptable to be used in research and that research using these stem cells (obtained from all legitimate sources) should receive federal funding.
22988		5/17/2009 3:37:23 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22989		5/17/2009 3:37:49 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22990		5/17/2009 3:37:56 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am pleased to see some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22991		5/17/2009 3:38:34 AM	I am in support of embryonic stem cell research and glad it is moving forward to help find cures for many of the illnesses in our society.
22992		5/17/2009 3:38:39 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and it think it is imperative some of the restrictions are being loosened. Not doing so on religious or religion-inspired ethical grounds discriminates against non-believers and may be a death sentence for some because of the beliefs of others. It is anachronistic and self-destructive.

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22993		5/17/2009 3:38:51 AM	I support stem cell research and am excited to see the restrictions of the past administration lifted. Stem cell research is crucial to fighting disease and our scientists need to have all the resources possible at their disposal.
22994		5/17/2009 3:38:56 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened
22995		5/17/2009 3:39:25 AM	Speaking out FOR stem cell research.
22996		5/17/2009 3:39:37 AM	This research is valuable, and should be handled and treated as such! Revise these guidelines!
22997		5/17/2009 3:39:45 AM	I am very much in favor of stem cell research. Though there are many moral/cultural/ethical concerns I believe that the promise this research holds is far too good to not go down this path.
22998		5/17/2009 3:39:55 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
22999		5/17/2009 3:41:56 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and all the benefits that our species can hope to derive from it.
23000		5/17/2009 3:41:59 AM	I support stem cell research, and am glad to see some of the restrictions being loosened. However, while Section II B appears to permit federal funding for new stem cell lines, it seems to have left out any stem cell lines *currently* in the hands of researchers from eligibility. Furthermore, why does Section IV specifically prohibit the use of stem cells from somatic cell nuclear transfer (therapeutic cloning)? Unless there is concern about the viability of lines created in such a way, it seems to me there would be less of an ethical objection to such sources, and the NIH should keep all ethically viable options open.

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23001		5/17/2009 3:42:18 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>I have indeed copy-and-pasted this comment, but only because it's well written and I agree with it whole heartedly.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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23002		5/17/2009 3:42:19 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened and wish they were loosened more. Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23003		5/17/2009 3:42:35 AM	<p>I support and encourage Stem Cell Research and I think the ultra-conservative guidelines need to be loosened. Americans are falling behind in the scientific world because their hands are tied by overwrought government afraid of backlash. Stem cells do NOT require fetal destruction, so please loosen the handcuffs on America's researchers!</p>
23004		5/17/2009 3:42:48 AM	<p>As the grandmother of a child with a primary immune deficiency, I give my support to all stem cell research. My grandson is headed down this road as without a stem cell transplant, he will die before the age of 21. The last administration set back US research by too many years and many of us have been living in terror. Terror that these delays will cost us the life of our loved ones. It is time to move onward.</p>
23005		5/17/2009 3:42:54 AM	<p>I support Stemcell research and the relaxing of guidelines on their use. Stemcell research is a lifesaving process and should be encouraged not hindered.</p>

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23006		5/17/2009 3:43:03 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23007		5/17/2009 3:43:23 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened!
23008		5/17/2009 3:43:33 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23009		5/17/2009 3:43:36 AM	<p>I am for adult stem cell research. From what I've read, the results so far are great, and it looks like there are many opportunities for the future of what can be done.</p> <p>However, I am very much against embryonic stem cell research. From what I've read, the results of research so far haven't been very good, and further development in this area doesn't look like it's going to be successful. Furthermore, as I believe that life begins at conception, I think it is morally unethical to be using embryos for scientific research. Although they are not fully developed humans, they are still human--made of the same stuff as us, created in the image of God. Allowing embryos to be used for embryonic stem cell research is wrong; it gives them no choice in the matter and it denies them dignity. The ends does not justify the means.</p>
23010		5/17/2009 3:43:49 AM	I am not in favor of federal funding for human embryonic stem cell research. There is no way to verify IVF embryos would not be created solely for the purpose of research. I do not want my tax money used to create and destroy life.
23011		5/17/2009 3:43:52 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23012		5/17/2009 3:44:00 AM	I believe that stem cell research is a good thing and should be kept.
23013		5/17/2009 3:45:00 AM	This is a serious topic and the use of stem cells can lead to discoveries of cures for catastrophic diseases. This is a process that must continue to be explored . .
23014		5/17/2009 3:46:43 AM	I support the use of embryonic stem cells for stem cell research, and am very happy that, at long last, some of the restrictions on potentially life-saving research are being loosened.
23015		5/17/2009 3:47:06 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research!

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23016		5/17/2009 3:47:26 AM	I approve the use of government funding for all forms of stem cell research except for those from embryos. This practice should not be allowed at all in my opinion, but if done it certainly shouldn't be with my money.
23017		5/17/2009 3:48:09 AM	<p>As a former scientific researcher, I am enthused by stem cell research and consider it to be of great potential use. Millions of lives could be saved or improved with this technology. However, I feel that a "grandfather" clause is required to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23018		5/17/2009 3:48:46 AM	I support the National Institutes of Health use of stem cells created by in vitro fertilization for research purposes, and thus, this document.
23019		5/17/2009 3:48:50 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened
23020		5/17/2009 3:48:55 AM	I fully support human stem cell research and endorse the draft guidelines outlined in the April 23, 2009 Federal Register Notice.
23021		5/17/2009 3:50:19 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Stem Cell research; like any other type of scientific research, should not be restricted. This could pave the way towards any number of cures for debilitating and life threatening illnesses such as Parkinsons Disease.
23022		5/17/2009 3:50:53 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I feel very strongly that stem cell research is important both directly to medicine (eg therapeutically) and to science, where the impact to future medicine and understanding is incalculable.
23023		5/17/2009 3:50:56 AM	I support research using embryonic stem cells. I feel that the potential benefits far out weigh the moral concerns of using these methods.
23024		5/17/2009 3:51:45 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23025		5/17/2009 3:52:18 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. As someone who has watched loved ones die of Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease and cancer, the stakes are too high to not look at all ways to find cures.</p> <p>Please do not allow the ignorance and anti-science rhetoric of a small--but vocal--portion of the population to disadvantage the rest of the country.</p>
23026		5/17/2009 3:52:22 AM	I fully support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened but this is not enough!
23027	redacted	5/17/2009 3:53:20 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, I would like to see all restrictions removed.
23028		5/17/2009 3:53:24 AM	I fully support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened but it not enough!

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23029		5/17/2009 3:53:39 AM	<p>Stem cell research is as of yet, a relatively untapped resource for mankind. For true, it is and will always be important for scientists to keep a keen eye directed to the writ of morality, but so long as Americans can partake in the pursuit of happiness, it will be similarly important for progress, especially in such a potentially culture-changing study as this.</p> <p>With opposing, and correct views on matters such as this, it is always important to have an impartial judge to weigh both sides against the other, but let us remember that no man may be truly impartial, and in the race that is the pursuit of fair judgment, there is no end, and the winner is he who runs constantly, at his most, and picks himself up without a moments notice the many times he will inevitably fall.</p> <p>Good luck.</p>
23030		5/17/2009 3:53:47 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23031		5/17/2009 3:53:52 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23032		5/17/2009 3:54:23 AM	I strongly support stem cell research.

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23034		5/17/2009 3:55:02 AM	I fully support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad that the restrictions are being loosened.
23035		5/17/2009 3:55:38 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23036		5/17/2009 3:56:08 AM	I am in favor of providing federal funding for research using human embryonic stem cells. This research is of vital importance in manufacturing cures for fatal degenerative diseases that both shorten lifespan and drastically reduce the quality of life for victims. I see no moral problem with the use of embryonic stem cells with the proposed NIH guidelines.
23037		5/17/2009 3:57:16 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I would like to see increased support for this initiative in the future, as I believe it is vital to the development of science.
23038		5/17/2009 3:57:29 AM	No matter what side of the abortion issue you take, we can't let the death of unborn fetuses drift away, be forgotten so easily. If stem cell research comes up with a cure for a cancer and saves the life of someone, than neither of those lives, whether the person died or not, were not in vain. The pursuit of science and of health, and from there of life and happiness, could be drastically furthered by the discoveries that could come from this research. This is an opportunity that can't be let go to waste.
23039		5/17/2009 3:57:37 AM	I consider stem cell research to be a vital tool in the fight against many currently crippling diseases, and support its advancement. Loosening restrictions is vital in allowing this line of research to reach its full potential.
23040		5/17/2009 3:57:59 AM	I support looser restrictions on stem cell research. It can only advance the prosperity for the average American and benefit a long neglected industry in this nation.
23041		5/17/2009 3:59:24 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23042		5/17/2009 3:59:39 AM	<p>I fully support embryonic stem cell research. It is great that we have made this step politically and scientifically but the current guidelines do not go far enough to really allow for the freedom of scientists. The guidelines need to be less prescriptive and allow and, for example, allow current stem cell lines to be eligible for federal funding. Developments that will no doubt be made through the research in this field will benefit the entire world. I would ask you, please do not be thrown off course by the vocal minority who I'm sure you are aware have been mobilising against the progress we are making.</p>

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23043		5/17/2009 3:59:42 AM	<p>I completely support embryonic stem cell research, and absolutely support the restrictions are being loosened.</p> <p>The conservative, timid approach does not serve the people who are ill, their loved ones or the people who become ill in the future.</p> <p>I expect my government to do what is needed to protect us, and this is part of it. Consider it the Department of Health Security.</p>
23044		5/17/2009 4:00:36 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I hope that moving forward the forces reactionary ignorance plays less of a role in the shaping of scientific policy.
23045		5/17/2009 4:00:48 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23046	redacted	5/17/2009 4:01:06 AM	As a parent of a child with Type 1 Diabetes I am writing to support Stem Cell Research. Our son is 5 years old, and has diabetes for more than three years. He is in good health, due to 24/7 care by my husband and myself. He is healthy, and has a 6.7 A1C, which is a three month calculation of his blood sugar control. Max's is almost "normal." Taking care of Max's diabetes is a full time job. I am very lucky to have the time to do this all day, and night (2:00 a.m. blood sugar checks every night). Not all parents are that lucky. Children need to be rid of this disease. The side effects can be devastating, or even deadly. Please support the research. It is the way to end Type 1, insulin dependent, diabetes. Please contact me if I can help in any way possible, my cell phone number is *****.
23047		5/17/2009 4:02:36 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23048		5/17/2009 4:02:47 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I fully support embryonic research. To counter those who believe we are murdering, I believe that if they are to "die" that is their fate and it is necessary for their spirit's development. But from a science perspective, I really think stem cell research is necessary to improve medicine and health. I think being able to harness stem cells will be able to cure plenty of people with incurable diseases (if they so wish it).</p> <p>Check out the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's. I think this is a good cause and one of the ways stem cell research can be supported.</p>
23049		5/17/2009 4:02:56 AM	PLEASE, PLEASE support stem cell research without restriction. Stem cell research is, by far, the most important medical breakthrough opportunity we have for so many diseases and yet-to-be-found discoveries.

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23050		5/17/2009 4:03:11 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>seriously even though this letter is copied, i still believe everything in it! make these changes!</p>
23051		5/17/2009 4:03:26 AM	I fully support stem cell research, and am glad that some of the ludicrous restrictions on this potentially life-saving research will be lifted. Thank you!
23052		5/17/2009 4:07:08 AM	<p>Stem Cell research is a vital science, requisite to solving many of the world's health problems.</p> <p>It is imperative that we support and advance this growing field.</p>
23053		5/17/2009 4:07:56 AM	I fully believe that embryonic stem cell research is important for the advancement of medical solutions for crippling diseases like Parkinson's or Alzheimer's.
23054		5/17/2009 4:09:18 AM	I support stem cell research. I think it's vital, I think it's medically necessary, and I think there is so much yet to be learned, so many lives that can be saved, from stem cell research. Please do not let those who have never experienced the crushing blow of an impairment that, given time, stem cell science could *reverse*, hold this government and her people back. We are desperately in need. Please listen.

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23055		5/17/2009 4:09:20 AM	I am very stongly in favor of widespread testing of stem cell research, especially in curing brain disorders and paralysis. I would caution against making too many restrictions in research before we get completely left behind in 21st century medical advances.
23056		5/17/2009 4:10:21 AM	I support all stem cell research. It can save lives. It is important to people who care about people.
23057		5/17/2009 4:10:36 AM	How can anyone possibly be opposed to somthing that could so greatly improve the quality of life? The possible outcomes of this research are incredible and infinite. R we still letting mothers die during childbirth if the baby is breach? NO! As a society, as humans, it is our job to substain life. What better way to do that than stem cell research? I may not be a knowlegable scientist, but I don't have to be to know that this is possibly a way to cure what we have no cure for. As it does no harm to anyone, why not? Don't even pull the card of "precious life" as we all know that the percentage of people mwho masturbate is astronomical (conservatives included) The meaning of any biological life is to procreate and survive.Don't worry; Fate will intervene, but to stand by idle is cetain death. Anyone who has ever watched a loved one die, and put it in "God's Hands" still wishes that there was something that could have been done. Stem cell research could make that possible. Haven't seen a good reason yet NOT to explore this venue.
23058		5/17/2009 4:13:34 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Stem cell research is vital for saving lives and modernising.
23059		5/17/2009 4:14:53 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23060		5/17/2009 4:14:54 AM	These guidelines are excellent, if I understand them correctly. Researchers desperately need new stem cell lines to work on, because the current lines are so few. Although we are all more than 99% alike, the vast difference in appearances between people is a testimony to how diverse we really are. 21 stem cell lines (those which you list) can hardly account for that kind of diversity. Opening new lines would likely lead to newer discoveries, because each line would be genetically different and may respond differently to the same experimental setup. In B.7.h., privacy issues of the donor are considered. Would it be possible to keep the ethnicity of the donor regardless of their desire to remain anonymous or not? I am unsure of whether this affects stem cell research, but many ethnic groups have predispositions to certain diseases and disorders, which may be important to account for. I hope that you will consider the content of the comments you receive carefully. A person commenting on these guidelines should understand what they are talking about in respect to both the guidelines and the biology of stem cell research. Thus, if someone uses a fraudulent piece of information to side against this proposal, it should not be considered. After so many years of being stalled, I am hopeful that these guidelines will finally aid researchers in the progress of their research. The potential of stems cells is enormous, in curing of diseases and disorders and in better understanding of genetics.
23061		5/17/2009 4:15:07 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and I am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.

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23062		5/17/2009 4:15:40 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
23063		5/17/2009 4:15:51 AM	<p>I am in favor broad government support of stem cell research. These regulations are a good start, though I would prefer to see the regulations modified to encourage even more research. I have no problem with the use of stem cells from unwanted and discarded human embryos.</p>
23064		5/17/2009 4:15:59 AM	<p>Stem cell research is a good thing, the opportunities to save lives are endless, look to the bigger picture and save lives.</p>

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23065		5/17/2009 4:16:52 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23066		5/17/2009 4:19:47 AM	I support stem cell research and believe it is important to lift any restriction impeding its development.
23067		5/17/2009 4:20:37 AM	<p>I look forward to the day when science can continue research that cures disease and saves lives. When people die because the government interferes with medical research that might have found a cure, the government is directly guilty of negligent homicide and depraved indifference.</p> <p>The people in need right now, who desperately need medical help now, take precedence over vague and ill-defined religious objections.</p> <p>Politics and religion have no place in science. Why is that even in question?</p>
23068		5/17/2009 4:22:16 AM	Your organization is dedicated to the advancement of health through the use of science. Please ignore the voices of the anti-science crowd and continue to do your part to help the human condition.
23069		5/17/2009 4:24:16 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.

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23070		5/17/2009 4:24:37 AM	Stem cell research is important and has the realistic potential to help solve so many medical problems. Despite much rhetoric from the opposing forces, it harms no-one and must continue, unrestricted.
23071		5/17/2009 4:26:03 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>I would like it if all restrictions were removed, but any lightening of the restrictions is a good start.</p>
23072		5/17/2009 4:26:47 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23073		5/17/2009 4:27:15 AM	Not loosening the restrictions for embryonic stem cell research completely undermines President Obama's reversal of stem cell research. Please loosen the guidelines on this very important issue.
23074		5/17/2009 4:29:53 AM	Simple as possible, I support stem cell research and consider its benefits to bring humankind closer to the eradication of many diseases as well as the possible development of organ harvesting.

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23075		5/17/2009 4:30:12 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23076		5/17/2009 4:30:36 AM	<p>Thank you for drafting the Human Stem Cell Guidelines; I am excited at the prospects available for reducing suffering and improving research and treatment through this line of research.</p> <p>I would also echo the points others have made to ensure progress made thus far can continue uninterrupted and well-funded. Section II B should insure that every stem cell line already approved under the previous guidelines will be eligible for use here; and that alternate sources of stem cell lines such as SCNT should not be excluded from funding in Sections II B and IV.</p>

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23077		5/17/2009 4:32:23 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>

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23078		5/17/2009 4:33:14 AM	<p>I support stem cell research. I'm no scientist, but I believe stem cells are a key to finding a way to cure to treat diseases for which we have yet to find a way to treat.</p> <p>My sentiments reflect this entirely:</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Honestly, if it is believed that these guidelines cannot be passed unless they stay as conservative as they are, please don't revise them. In other words, I support the research in any form, as long as the research is allowed to happen.</p>
23134		5/17/2009 5:47:23 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and the loosening of some restrictions.
23135		5/17/2009 5:47:52 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23136		5/17/2009 5:54:02 AM	As a person with MS, I fully support embryonic stem cell research, and I am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23137		5/17/2009 5:56:21 AM	I support stem cell research and welcome the loosening of guidelines by the Federal government.

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23138		5/17/2009 5:59:22 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23139		5/17/2009 6:00:28 AM	<p>Please support federal funding for SCNT. I have battled PD for 12 years and need a cure. This is my best hope. Thank you.</p>
23140		5/17/2009 6:02:10 AM	<p>I support stem cell research. I also support scientists and research physicians deciding on the limits themselves, obviously already informed by both scientific pursuits and their own ethics. Not the ethics of an uninformed but well-intentioned public.</p>
23141		5/17/2009 6:02:47 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Research of this type is vital to the continuing fight against serious diseases and genetic disorders.</p>
23142		5/17/2009 6:03:19 AM	<p>I think the proposed stem cell guidelines should be looser.</p>
23143		5/17/2009 6:04:44 AM	<p>As a doctor, scientist and humanist I strongly support embryonic stem cell research and believe that this form of inquiry is in the best interests of future generations.</p>
23144		5/17/2009 6:05:23 AM	<p>Human Stem Cell research is vital for the advancement of our knowledge of disease processes and the discovery of cures for a multitude of human ailments, I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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23145		5/17/2009 6:06:15 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23146		5/17/2009 6:09:29 AM	I am a thirty year old man who holds no specific political party affiliation nor do I hold any particular religious denomination. I'm merely here to give my support towards the advancement of human embryonic stem cell research. It is my understanding that these are stem cells that would never take any part in the creation of a human life and therefore not endangering any pregnant mothers nor fetuses. Human Stem Cell or Embryonic stem cell research is a very new yet potentially highly beneficial towards individuals with a variety of diseases and/or disorders. I myself am a patient who has Truncus Arteriosus or commonly stated I have a congenital heart defect. I will have this condition all my life. However cardiologists are continuously doing research with and for patients with mine or similar conditions. Embryonic Stem Cells can and must be just one more tool made available for this research for the advancement of medical science in the United States as well as worldwide. I strongly insist that you take this statement as well as other families with children and family members who's lives may well depend on the research being done with human stem cells into account when making these decisions regarding the Human Stem Cell Guidelines. Do not let political nor theological agendas hinder our development in the research and experimentation with Human Stem Cells. For what may merely be theory and ideas presently, might be the tools that create a breakthrough that may alter millions of lives in the not too distant future.
23147		5/17/2009 6:09:50 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am a geneticist and although I do not myself work with stem cells, I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Amazing scientific advances have been made in this area over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line being used in research will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made and that work in progress need not be abandoned.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23148		5/17/2009 6:10:36 AM	I'm for stem cell research. How else are we going to cure Parkinson's Disease or have the possibility of repairing damaged spinal cords?
23149		5/17/2009 6:12:21 AM	I believe that stem cell research holds medical information that can benefit millions of people. I believe it should be funded and encouraged.
23150		5/17/2009 6:14:20 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened."
23151		5/17/2009 6:15:44 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research.

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23152		5/17/2009 6:17:19 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23153		5/17/2009 6:17:48 AM	I am opposed to the use of embryos as sources of stem cells for research. There are other sources that are just as viable, such as adult tissue, umbilical cord blood, bone marrow, blood, muscle, fat, nerves, and even in the pulp of baby teeth. Some of these examples are already being used to treat people with various diseases.
23154		5/17/2009 6:20:08 AM	I oppose federal funding of research on human embryonic stem cells. Human embryos that supposedly are "leftover" from in vitro fertilization should be provided for adoption. The only medical advancements made thus far have been provided by utilizing adult stem cells.
23155		5/17/2009 6:20:10 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research. Guidelines should be shaped in close collaboration with the scientists whose crucially important work will have to be conducted within them.
23156		5/17/2009 6:23:09 AM	i support stem cell research
23157		5/17/2009 6:26:46 AM	The scientific and medical research performed on stem cells may be the single most valuable contribution to humanity this century. I cannot conceive of a logical, thinking reason for restricting or worse, ceasing such an invaluable opportunity. If human life is considered valuable, than this research should be supported and federally funded, for the benefit of all of us.
23158		5/17/2009 6:29:40 AM	<p>I am an American with a degree in Biology (Bachelor of Science from the University of Cincinnati in 2000) and I want to comment that I am in full support of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research. I have worked as a research technician in academic and industry labs and have also worked as a science journalist over the last ten years (beginning when I was still in college.)</p> <p>Stem cell research is vital to the future of America's biotechnology industry and health care. As an American citizen currently living overseas, I have seen many professionals and students who have chosen to study or work overseas because of the restrictions on the work they would be allowed to do in the US compared to the cutting-edge work they could do elsewhere. I am concerned that any trend to restrict stem cell research will hamper US biologists from competing in the world pharmaceutical and biotech arenas as well as keeping us far behind other countries in the realm of health care, especially for our aging population.</p> <p>I believe the current guidelines could be strengthened by including a "grandfather clause" in Section II B, which would insure that every stem cell line already approved under the previous stringent guidelines will remain eligible for federal funding.</p> <p>I also strongly recommend that the final guidelines should allow federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, including but not limited to somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines should allow these stem cell line to be used.</p> <p>This research is extremely important to the future health of Americans and to keeping our biotech industry competitive with the rest of the world.</p>

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23159		5/17/2009 6:31:53 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23160		5/17/2009 6:33:36 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem-cell research. I believe a "grandfather clause" is necessary to ensure that all previously-approved cells will be eligible, and I also believe that alternate sources of stem-cell lines should not be excluded from funding and other benefits.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>This technology has the potential to improve and even save thousands of lives. Please don't legislate this hope away.</p>
23161		5/17/2009 6:35:04 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.

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23162		5/17/2009 6:35:30 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of people all over the world suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest, having worked as a science journalist for many years. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23163		5/17/2009 6:35:50 AM	<p>I can not state how important it is to allow funding for new lines of stem cells. Any and all lines of stems cells need to be available for federal funding to inspire/create both scientific freedom and hope for the many of us who suffer from debilitating diseases now and potentially in the future.</p> <p>I know for a fact that a recent treatment I had would not have been possible without research into stem cells. What I had to endure was just the beginning steps of what could be a truly revolutionary way of treating disease.</p> <p>It has given me hope when everything else pointed to doom and despair.</p> <p>Further research is needed to make the treatment I received and other options better and improve the lives of millions who suffer needlessly.</p> <p>Please do not restrict access to funding on stem cells in any way.</p>
23164		5/17/2009 6:36:27 AM	<p>I can't imagine how horrible it is for a person to be paralyzed, not able to walk outside or hike through a hillside. I supported President Bush in nearly everything he did, but his policies on embryonic stem cell research were archaic and that has to change. Even if the possibility of reversing spinal cord injuries is less than 1%, we have to take the chance it might just work and expand the research and funding.</p> <p>Please fund and use whatever resources that might be available to continue and expand stem cell research, it just might make a difference, God forbid, to one of us or our families. Thank you.</p>

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23165		5/17/2009 6:37:24 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
23166		5/17/2009 6:38:06 AM	I support stem cell research.
23167		5/17/2009 6:42:27 AM	I support the proposed guidelines. I believe that stem cell research will bring enormous benefits to our knowledge of biological processes and our ability to treat various illnesses, and that the proposed guidelines provide adequate safeguards in regard to the donation of embryos for this purpose.
23168		5/17/2009 6:42:50 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I hope that a few conservative religious groups won't be allowed to stand in the way of progress on this matter. Research like this can save and improve lives.
23169		5/17/2009 6:43:35 AM	As a medical student and a future medical professional I support embryonic stem cell research and see it as vital and necessary.
23170		5/17/2009 6:50:33 AM	<p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23171		5/17/2009 6:52:26 AM	I fully support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad that some of the restrictions are being loosened. I feel it is unethical to not pursue an option that could help so many members of our society.

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23172		5/17/2009 6:54:33 AM	I am strongly in favor of as much stem cell research as can be done -- I believe it is going to come up with a number of breakthroughs that will advance medicine and human life.
23173		5/17/2009 6:56:11 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research and development.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23174		5/17/2009 6:57:08 AM	I support stem cell research and I'm glad the sanctions against it are being loosened.
23175		5/17/2009 6:57:10 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I urge you to shape your guidelines on a firm background of research as doing otherwise would be detrimental to the potential scientific advancement that could come from work with stem cells.</p> <p>Many thanks.</p>
23176		5/17/2009 7:02:15 AM	<p>I believe if we are to advance together as a human race, and live long healthy existences we need to support every aspect of Stem cell Research, as it is an important tool in the advancement in Humankind and Science alike, this simple process of Creating new cells from practically nothing has applications to the medical field that can only be described nothing short of a miracle. because of Stem Cell we could abolish Cancer, and Terminal illness alike. why would you or anyone for that Matter, look so poorly on something that can help so many.</p> <p>what reasoning would you have to say no to the Future of Humanity?</p>
23177		5/17/2009 7:02:17 AM	I totally support stem cell research and would like to see boundaries loosened or perhaps even done away with all together
23178		5/17/2009 7:02:18 AM	I just want to say that I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad to see some of the restrictions loosened. For that, I want to say thank you.

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23179		5/17/2009 7:02:24 AM	I support stem cell research, and I'm glad the policies were loosened. Stem cell research can help us discover cures and remedies we wouldn't be able to find otherwise.
23180		5/17/2009 7:03:09 AM	I fully support embryonic stem cell research, and I'm glad some of the laws against it have been loosened.
23181		5/17/2009 7:04:11 AM	Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.
23182		5/17/2009 7:05:45 AM	I am a physician who supports embryonic stem cell research. I hope the new guidelines will allow for the creation of new cell lines of embryonic stem cells for research in the near future.
23183		5/17/2009 7:06:30 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23184		5/17/2009 7:08:55 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23185		5/17/2009 7:12:26 AM	I fully support these new guidelines. Please adopt them--stem cell research is vital to saving lives.

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23186		5/17/2009 7:14:34 AM	I believe stem cell research is necessary. My maternal grandfather died a slow, miserable death from Parkinson's Disease and I think stem cell research could have helped, if it hadn't been banned. I am an evangelical Christian and believe life is sacred. I also believe something good coming out of a sad, but sometimes necessary, event benefits everyone. Thank you.
23187		5/17/2009 7:16:56 AM	I support stem cell research.
23188		5/17/2009 7:17:38 AM	I do not believe in throwing my money away. I do not want to spend my money on killing people for their parts. It is not necessary because there is another way which has given us results. I believe adult stem cell research should be exhausted in every way first. This proven research could use more money.
23189		5/17/2009 7:20:13 AM	I support stem cell research in all forms. Great advances have been achieved and I believe stem cell research holds the key to curing many diseases including Alzheimer's, from which my mother recently died. Thank you.
23190	redacted	5/17/2009 7:21:11 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. This research can save lives.
23191		5/17/2009 7:21:41 AM	I support stem cell research and I'm glad to see it's restrictions being loosened for the sake of our continued scientific progress.
23192		5/17/2009 7:23:28 AM	please support federal funding for SCNT
23193		5/17/2009 7:23:43 AM	I do not agree on killing embryonic cells to do testing.
23194		5/17/2009 7:25:00 AM	I support stem cell research and believe that loosening the restrictions is the right decision. Please do not push the law back to what they were before.
23195		5/17/2009 7:25:45 AM	I absolutely support researching medical use of stem cells. This science shows great promise for improving health and well-being of people suffering from a variety of diseases and disorders.
23196		5/17/2009 7:26:03 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23197		5/17/2009 7:26:03 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I would hope that the importance of this research is recognized, above demands from religious and/or conservative groups. This research can & will impact lives already born & yet to be, if it is allowed to follow the unrestricted paths set forth. I hope my voice is heard & that the politicians governing this process put party & lobbies aside, and do the right thing. One of your family...one of your children or grandchildren may depend on this research one day. And I guarantee someone's child is depending on it right now.

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23198		5/17/2009 7:26:15 AM	<p>I feel that stem cells are single cells, just like blood cells or nerve cells or a biopsy of a brain. As single cells they enjoy no rights and no protection beyond what we assign; they're not people. They don't even have the potential to be people without an enormous amount of time and truly unnatural effort. They should have the same legal protection as anything containing DNA from a human, and nothing more: the person has the right to decide what happens to stuff with their DNA in it, the parent has the right to decide what happens to stuff with their kid's DNA in it.</p> <p>I feel that getting stem cells from any source which doesn't cause harm to a living person is a legitimate way to procure them. If someone says "Yes, use those stem cells" then that's their choice as an individual. It's pretty much the same as donating an organ or donating blood: up to the person. Up to the parent if the dead child's heart is used to save another child through transplant; up to the parent if the stem cells are used to let a paralyzed person walk again.</p> <p>I feel that to refuse to allow stem cell research is to place government restrictions on an area of personal choice. As a side issue, I feel that it would be crippling to our country's chances at maintaining some form of scientific equality with the rest of the world - but that's at best a secondary issue. If using stem cells were wrong, "keeping up with the Joneses" would not be an effective argument in its favor. But it's not wrong; there's no real ethical dilemma. Cells are neat. Stem cells are neat, and cool, and potentially very very useful, but they are not people. They should not be valued above people. We are greater than the sum of our parts; to say that any one type of cell is too sacred to study is to return us to the days of bloodletting and superstition.</p> <p>Please ensure that we are allowed to benefit from stem cell research legally, in a carefully monitored and appropriate setting. To criminalize new avenues of stem cell research is to give up on the future, to retreat into a stubborn denial of progress, to stagnate and eventually see the world pass us by without our input. If it were the right thing to do it would be worth it - but it's not.</p>
23199		5/17/2009 7:27:51 AM	<p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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23200		5/17/2009 7:27:53 AM	As a Registered Nurse, I feel stem cell research is important and should be federally funded to find cures for for currently incurable debilitating diseases. I am glad that these restrictions are being loosened and hope that great strides can be made now and into the future. Provisions should be made to allow funding the formation of new stem cell lines as well as maintaining stem cell lines currently available. I look forward to the day that ends the suffering of patients who currently have no effective treatment options.
23201		5/17/2009 7:28:17 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research.
23202		5/17/2009 7:28:32 AM	I fully support federal funding for Stem Cell research and I approve of the loosening of the restrictions. These restrictions should be further should be further lightened. Improving the quality of life should be paramount.
23203		5/17/2009 7:29:41 AM	I only need to say that I support stem cell research fully.
23204		5/17/2009 7:31:47 AM	I support stem cell research and cheer for the loosening of restrictions. Time to move forward instead of backward.
23205		5/17/2009 7:31:48 AM	<p>I applaud President Obama for removing the Bush administration's stem cell research restrictions. Human embryonic stem cell research is a difficult ethical question, and the medical benefits must be weighed against the moral and ethical concerns. The draft guidelines address these issues clearly, particularly in the section concerning consent.</p> <p>My only concern with the guidelines is section 3:</p> <p>III. RESEARCH USING HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS AND/OR HUMAN INDUCED PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS THAT, ALTHOUGH THE CELLS MAY COME FROM ALLOWABLE SOURCES, IS NEVERTHELESS INELIGIBLE FOR NIH FUNDING</p> <p>This section governs research using human embryonic stem cells and human induced pluripotent stem cells, i.e., human cells that are capable of dividing without differentiating for a prolonged period in culture, and are known to develop into cells and tissues of the three primary germ layers. There are some uses of these cells that, although they may come from allowable sources, are nevertheless ineligible for NIH funding, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research in which human embryonic stem cells (even if derived according to these Guidelines) or human induced pluripotent stem cells are introduced into non-human primate blastocysts. 2. Research involving the breeding of animals where the introduction of human embryonic stem cells (even if derived according to these Guidelines) or human induced pluripotent stem cells may have contributed to the germ line. <p>If these limitations are included, I would ask that a grandfather clause be introduced to protect existing stem cell lines that have been created in this fashion. I would also like to see a less broad prohibition that provides for a review process under which specific research can be approved or denied.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
23206		5/17/2009 7:32:16 AM	I agree strongly with stem cell research and am very glad the strict rules are being loosened.
23207		5/17/2009 7:32:34 AM	I agree strongly with stem cell research and am very glad the strict rules are being loosened.

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23208		5/17/2009 7:33:36 AM	<p>I applaud President Obama for removing the Bush administration's stem cell research restrictions. Human embryonic stem cell research is a difficult ethical question, and the medical benefits must be weighed against the moral and ethical concerns. The draft guidelines address these issues clearly, particularly in the section concerning consent.</p> <p>My only concern with the guidelines is section 3:</p> <p>III. RESEARCH USING HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS AND/OR HUMAN INDUCED PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS THAT, ALTHOUGH THE CELLS MAY COME FROM ALLOWABLE SOURCES, IS NEVERTHELESS INELIGIBLE FOR NIH FUNDING</p> <p>This section governs research using human embryonic stem cells and human induced pluripotent stem cells, i.e., human cells that are capable of dividing without differentiating for a prolonged period in culture, and are known to develop into cells and tissues of the three primary germ layers. There are some uses of these cells that, although they may come from allowable sources, are nevertheless ineligible for NIH funding, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research in which human embryonic stem cells (even if derived according to these Guidelines) or human induced pluripotent stem cells are introduced into non-human primate blastocysts. 2. Research involving the breeding of animals where the introduction of human embryonic stem cells (even if derived according to these Guidelines) or human induced pluripotent stem cells may have contributed to the germ line. <p>If these limitations are included, I would ask that a grandfather clause be introduced to protect existing stem cell lines that have been created in this fashion. I would also like to see a less broad prohibition that provides for a review process under which specific research can be approved or denied.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
23209		5/17/2009 7:33:53 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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23210		5/17/2009 7:34:21 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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23211		5/17/2009 7:37:44 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23212		5/17/2009 7:37:51 AM	I support early stem-cell research and want to see further loosening of restrictions.
23213		5/17/2009 7:38:11 AM	This scientific research should not be curtailed due to a religious group's agenda. I support stem cell research for both reasons of supporting pure science and also for its potential benefit for humankind.
23214	redacted	5/17/2009 7:38:25 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and the scientists who use this method to learn more about the diseases and medical conditions whose key facts, cures, and treatments can be found in the stem cell. It harms no one. It breaks no religious belief. While 99% of the comments on here may be negative toward stem cell research, 99% of the people I know support it, and would not think twice before taking treatment to help themselves or a loved one that was discovered through embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
23215		5/17/2009 7:42:36 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23216		5/17/2009 7:43:01 AM	This issue has languished for far too long thanks to an anti-science administration. It's about time that some progress has been made in a field with as much potential as stem-cell research has.

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23217		5/17/2009 7:44:04 AM	<p>"offer the possibility of a renewable source of replacement cells and tissues to treat diseases and conditions, including Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, spinal cord injury, burns, heart disease, diabetes, and arthritis."</p> <p>Stem cell research is the most important medical research being conducted today. It is not a question of morality or religion, it is one of whether people today can make the world a better place tomorrow through their concerted efforts. My father is a paraplegic, and my family has a strong history of diabetes, heart disease and arthritis. I would happily supply genetic material to make embryos to harvest stem cells from if it might mean my children could live in a world where these things would no longer be a concern. Throwing money at corrupt banks might help the economy come out of a recession eventually, but were I the one to choose I would rather that money be spent on something that could make a better world for all, rather than just a few people's bonuses. This needs to be a major budgetary concern: undoing the enacted superstitious avoidance of stem cell research by the previous administration is not sufficient: America must move forward, not simply regain lost ground.</p> <p>Stem cell research is this generation's moon landing. The world looks to America to have the courage and determination to pursue the loftiest of goals, and for the first time in many years, the American government just might be up to the challenge. The choice is not between budgetary constraints, religious viewpoints or political conservatism or liberalism. It is simply one of whether America still has the ability to move forward as leaders in the world. If it does, it will lead and move forward. If it does not, it will shrink into history. I am not an American citizen, but as one of America's neighbors I can say that I am hopeful in America's ability to do what is right for the first time in years. The world is watching: do not disappoint us again.</p>
23218		5/17/2009 7:46:04 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. In specific, I support the inclusion of a grandfather clause to insure we do not waste any previously approved stem cell lines, and that alternate sources of stem cell lines - such as SCNT - should not be excluded from funding.</p>
23219		5/17/2009 7:46:07 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23220		5/17/2009 7:46:38 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23221		5/17/2009 7:47:32 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23222		5/17/2009 7:47:34 AM	<p>There have been NO viable treatments resulting from embryonic stem cell research; in fact, they have been so far proven to be detrimental. That fact, coupled with the fact that there are so many other proven and ethical means of stem cell research and treatment, mean that Federal dollars should NOT be spent on embryonic stem cell research.</p>
23223		5/17/2009 7:47:42 AM	<p>I'm writing in support of the loosening of regulation for stem cell research. I believe that this is an important, exciting area of research that should be more fully explored, and hope that this funding is the merely the first step.</p>

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23224		5/17/2009 7:48:35 AM	<p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. This is not responsible scientific research when adult stem cells have already been proven effective in treating patients.</p> <p>In addition, according to a recent Gallup Poll, fifty-one percent of Americans are pro-life, and should not be forced to fund something they find ethically reprehensible.</p> <p>Pro-life and pro-choice views aside, why would the government want to fund the part of stem cell research that is already going wrong when they could put the money towards the adult stem cell research and treatments that are actually helping patients now?</p>
23225		5/17/2009 7:49:46 AM	<p>Too Conservative guidelines need to allow easier access.</p>
23226		5/17/2009 7:50:06 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad restrictions are being loosened. I believe a "grandfather clause" is needed to insure that every stem cell line already approved under the previous stringent guidelines will be eligible.</p> <p>I believe in honoring the struggle of those in need of help in the fight for their lives.</p> <p>I believe that my mother would have had a better chance against breast cancer had stem cell research not had the battle that it has. She could still be here, enriching the lives of her children, grandchildren and every one she met.</p> <p>Our world is becoming a more toxic place every day, and we need more protections and defense from the effects these toxins have on us.</p>
23227		5/17/2009 7:50:12 AM	<p>I fully support stem cell research and it is important that SCIENCE continues to be supported by the United States government and its associated organizations. Through SCIENCE, we will find a BETTER future for us and our children.</p>
23228		5/17/2009 7:50:20 AM	<p>I'm absolutely in favor of this research. The potential to save lives is far too great to pass up.</p>
23229		5/17/2009 7:53:42 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23230		5/17/2009 7:54:51 AM	<p>I believe that the guidelines set forth in FR Doc E9-9313 are appropriate guidelines that are not too onerous for any parties involved in the donation of embryos for the purposes of Embryonic stem cell research. I believe that the FR Doc E9-9313 provides ethical and appropriate measures to insure the donating parties are fully aware of the implication of their decision to donate and the long term implications of the decision to donate. I support the guidelines as written and look forward to the flourishing of new and exciting research guided by the principles and guidelines of FR Doc-E9-9313, and Executive Order 13505.</p>
23231		5/17/2009 7:55:44 AM	<p>I support stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23232		5/17/2009 7:55:45 AM	<p>I support human stem cell research.</p>

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23233		5/17/2009 7:55:47 AM	<p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23234		5/17/2009 7:56:52 AM	<p>Simply put, scientists should be more restrained by their own ethics rather than those of the government. Ultimately, under our current understanding of the Constitution, scientists are free to act in any way as long as it does not infringe on the rights of others. Separate states are free to make their own restrictions but must of course understand that this will limit the industry in their states, sending profitable research into other areas, losing valuable revenue.</p>
23235		5/17/2009 7:57:35 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and believe these new guidelines are an improvement over the restrictive Bush-era guidelines.</p>
23236	redacted	5/17/2009 7:57:42 AM	<p>I do not agree with the loosening of restrictions for embryonic stem cell research.</p>
23237		5/17/2009 7:59:17 AM	<p>I think that we need to explore ADULT stem cell research. It is wrong to use embryonic stem cells from "left over" embryos, because we do not yet know if such research is worthwhile and we do not yet have a true scientific and moral certainty that we are not destroying human life. We should err on the side of NOT destroying life.</p>
23238		5/17/2009 8:00:23 AM	<p>I do not support embryonic stem cell research. Stem cells are just as effective when taken from the umbilical cord or from adult fat cells.</p>
23239		5/17/2009 8:05:26 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad that at least some of the restrictions are being loosened, though I believe the NIH should go further.</p>
23240		5/17/2009 8:07:15 AM	<p>I support stem cell research and think that some guidelines needed to be loosened.</p>
23241		5/17/2009 8:07:55 AM	<p>I support stem cell research and want this valuable science to be studied further, to save lives and fight diseases.</p>
23242		5/17/2009 8:09:30 AM	<p>I am writing here in support of stemcell research that has already in it's infancy been able to help mend and repair people's broken spines, if not completely, than partly.</p> <p>This science is at it's infancy, and we should not let some imagined "moral panic" prevent us from researching on of the most important breakthroughs in medical science. The question is not whether it's moral to research this technique, but that it would be immoral not to so. Think of the possibilities this would have in treating accidents as well as treating the injuries of our soldiers</p>

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23243		5/17/2009 8:09:43 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research and am glad that the restrictions currently limiting this type of research are being loosened.</p> <p>However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>I strongly urge this section to be rewritten in such a way that will "grandfather" existing stem cells to utilized in research.</p>
23244		5/17/2009 8:11:31 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23245		5/17/2009 8:11:44 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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23246		5/17/2009 8:12:04 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23247		5/17/2009 8:12:25 AM	<p>I strongly support continued stem cell research, and government funding is very important to this process. We need to be careful that advances already made can be built upon, and that means that existing lines must remain accessible - this is a fundamental piece of scientific methodology.</p> <p>It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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23248		5/17/2009 8:14:04 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23249		5/17/2009 8:14:15 AM	<p>I am in support of embryonic stem cell research. Furthermore, I think the guidelines for procuring stemcells should be as loose as possible to allow for the fastest possible rate of progress. People are dying from diseases that would have been curable today if not for the previous administration's idiotic anti-science attitudes and legislation.</p>

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23250		5/17/2009 8:16:07 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23251		5/17/2009 8:16:17 AM	<p>I fully support embryonic stem cell research. This research is essential to medical advancement, and the government should allow scientists the opportunity to explore the possibilities this research has to offer.</p>

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23252		5/17/2009 8:18:39 AM	<p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines, in Section II B, would appear to allow federal funding for stem cell lines not previously eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. Unfortunately, Section II B doesn't ensure that current stem cell lines will meet the outlined criteria and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I would hope that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23253		5/17/2009 8:19:48 AM	<p>I not only support the use of embryonic stem cells for research, but consider myself a lover of the twenty-first century, and a true forward thinker. Any attempts to impede progress through deluded and misguided clinging to an eighteenth century belief structure should be tolerated, but ignored. These are the best times in the history of mankind regardless of what the conservatives would have you believe, and to deny the wonder and possibilities of the future from an outmoded point of view are absurd. I don't deny them their right to express an opinion; I'm merely incredulous that "Boy weren't the 50's great" is still considered a valid opinion. The future is scary. Always has been, and certainly always will be, but to deny it is the same as covering your eyes and ears and hoping that the boogeyman will go away. We must use the technology at our disposal to take advantage of the fact that we live in a time where science progresses with leaps and bounds, and it should not be stifled. It should be encouraged, and embraced; because it is our future. It is the chance for humanity to live on. It is the opportunities that will allow us longer, better, happier lives. I support the use of embryonic stem cells in research, and while I don't want to sound as if I'm writing a polemic here; I really think that embracing the changes that we face each and everyday is what sets mankind apart from our chimpanzee ancestors.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Good luck and god bless.</p>
23254		5/17/2009 8:20:58 AM	<p>-I've supported Human Stem Cell Research for many years and can personally attest that a majority of my family and friends do as well. I think that it would benefit the world if Stem Cell therapies could be developed. I support whatever loosening of the current restrictions any expert would ask for, and consider the very few concessions in this new draft an insult to a good cause that has already suffered more criticism than it deserves.</p>
23255		5/17/2009 8:22:19 AM	<p>I believe that stem cell research is the way forward in medical research. Responsible research preferably without blatant exploitation of animals will eventually find a solution to so many of our problems and resolve the pain and anguish so many families go through. Responsibility, accountability and monitoring are the keys to making this innovative research a success.</p>

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23256		5/17/2009 8:22:21 AM	<p>Please do not pass such a Christian Conservative set of Guidelines. Scientific research should not be dictated to by a sect of Christianity. That has never worked our well.</p> <p>Do not limit our scientists so greatly or guarantee that other countries are going to be leading the way in scientific research in the future. If some Christians don't want to benefit from scientific research, that is their right, but stop hurting the rest of us.</p>
23257		5/17/2009 8:22:27 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research. While I understand that certain very vocal groups may have moral or religious grounds for opposing it, I feel that those who are not bound by those moral grounds should not be denied the inarguable benefits of embryonic stem cell research because of the beliefs of the minority.</p>
23258		5/17/2009 8:22:51 AM	<p>I support stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23259		5/17/2009 8:23:12 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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23260		5/17/2009 8:24:37 AM	<p>Although I would readily support less restrictive guidelines, these represent a reasonable compromise, in my opinion, and are a good starting point for progress in stem cell research.</p> <p>My husband and I have created embryos for the IVF medical procedure. Unfortunately, they were not healthy enough to survive long enough for us to make a decision on how they were used, but we still discussed our options before even choosing to move forward with the procedure.</p> <p>Our choices of what to do with leftover embryos after we were completely finished using them for their originally intended purpose were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Donate them to another couple wanting to conceive. 2) Donate them to science for research. 3) Discard them. <p>Option one was simply not an option for us. Neither of us was comfortable with a child made up of our DNA being brought into this world except as a part of our immediate family. This is a very personal decision. Certainly other couples opt for this route for the unused embryos, but no one should be forced to choose this option and many of us do not.</p> <p>Option three is a shameful waste, no matter where you stand on the issues of when life begins and the sanctity of said life.</p> <p>That actually leaves couples with two choices; they can continue to transfer their embryos back into the woman's body until they have all been used or they can donate them to science. Due to the extremely uncertain nature and high cost of IVF, it is simply a given that most couples will generate more embryos than they would ever be willing to have as children. Reproductive decisions should be personal, meaning that once again, no couple should be forced to use all their embryos in attempts at pregnancy.</p> <p>This leaves the option of donating said embryos for the purpose of scientific research, and I, along with many people who find themselves with leftover embryos, don't view this as simply a last resort. These embryos can become a significant resource used by medical researchers in the quest to cure significantly and negatively affect huge numbers of people across our country and around the world. Had we found ourselves with embryos left over after completing our family through IVF, my husband and I would have been proud to contribute them in the hopes of someday curing Parkinson's and many other diseases.</p>
23261		5/17/2009 8:25:38 AM	I believe stem cell research is a valuable tool in curing disease.
23262		5/17/2009 8:25:38 AM	I support stem cell research. Please do not allow religious doctrines to dictate public policy.

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23263		5/17/2009 8:26:40 AM	<p>Several years ago I finished my degree in Genetics, and since then I've been closely following stem cell research, as one of the most important areas of science today. So many people now, and in the future, could benefit from the research performed on stem cells, and it has always upset me that a government with as many funds available as America chose not to get involved in improving the lives of so many. Upon hearing of President Obama's decision to relax the restrictions, I was thrilled, but having read the proposed guidelines being commented on here, that feeling went away. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>

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23264		5/17/2009 8:29:02 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 911 147">To Whom This Concerns:</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1940 302">Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with interest over the past few years. Debilitating diseases run in my family, and I have witnessed, firsthand, the ravages of these illnesses - how both the inflicted and the caregivers suffer tremendously.</p> <p data-bbox="634 337 1940 488">Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. Although I do understand governmental checks and balances and the need for them, the bottom line is that progress should not be impeded by unnecessary bureaucracy. The final guidelines should be crafted thoughtfully and with consideration to limiting and where applicable, eliminating additional processes and procedures that will ultimately defeat the purpose.</p> <p data-bbox="634 524 1927 704">I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p data-bbox="634 740 1919 891">I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding, and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p data-bbox="634 927 995 954">Thank you for your consideration.</p>
23265		5/17/2009 8:30:09 AM	<p data-bbox="634 1008 1793 1036">I fully support stem cell research. Please don't set our scientific research back another eight years. Thank you.</p>

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23266		5/17/2009 8:30:16 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23267		5/17/2009 8:31:13 AM	<p>I approve and would like to see more work in the area of stem cell research. After reading over the draft, I believe the guidelines for which embryos would be eligible - via unneeded IVF embryos especially - is an excellent addition and would hope this encourages people to support the study.</p> <p>Stem Cell research has great potential to further help the human race, and we should not be held back from progress.</p>
23268		5/17/2009 8:31:17 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I feel strongly that it is important not to let scientific advancements fall by the wayside in favor of personal religious viewpoints.</p>
23269		5/17/2009 8:32:26 AM	<p>I do not agree with stem cell research when it involves the killing of a human life. It is not right to destroy one human life to save or better that of another person.</p>
23270		5/17/2009 8:32:28 AM	<p>I am a supporter of stem cell research!</p>
23271		5/17/2009 8:33:13 AM	<p>I support stem cell research, but the regulations Need to be loosened, so that it can be given a chance to work.</p>
23272		5/17/2009 8:33:20 AM	<p>I believe that stem cell research is important and it should be not only allowed, but encouraged, supported and funded.</p> <p>The state should support science which is of benefit to us all.</p> <p>The state should not support religious groups, which are special interest groups with agendas that are odds with the well being of those who are not members.</p>

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23273		5/17/2009 8:33:32 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened and would welcome an even less conservative and restrictive position on stem cell research.</p> <p>It's likely to late to change my life, but the research might save the lives or lengthen the lives of future diabetics like me.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
23274		5/17/2009 8:33:33 AM	<p>I believe that Stem Cell research is very necessary for the continuation of human understanding in the field of genetic medicine and related disciplines. As such, I support lowered confinement to how researchers may go about this research.</p>
23275		5/17/2009 8:34:17 AM	<p>We have a Federal Death Penalty and yet we are spending a great deal of time wondering if we should do something that could change the world, provide huge medical advancements, and save millions of lives?</p> <p>Why is it we are so eager to kill instead of to save. Why is it that we would prefer for surgery to be performed with a rock instead of a scalpel?</p> <p>With viruses, infections and diseases evolving beyond our medicines, should we wait? Should we allow mutated cancer cells to continue to kill thousands? Should we wait for diseases to evolve to the point of causing the extinction of the human race, or should we be proactive and better prepare ourselves?</p> <p>We need to support responsible stem cell research. We need to support a better world and a brighter future. We need to support a future for the human race. We must do it now.</p>
23276	redacted	5/17/2009 8:34:18 AM	<p>Although the purpose of the guidelines states they are "to help ensure that NIH-funded research in this area is ethically responsible", there is NO ethical review / adjudcation / decision/possibility-of-disapproval of research proposed for taxpayer funding in the proposed guidelines.</p> <p>The guidelines also do not attempt to establish that the proposed research has value ("is scientifically worthy"), or pertain to "interstate commerce".</p> <p>The guidelines attempt to firewall research from any ethical review by establishing a cell sourcing protocol that is approved. Clearly, assuring research is ethically responsible is not the purpose here, spending tax-payer money, "spreading the wealth" amongst the stem-cell-research-social network, and defeating political opponents is.</p> <p>It is unclear how this proposed use of coercively derived taxpayer funds without ethical review or value review is within the federal powers under the constitution, it clearly does not address interstate or commercial issues.</p> <p>I object to this duplicitous and improper regulation, not in exercise of the Constitutional powers of the federal government.</p>

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23277	redacted	5/17/2009 8:34:33 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of people suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a doctor or scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant progress has been made over the last decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am glad to see that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is extremely important for the NIH to continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research continues.</p> <p>I very much hope that the final decision will be made on the basis of scientific considerations, and that you do not bow to religious or quasi-religious pressures to restrict or prevent such important research.</p>
23278		5/17/2009 8:35:50 AM	<p>I support stem cell research and believe the restrictions being proposed will not only hurt the United States ability to be a leader in this area (opening up new jobs/business) but that it would take away a powerful tool we can use to treat illness.</p>
23279		5/17/2009 8:36:45 AM	<p>Please don't ignore everyone that clicks "self" and can't make large special interest group contributions to politicians.</p> <p>And don't let religion dictate science.</p> <p>That is all. Thank you.</p>
23280		5/17/2009 8:37:05 AM	<p>Since ADULT stem cells have been found to be effective in treating patients and they are also non-controversial they should be used.</p> <p>DO NOT fund research that destroys human life!</p>

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23281		5/17/2009 8:37:08 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23282		5/17/2009 8:37:13 AM	"I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened."
23283		5/17/2009 8:37:27 AM	I DO NOT support human embryonic stem cell research.
23284		5/17/2009 8:40:49 AM	I support Embryonic Stem Cell Research, and would like to see restrictions loosened so scientists can be free to pursue life-saving research.

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23285		5/17/2009 8:41:43 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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23286		5/17/2009 8:42:15 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23287		5/17/2009 8:43:19 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23288	redacted	5/17/2009 8:43:47 AM	<p>Please do not hinder this important research with overly stringent rules and regulations. Please note that in order to justify stem cell research, one only need look to In Vitro fertilization. This process is fully supported by almost anyone, yet it involves the loss of many fertilized eggs. Please do not let religious dogma get in the way of scientific progress and the improvement of the world's health.</p> <p>Thank You,</p>

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23289		5/17/2009 8:43:49 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23290		5/17/2009 8:43:51 AM	<p>Stem cell research may be the best hope for lasting treatments and even cures for many diseases and ailments. It is crucial to the health and continuation of the human race. Today, organ transplant lists are so long that many die while waiting. Stem cell research could help develop other treatment options for those who are in need or tissue or organ replacement to live. Stem cell research might help us develop ways to help those with spinal cord injuries have full function and feeling again.</p> <p>Those who disagree with stem cell research can choose not to participate in it - they do not have to donate embryos or receive cells. But please, please move forward with this research. The scientists and doctors in other countries have begun making extraordinary discoveries and advancements in this field. America should have a proud part in this research that will help so many around the world but also many Americans in need of advanced medical help.</p>
23291		5/17/2009 8:45:01 AM	<p>Stem cell research may be the best hope for lasting treatments and even cures for many diseases and ailments. It is crucial to the health and continuation of the human race. Today, organ transplant lists are so long that many die while waiting. Stem cell research could help develop other treatment options for those who are in need or tissue or organ replacement to live. Stem cell research might help us develop ways to help those with spinal cord injuries have full function and feeling again.</p> <p>Those who disagree with stem cell research can choose not to participate in it - they do not have to donate embryos or receive cells. But please, please move forward with this research. The scientists and doctors in other countries have begun making extraordinary discoveries and advancements in this field. America should have a proud part in this research that will help so many around the world but also many Americans in need of advanced medical help.</p>
23292		5/17/2009 8:46:16 AM	<p>I am thankful that these restrictions are being relaxed. Though I hope that as life progresses, I never have to use the fruits of this research, I hope it is available for me and others. Lack of information (research) will hold society back.</p>
23293		5/17/2009 8:47:34 AM	<p>I am on support of embryonic stem cell research and believe any attempt to further it is a logical step forward.</p>

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23294		5/17/2009 8:47:51 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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23295		5/17/2009 8:49:34 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23296		5/17/2009 8:49:51 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23297	redacted	5/17/2009 8:50:47 AM	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>As the USA is a world leader in medical research please take the opportunity now to extend the Stem Cell guidelines. The guidelines will work best if new lines of stem cells are included. A two pronged approach needs to be taken utilizing both adult and embryonic stem cells that hold the potential to cure many diseases. Now is the time to make a change for the better as everyone around the world will benefit from the new cures and information learnt from this research.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>

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23298	redacted	5/17/2009 8:53:07 AM	<p>I am in support of the proposed NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines. The guidelines provide an acceptable framework for scientific research, without compromising my ethical standards. I believe that previous guidelines that would not allow the use of human embryonic stem cells, which had been produced by IVF for reproductive purposes and were to be destroyed otherwise, seriously compromise legitimate, ethical research.</p> <p>I have a family member with a devastating disease that could be mitigated or cured if sufficient research could be enabled or enhanced. The use of ethically derived human embryonic stem cells could be essential to such research. To disrupt or prohibit such research is wrong.</p> <p>Our family's beliefs are respected "if the cells were derived from human embryos that were created for reproductive purposes, were no longer needed for this purpose, were donated for research purposes, and for which documentation for [guideline conditions] can be assured" (II B of proposed regulations). I urge the adoption of the guidelines.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
23299		5/17/2009 8:53:32 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. Significant progress has been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>It is my understanding that Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It is important that the final guidelines allow federal funding for all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding. Please don't let religious zealots rule this country the way they rule other countries.</p> <p>We are no longer in the dark ages. Let's live that way.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23300		5/17/2009 8:53:43 AM	<p>I fully believe that you should research and testing on stem cells for cures for diseases and cancers and what not. My aunt is going to your hospital. She has lymphoma and her two sisters and brother were tested, with their blood and if their is a match, one of them will come down and my aunt will have a stem cell replacement with hers taken out and the match put in to see if the new t cells will fight all the lymphoma. Its tests and studies like this that can eventually come up with cures for diseases and cancers. I hope it works for my aunt. I want her around for years. Please, for my aunt and others, do studies and research on stem cells.</p>
23301		5/17/2009 8:54:01 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which, for the first time, will encourage the destruction of human life subsidized by taxpayers. These guidelines promote a biased and rushed consent process by allowing use of embryos that were never frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents to donate their embryos for destructive research alongside permitting them to live. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing new treatments to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p>

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23302		5/17/2009 8:54:08 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
23303		5/17/2009 8:54:15 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p>

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23304		5/17/2009 8:54:40 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made. I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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23305		5/17/2009 8:54:46 AM	<p>While I am not a stem cell research scientist, I support embryonic stem cell research. I believe this research is the key to eliminating many diseases and disorders for all humankind.</p> <p>It is important to assess the importance of the inroads made by stem cell research over the past decade. It is also imperative that the final NIH guidelines reflect this progress and allow for further development so cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I applaud the draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- that would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
23306		5/17/2009 8:55:35 AM	<p>I fully support the loosening of embryonic stem cell research guidelines. I believe the new rules should not be any more strict than those governing other areas of medical research.</p>
23307		5/17/2009 8:57:16 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. We need this!</p>
23308		5/17/2009 8:59:21 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23309		5/17/2009 9:00:21 AM	<p>I support stem-cell research. It is research that might have saved the minds of my grandmother and grandfather. It is research that might have prevented my step-mother's death.</p>

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23310		5/17/2009 9:01:06 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I'm young enough that I could benefit from this research in my old age.</p> <p>I understand there are moral and political considerations, but my guiding question on these sorts of things is: "will it reduce human suffering?" The answer in the case of stem cell research is yes. People (and their families) with diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's will suffer less, even if there isn't a cure. The simple fact that promising research is being funded will be of comfort. The potential to heal grievous wounds would reduce immense suffering, which is doubly important as our recent wars have produced a lot of maimed young soldiers. Don't we owe it to them to try and find the best treatments for their injuries?</p> <p>There will be some who choose to suffer, that vocal segment of America that seems to think life doesn't matter after birth at all. I don't factor that suffering into my equation because that vocal segment always chooses to suffer about something, so I consider it a constant. An embryonic stem cell is not a human.</p>
23311		5/17/2009 9:01:20 AM	<p>Embryos are LIVE human beings at their earliest stage. Killing them is murder. Plain and simple. The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying LIVE human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities. We must respect human life. If we don't, we fail at everything else we try to do for the good of all humanity.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to ADULT stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
23312		5/17/2009 9:01:47 AM	<p>I support stem cell research as this research is valuable to our society and to the future.</p>
23313		5/17/2009 9:01:51 AM	<p>I absolutely support embryonic stem cell research. I was overjoyed to hear that some of the ridiculous restrictions on it had been loosened. Stem cell therapy has the potential to cure many serious problems, and the opposition to it is based entirely on superstition, lies, and misleading rhetoric. I'm appalled to hear that any scientific research with proven medical benefits is being challenged by people with any kind of "humanitarian" claim. Religious extremists have no place in politics, and their easily-swayed, badly-educated, but well-organized masses mean *nothing* in the face of actual facts. Don't listen to the zealots and their zombies! Real people who actually think are in favor of research that has the potential to save and improve the quality of all our lives.</p>
23314		5/17/2009 9:02:40 AM	<p>I am a big supporter of Stem Cell Research and wholly support any loosening of restrictions on this vital area of research.</p>
23315		5/17/2009 9:03:19 AM	<p>I support stem cell research. I am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Stem cell research holds the key to understanding, and possibly curing, many devastating medical conditions, and it is ethically responsible to pursue this avenue of science.</p>
23316		5/17/2009 9:03:28 AM	<p>I think there are thousands of embryos that are tossed aside every day. If those chucked aside bits of cells can be used to help find cures for modern diseases, I think they should be.</p> <p>I think caution is in order, but I definitely think the lines should be opened up under regulated circumstances. I'm not a doctor, ethics professor or scientist, but I think those people should be consulted first on how best to manage this issue.</p>

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23318		5/17/2009 9:03:53 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23319		5/17/2009 9:04:00 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23320		5/17/2009 9:04:19 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and am pleased that some of the restrictions on such reserach are being relaxed.
23321		5/17/2009 9:05:05 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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23322		5/17/2009 9:06:22 AM	I completely support all stem cell research and by limiting it all we are doing it making sure we can't be competitive as a nation, responsible with our health care and seen as rational by the rest of the world.
23323		5/17/2009 9:07:26 AM	I support government funding of embryonic stem cell research and am glad to see come of the restrictions placed by the previous administration removed.
23324		5/17/2009 9:07:36 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23325		5/17/2009 9:07:37 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened
23326		5/17/2009 9:08:04 AM	As someone concerned with the advancement of medical care, I support the 2009 Draft Guidelines. I am glad to see that Section II B would open up more lines of stem cells for federal funding and research, but would like to be sure that existing lines would still be covered along with any new lines. The Draft Guidelines seem to ensure that the entire process will be handled ethically.
23327		5/17/2009 9:08:07 AM	I SUPPORT stem cell research! I'm sick & tired of the "religious Right" suppressing science & research that could help find cures for diseases that affect everyone in our lives.
23328		5/17/2009 9:08:57 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. This is important research that will save thousands of lives.

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23329		5/17/2009 9:09:50 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23330		5/17/2009 9:10:09 AM	<p>I am in support of stem cell research, and believe the current guidelines are far too restrictive and impose undue burdens on our nation's scientists.</p>
23331		5/17/2009 9:10:27 AM	<p>Embryonic Stem Cell research is critical as a life-saving advancement. I'm glad restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23332		5/17/2009 9:11:51 AM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities.</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>

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23333		5/17/2009 9:13:11 AM	I absolutely support embryonic stem cell research, and strongly feel that it must be allowed to proceed without being hindered by religious organizations.
23334		5/17/2009 9:13:21 AM	<p>Comment Text (please copy and paste into Comments section)</p> <p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
23335		5/17/2009 9:13:21 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23336		5/17/2009 9:13:38 AM	<p>I strongly support embryonic stem cell research. Please consider loosening the restrictions further - this is needed for research to go forward. Support good science!</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
23337		5/17/2009 9:13:46 AM	I firmly believe that stem cell research is vital. It requires no murder, no ending of a human life, nothing more than is ALREADY LEGAL. Any objections are religious, and those have no place in governmental decision-making.

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23338		5/17/2009 9:14:20 AM	<p>CWALAC Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit CWA - Visit CWPAC <p>About CWALAC</p> <p>Take Legislative Action</p> <p>Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elected Officials - Current Legislation - Elections - Media Contacts <p>News and Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LAC News - Alerts Archive - Talking Points <p>CWA CWPAC Project 535 Get Involved</p> <p>Communicate with Congress</p> <p>Sample Letter: NIH Stem Cell Guidelines</p> <p>May 14, 2009</p> <p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland, 20892-7997</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>As one of Concerned Women for America's over 500,000 members, I am writing today to oppose the draft guidelines proposed by the National Institutes of Health in response to President Obama's Executive Order issued on March 9, 2009. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p>

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23338		5/17/2009 9:14:20 AM	<p>Despite the millions of dollars spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research in California and elsewhere, the results have been an abject failure because embryonic stem cells tend to become deadly tumors. Science has surpassed this unethical research, producing astonishing advances with adult stem cells and discovering ways to make embryonic-like stem cells without killing anyone. Funding should be directed to alternatives to embryonic stem cells which are ethical and more efficient, effective, and are actually treating patients.</p> <p>The proposed regulations create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells. These regulations also open the door to cloning and human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
23339		5/17/2009 9:14:47 AM	<p>Please make stem cell research easier for scientists. Stem cells offer such promise in treating diseases like Multiple Sclerosis, research must proceed quickly.</p>
23340		5/17/2009 9:14:53 AM	<p>I am very pleased that the federal government is lifting and loosening restrictions on embryonic stem cell research. Over the last few years I have looked on in dismay as scientists in the United States were forced essentially to sit on the sidelines of this extremely promising field of medical research. With the enormous potential this research has to yield therapies and cures for a wide range of diseases and disorders, it is essential that NIH do everything in its power to foster the important work that must be done.</p> <p>After looking at the proposed guidelines, I'm glad to see that research using new stem cell lines will be eligible for funding. But as I read it, the guidelines seem to set some problematic restrictions. Section II B appears to set criteria which could potentially restrict funding eligibility for current stem lines, while Section IV B specifically disallows funding for cell lines not derived from excess IVF embryos.</p> <p>I feel it is vitally important that the broadest possible funding criteria be set so that research can be done using all scientifically viable options and methods.</p> <p>On a personal note, as the uncle to two wonderful kids living with type I diabetes I'm keenly interested in the potential use of stem cells to treat that disease. The fruits of this research could significantly improve their lives, and I want that research to have the greatest possible chance of succeeding.</p> <p>Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.</p>
23341		5/17/2009 9:16:40 AM	<p>I am in favour of furthering stem cell researching and relaxing some of the restrictions on that research. It is time for the fearmongering to stop and to let those concerned about the future health of humanity continue their research in curing the numerous diseases that plague our people.</p>
23342		5/17/2009 9:16:45 AM	<p>I support stem cell research. It's an important avenue of study for scientists to pursue that they haven't had the opportunity to in eight years, because of restrictions by Bush. Obama's relaxation of stem cell research regulations is by far a good thing.</p>

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23343		5/17/2009 9:16:47 AM	<p>I was first diagnosed with glaucoma before I was forty. It's not due to diabetes - the specialists have no idea why it happened. When I was diagnosed I already had visible optic nerve damage. Currently I use two different glaucoma drops - one twice a day, one once - to slow down further optic nerve damage.</p> <p>Stem cell research is the only hope I have of not spending the rest of my life going, and being, blind.</p>
23344		5/17/2009 9:17:43 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
23345		5/17/2009 9:17:56 AM	<p>All four of my grandparents died from Alzheimers. I strongly support stem cell research. Please don't cave to the idealogues on this one. PLEASE!</p>
23346		5/17/2009 9:18:29 AM	<p>I support stem cell research.</p>
23347		5/17/2009 9:18:30 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research and am glad that restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23348		5/17/2009 9:19:36 AM	<p>I completely support stem cell research. Actually I completely support ALL basic scientific research.</p> <p>Please put NO LIMITATIONS on stem cell research.</p>

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23349		5/17/2009 9:20:12 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest and, in fact, have been helped by stem cell research. While the research that led to my very survival (I had a "bone marrow transplant" - really, it is now a stem cell rescue rather than the old version of a transplant) is much older, I would not be alive today if that research had stagnated out of fear and timidity</p> <p>Significant strides in research have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23350		5/17/2009 9:20:13 AM	<p>I am in favor of loosening the restrictions on stem cell research as soon as possible.</p> <p>This is an important step in finding cures for disease and assisting in the lives of millions of Americans who suffer daily.</p>
23351		5/17/2009 9:21:06 AM	<p>I support stem cell research. It is incredibly important to continue funding & research in this area.</p>
23352		5/17/2009 9:21:46 AM	<p>I support the NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines. The United States cannot afford to be left behind in the field of science because of a minority's misinformed religious belief.</p>
23353		5/17/2009 9:22:26 AM	<p>Good Morning;</p> <p>I strongly support embryonic stem cell research. I was glad to see that research would be encouraged and some restrictions relaxed. I believe that more effort needs to be focused on embryonic stem cell research. Thank You!</p>
23354		5/17/2009 9:23:06 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am pleased to find some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23355		5/17/2009 9:23:35 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research is bad science. It has not shown no promise at all. Adult stem cell research has shown great promise and should be the ONLY research even considered for public support.</p>
23356		5/17/2009 9:23:50 AM	<p>I fully support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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23384		5/17/2009 9:39:48 AM	<p>I strongly support embryonic stem cell research, and understand its importance. I am also glad the restrictions have been loosened, and hope that they will remain that way. However, it is also vital to an effective law that there be grandfather clauses, whereby every stem cell line already approved under older guidelines will still be eligible; and to allow federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT).</p> <p>Thank you for your attention in this matter, and I am sure these important changes will be made.</p>
23385		5/17/2009 9:40:10 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>

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23389		5/17/2009 9:41:28 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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23390		5/17/2009 9:41:47 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research.
23391		5/17/2009 9:41:54 AM	I support stem cell research.
23392		5/17/2009 9:42:22 AM	Stem cell research is an important aspect in the scientific process of controlling and defeating disease. Please do not allow superstition and close mindedness to prevent the advancement of science.
23393		5/17/2009 9:42:39 AM	As a mother of a brain injury son, I fully support stem cell research. I believe this is the only chance he will get at an improved life.
23394		5/17/2009 9:42:39 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research. It will save lives and help millions suffering from chronic and life threatening diseases and injuries.
23395		5/17/2009 9:42:51 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. This is an incredibly important opportunity that we need to take advantage of. I have family members and friends afflicted with Parkinson's Disease and Alzheimer's, two of the disorders that embryonic stem cell research might bring closer to a cure. This is important to us: as a family, as a community, as a nation.
23396		5/17/2009 9:44:10 AM	Stem cell research must be allowed to continue. progress can't be halted in the name of primitive dogmatic guidelines.
23397		5/17/2009 9:44:20 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
23398		5/17/2009 9:44:22 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23399		5/17/2009 9:45:47 AM	I support stem cell research. I also believe that a grandfather clause should be incorporated into the guidelines to protect any research in process should political powers sway in the opposite direction in the future.
23400		5/17/2009 9:46:08 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I am in favor of continuing progressive policies in this area, and continuing this vital area of research which will save countless lives and expand our medical knowledge so far. Thank you.

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23401		5/17/2009 9:46:37 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23402		5/17/2009 9:47:01 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future. The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines. Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes. We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
23403		5/17/2009 9:47:05 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p> <p>Go, stem cell research!</p>
23404		5/17/2009 9:47:06 AM	Let scientific reason, not religious zealotry, be our guide. Stem cell research is desperately needed - it would be immoral not to pursue this avenue of research.
23405		5/17/2009 9:47:40 AM	WE ABSOLUTELY need to move FORWARD on stem cell research. The idea that we don't forward research that could save lives because of religious groups' influence is a travesty.
23406		5/17/2009 9:47:57 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23407		5/17/2009 9:48:33 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research.
23408		5/17/2009 9:48:58 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and believe it has the potential to help millions of people. I am glad to see these draft guidelines loosen many of the previous restrictions, making previously restricted stem cell lines available, but believe that existing lines need to be grandfathered in. Thank you.

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23409		5/17/2009 9:49:14 AM	<p>As a scientist, I was profoundly glad when Pres. Obama lifted the previous set of unilateral restrictions on stem cell research. I support stem cell research and efforts to develop truly useful and fair guidelines for use of stem cells. Useful, there, is the key word, however - it is vitally important that we make the most of this powerful technology, without being saddled by the protests of the uninformed and ignorant.</p> <p>It is extremely good that new sources of embryonic stem cells will be allowed, as outlined in section IIB, but it is also vital that current stem cell lines be grandfathered into this protection. To disallow research that has already begun would be almost a criminal waste of the money and time already invested, and the progress already made.</p> <p>The guidelines should also allow for work conducted on stem cells derived from other sources, like SCNT. These technologies may turn out to be the future of the field; currently, sections IIB and IV do not permit federal funding of such work.</p> <p>More even than any specific current details, though, it is vital that the guidelines be a fluid entity, a set of rules that the NIH can and will update and revise as scientific knowledge changes.</p>
23410		5/17/2009 9:49:33 AM	<p>I strongly oppose the use of federal funds to fund or promote research on embryonic stem cells.</p>
23411		5/17/2009 9:52:25 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research. I think some of the restrictions should be loosened even more than this current proposal. I think a "grandfather clause" is needed to insure that every stem cell line already approved under the previous stringent guidelines will be eligible.</p>
23412		5/17/2009 9:52:40 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>

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23413		5/17/2009 9:52:41 AM	<p>Stem cell research could help tons of people who have diseases, disorders, and overall issues. I am not a scientist, but I am really jazzed about this stem cell thing, and I am so very pleased that so much progress has been made. But! The NIH's guidelines just aren't going to cut it. They are going to slow everything down in red tape and make a mess and it will be very disappointing.</p> <p>It is awesome that some stem cell research will get federal funding, but you do seem to have missed that whole group that already started playing with stem cells. Some kind of grandfather clause would help. Also SCNT (and all the other methods that aren't IVF) should get some love.</p> <p>In spite of all this, I am unbelievably excited that stem cell research is no longer regarded in the government as slaughtering potential souls, but now looks like actual Important Science, and that is definitely a step in the right direction. Congratulations on that. Keep doing your awesome thing.</p> <p>Stem cell research could help tons of people who have diseases, disorders, and overall issues. I am not a scientist, but I am really jazzed about this stem cell thing, and I am so very pleased that so much progress has been made. But! The NIH's guidelines just aren't going to cut it. They are going to slow everything down in red tape and make a mess and it will be very disappointing.</p> <p>It is awesome that some stem cell research will get federal funding, but you do seem to have missed that whole group that already started playing with stem cells. Some kind of grandfather clause would help. Also SCNT (and all the other methods that aren't IVF) should get some love.</p> <p>In spite of all this, I am unbelievably excited that stem cell research is no longer regarded in the government as slaughtering potential souls, but now looks like actual Important Science, and that is definitely a step in the right direction. Congratulations on that. Keep doing your awesome thing.</p>

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23415		5/17/2009 9:52:53 AM	<p>I strongly support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I find it disturbing that the religious fringe has managed to hijack scientific research in this country; it's an embarrassment and a travesty.</p> <p>Please ensure that a "grandfather clause" is implemented so that every stem cell line already approved under the previous stringent guidelines will be eligible. Also please ensure that alternate sources of stem cell lines such as SCNT are not excluded from funding.</p> <p>It's time to get conservative Christian politics out of our nation's research laboratories and classrooms!</p>
23416		5/17/2009 9:53:09 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Thank you.</p>
23417		5/17/2009 9:54:20 AM	<p>I support stem cell research and creating less restrictive legislation in order to further scientific research using stem cells</p>

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23418	redacted	5/17/2009 9:54:46 AM	<p>*** POSSIBLE DUPLICATE ***</p> <p>I clicked "submit" but it displayed another message from someone else when I did so (*****?)</p> <p>*****</p> <p>I strongly support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I find it disturbing that the religious fringe has managed to hijack scientific research in this country; it's an embarrassment and a travesty.</p> <p>Please ensure that a "grandfather clause" is implemented so that every stem cell line already approved under the previous stringent guidelines will be eligible. Also please ensure that alternate sources of stem cell lines such as SCNT are not excluded from funding.</p> <p>It's time to get conservative Christian politics out of our nation's research laboratories and classrooms!</p>
23419		5/17/2009 9:56:25 AM	<p>as a breast cancer patient and mother in law to an alzhiemer patient {she is 57} I am not asking but begging that you register my name along with all the others. Many thanks.</p>
23420		5/17/2009 9:56:39 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p> <p>Also, a "grandfather clause" is needed to insure that every stem cell line already approved under the previous stringent guidelines will be eligible. It is also important that alternate sources of stem cell lines such as SCNT should not be excluded from funding.</p> <p>This is incredibly important to the development of cures for serious and fatal diseases, and ought not to be derailed by those trying to restrict science to what is permissible in the opinion of non-scientists.</p>
23421		5/17/2009 9:56:58 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23422		5/17/2009 9:57:47 AM	<p>I am in support of embryonic stem cell research.</p>
23423		5/17/2009 9:58:03 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research. I have been learning about this topic in my spare time, and I think it would be of great benefit for everyone if this research was allowed and the restrictions loosened to an extent.</p>
23424		5/17/2009 9:58:53 AM	<p>I very much in favor of stem cell research. I support it. I want us to be able to save more lives.</p>
23425		5/17/2009 9:59:26 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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23426		5/17/2009 9:59:27 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a scientist, but I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p>
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23428		5/17/2009 10:00:24 AM	HELP!!!!!! i am a patient and have been for 40 plus years with this incurable disease... this is all my family knows!!! it has been a very long road with many major downfalls... driving a vehicle and your blood sugar drops, with my children in the car with me... testing my sugar before getting in and 10 minutes later dropping... people do not think how much this happens on everyday roads,,but this is not the bad part.. it is not feeling well, not able to keep up with my family, or just not able to keep up at all... everybody who is around me or my family that is all they are thinking.. and believe this I AM THE HEALTHY DIABETIC..this is just a quick statement, but i can go back 40 plus years and really pull at your heart strings thank you and please.. please vote for the stem cell program
23429		5/17/2009 10:01:19 AM	I am a medical student and I support these guidelines.
23430	redacted	5/17/2009 10:01:32 AM	As someone who has already lost one family member--my six year old nephew--to a disease whose only hope for a cure lay in stem cells, I am firmly in favor of blowing open the doors on research.
23431		5/17/2009 10:01:34 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. My primary concern however with the new guidelines is the apparent lack of a grandfather clause for existing stem cell lines.
23432		5/17/2009 10:02:26 AM	I fully support loosening stem cell research restrictions.
23433		5/17/2009 10:02:35 AM	I support Embryonic Stem Cell Research, and am glad some of the stringent restrictions are being loosened!
23434		5/17/2009 10:04:02 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research and am glad restrictions on this crucial work are being loosened.
23435		5/17/2009 10:04:31 AM	We are at the cusp of great things in the medical and scientific communities. I support embryonic stem cell research, as it shows great promise for future therapies. Every day that funding is delayed or restricted could lead to more suffering and death. Having watched my father in law take 10 years to slowly die an agonizing death from a long illness that could one day be treated with therapies developed out of stem cell research, I have a real sense of urgency. Please do not give in to the concerted efforts of misguided religious zealots to make these guidelines as strict as possible. Fund stem cell research. Impose as few restrictions as possible. Do this, and you will save many lives, and prevent future families from undergoing the heartbreaking agony that my wife's family went through. Thank you.
23436		5/17/2009 10:04:56 AM	I support stem cell research and would like to see some of the limitations lifted! The importance of this really goes without saying!
23437		5/17/2009 10:05:27 AM	The National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of in vitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities. My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.
23438		5/17/2009 10:06:10 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research.
23439		5/17/2009 10:06:57 AM	I support stem cell research and want more restrictions loosened.

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23440		5/17/2009 10:07:07 AM	Stem cell research is an important, potentially life-saving, set of technologies. We cannot afford to stifle this research to satisfy the moral opinions of an organized but short-sighted minority. If this is to be framed as a moral argument, we have an obligation to seek out treatments and cures for the dozens of serious diseases that could benefit from the discoveries afforded through future stem cell research.
23441		5/17/2009 10:07:08 AM	stem cell research can save lives ... abortion is legal ...whats the problem , we need to get out of the idiotic science run by religious belief but we've been in and start helping people.
23442		5/17/2009 10:07:17 AM	I strongly support the new guidelines allowing research on embryonic stem cells and the president's efforts on this subject. There are many potential benefits from this type of research and the United States can't afford to be left behind in the field.
23443		5/17/2009 10:07:19 AM	I feel that supporting stem cell research is vitally important, and that the possibilities stem cells hold are worth researching.
23444		5/17/2009 10:07:36 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. Although the guidelines are still too strict, at least this is a step in the right direction.
23445		5/17/2009 10:08:00 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23446		5/17/2009 10:08:36 AM	If you can improve the quality of a human life do you not have the moral obligation to do so? What would Hippocrates do?
23447		5/17/2009 10:09:40 AM	I applaud these guidelines that establish a framework for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. Please ensure that the final draft includes language stating that stem cell lines derived using the prevailing ethical standards at the time they were derived are eligible for federal funding. Also, please include language stating that stem cell lines derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer will be eligible for federal funding. Clear and well-crafted guidelines will lead to sooner therapies and cures for millions of deserving patients. Thank you.

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23448		5/17/2009 10:09:51 AM	<p>I fully support embryonic stem cell research and am very glad that some of the restrictions are being loosened. I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23449		5/17/2009 10:09:53 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23450	redacted	5/17/2009 10:09:59 AM	<p>I am firmly in support of human embryonic stem cell (hESC) research. While I am grateful that restrictions are being loosened I believe they are still too tight for viable research to take place. In particular, federal funds will not be available for work on hESC lines derived from embryos that have been generated specifically for the purpose of stem cell work (Section IV.B). Limiting federal research funding only to lines created from fertility-clinic leftovers is unnecessary. The ability to generate specific hESC lines will be very important--and likely essential--for therapeutic cloning to be possible and even just for scientists to be able to use hESCs for the study of a wide variety of diseases. Molecular biology and genetics are two branches of biology that frequently rely on specific lines of cells or lines of model organisms that were carefully created to mimic certain conditions. It is would be unreasonable to limit stem cell researchers in this way. National hESC policy is so closely correlated with research performance in health related issues I would ask that the NIH consider easing this particularly harsh restriction.</p> <p>Sincerely, *****, M.S. Plant Biology</p> <p>References: Levine, A.D. (2008). Identifying Under- and Overperforming Countries in Research Related to Human Embryonic Stem Cells. Cell Stem Cell, 2, 521-4.</p>
23451		5/17/2009 10:10:14 AM	<p>When I was 19 years old, I lifted something wrong, and it slipped a disk in my back. It has been taken care of for now, but I've been told that there might be future consequences. You see, scar tissue grows. And one day it could cut off my spinal cord. I support Stem Cell research because it gives me hope that when I am old enough to retire, I will still be able to walk.</p>

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23452		5/17/2009 10:11:04 AM	<p>For many Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for a cure. I am writing today to support the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) draft guidelines and suggest a change to ensure promising, ethically conducted research currently underway will be eligible for federal funding in the future.</p> <p>The Administration's Executive Order on stem cell research restored scientific decision-making to its rightful place at the NIH. In these guidelines, the NIH has demonstrated its capacity to formulate a research framework that will unleash the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards. I would encourage the NIH, however, to grandfather into this policy stem cell lines that have received federal funding, as well as existing lines that were derived in an ethically-responsible manner according to the best practices at the time. Research on these stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding so that scientists can maximize the scientific advancements already achieved through research on these lines.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. While embryonic stem cell research is still in its early stages, this research has already yielded impressive results in our continuing effort to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Recent research suggests that embryonic stem cells can be differentiated to produce the insulin-producing beta cells that could reverse the course of type 1 diabetes.</p> <p>We do not yet know which stem cell sources may ultimately lead to a cure or be the most clinically useful or practical for patients with type 1 diabetes. It is clear, however, that the more knowledge we gain about embryonic stem cells, the better we can assess the full therapeutic potential of all stem cell sources. These draft guidelines allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research using excess embryos from fertility clinics will ensure that this research matures and its potential is more fully realized. I commend the NIH for allowing this important research to expand in a scientifically and ethically appropriate manner.</p>
23453		5/17/2009 10:12:24 AM	I am FOR using stem cells in research to eradicate as many diseases/conditions as can be eradicated.
23454		5/17/2009 10:12:38 AM	<p>I believe it is important to allow funding for research using human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization (IVF) for reproductive purposes and were no longer needed for that purpose.</p> <p>I support the guidelines announced in the April 23, 2009 Federal Register Notice and continue to question why there is any doubt that this important research should be continued. Thank you.</p>
23455		5/17/2009 10:13:16 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23456		5/17/2009 10:13:29 AM	I support stem cell research. My mother-in-law is an advanced Parkinson's sufferer, and if researchers had been able to pursue study with new stem cell lines perhaps she would have more hope. Let us not continue to be short sighted.

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23457		5/17/2009 10:13:52 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. As a scientist, I have been following progress in this field with great interest. Significant strides have been made over the past decade, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am pleased that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- would appear to permit federal funding of stem cell lines previously not eligible for federal funding and for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. However, as drafted, Section II B does not ensure that any current stem cell line will meet the criteria outlined and thus be eligible for federal funding. It will be important for the final guidelines to allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. This will ensure that the final guidelines build on progress that has already been made.</p> <p>I also believe that the final guidelines should permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos, such as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Sections II B and IV of the draft guidelines do not permit such federal funding and I recommend that the final guidelines provide federal funding using stem cell lines derived in other ways. If not, it is essential that the NIH continue to monitor developments in this exciting research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
23458		5/17/2009 10:14:03 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research. Please give our scientists the opportunity to study this rare and wonderful possibility for medical research.</p>
23459		5/17/2009 10:14:04 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23460		5/17/2009 10:14:45 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and I am glad to know that some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>
23461		5/17/2009 10:14:58 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and want the research to continue and be accelerated to benefit the many people who are suffering.</p>
23462	redacted	5/17/2009 10:15:37 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened. I lost my Mother to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and I believe it is important to find the causes and cures for this and similar diseases.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
23463		5/17/2009 10:15:37 AM	<p>Stem cell research has the potential to help millions. I support the research and hope that the newly released federal regulations help make it more accepted and safer. Please don't let progress falter to religious interests.</p>

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23464		5/17/2009 10:15:45 AM	<p>These draft guidelines are an important step forward and I support them completely despite reservations that they don't quite go far enough.</p> <p>Guaranteeing the continued access to all currently existing stem cell lines, and making specific provisions for acquisition of new lines from sources such as SCNT would have been even better.</p> <p>The United States cannot allow this area of research to be hindered any longer. I believe it is morally required, ethically consistent, and economically beneficial (in that order of importance) to treat the sick and the wounded. Looser restrictions on stem cell research maximizes our chances of finding these important therapies.</p>
23465		5/17/2009 10:16:02 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23466		5/17/2009 10:16:05 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23467		5/17/2009 10:16:15 AM	<p>I am a supporter of embryonic stem cell research, and wish to see these positive fields of research, science and medicine continue to grow and progress for the betterment of all humanity.</p> <p>I realize that there exist small but loud groups of opposition seeking to curb stem cell research. These largely uninformed groups are now organizing harsh campaigns to stop further research. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) launched a new "Oppose Destructive Stem Cell Research" campaign, possibly hoping to create a negatively charged opinion by using the term 'destructive.'</p> <p>Please, as has happened many times in the past, we must not allow nonsecular groups with duplicitous agendas to thwart and damage positive progress in the areas of science and health.</p> <p>I ask you to continue supporting the great work which has been done in these early days of stem cell research, and let us push forward for tomorrow's healthier world.</p>
23468	redacted	5/17/2009 10:16:25 AM	"please support federal funding for SCNT"
23469		5/17/2009 10:16:49 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.
23470		5/17/2009 10:17:28 AM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.