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41160		5/22/2009 9:47:06 PM	Please suspend research on human embryonic stem cell research, since adult stem cell research has been proven to be applicable and more promising for results. Besides, there is no question of the destruction of human beings.
41161		5/22/2009 9:47:59 PM	<p>Dear Dr. Kington and Stem Cell Guidelines Committee:</p> <p>To comply with President Obama’s Executive Order #13505: Removing Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research Involving Human Stem Cells, the proposed Guidelines posted in the Federal Register April 23, 2009, need to be amended as follows:</p> <p>I. no suggested changes. I. A. no suggested changes II.B. should read: “Eligibility of human pluripotent stem cells: Human pluripotent stem cells may be used in research using NIH funds if the cells were derived from human embryos or oocytes donated for research purposes for which documentation for the following can be assured: II.B.(1) and (2) no suggested changes II.B. (3) “...where the embryos or oocytes were donated...” II.B. (4) delete II.B. (5) should read: “At the time of donation, donors were informed that they retained the right to withdraw consent until the embryos or oocytes were actually used for research. II.B. (6) should read: “The attending physician responsible for clinical care and the researcher proposing to utilize human pluripotent stem cells should not have been the same person. II. B. (7) should read: “Informed consent was obtained from individual(s) who elected to donate human embryos or oocytes for research purposes. Such informed consent should comply with human subjects research guidelines such as those proposed by the National Academy of Science or other bodies who have carefully considered human pluripotent stem cell research such as the International Society for Stem Cell Research, or recognized human subjects review committees.” II. B. (7. a. - i) delete II. C. no suggested changes II. A. and B. no suggested changes IV. A. no suggested changes, could be combined with III. IV.B. delete</p>

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41162	Redacted	5/22/2009 9:48:10 PM	<p>First, I don't agree with abortion unless it's unelected. I had 2 miscarriages, one at 4 months and the other at 5 months. I would've been happy to use my babies bodies for the purpose of stem research, however, it didn't exist at that time. I am so sorry that our country has come to the point of the fact that it's okay to have sex, get pregnant and get an abortion. Of course, this happens mostly with our youth and young adults. At that age you feel as though you have all your life to have babies and establish a family but then you become age 50 and look back over those years wondering where they went to. I was blessed to have a boy and he's now 17. He was a miracle as I almost lost him twice. I don't disagree with stem-cell research but do disagree with using embryos taken from aborted (pro-choice) mothers. Sad thing is that once they're a mother, they'll always be a mother whether they have a baby to hold or not. I know all too well as I experienced it. I believe it is okay to pursue stem-cell research but only with unelected abortions.</p>

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41163		5/22/2009 9:48:11 PM	<p>promoted. For example, the media often reports of breakthrough treatment for patients without mentioning that, in all cases, the source of stem cells is adult tissues. This is the unadulterated truth, because embryonic stem cells have never been used in human patients, and won't likely be used in the near future</p> <p>Three separate groups of researchers showed recently that normal skin cells can be reprogrammed to an embryonic state in mice. The fact that these iPS cells were pluripotent was proved by producing fetuses derived entirely from these transformed skin cells. Just five months after the mouse study was published, the feat was repeated by two separate laboratories using human skin cells. The ability to produce embryonic stem cell-like lines from individual patients removes the possibility of tissues rejection and avoids the high costs and moral problems associated with cloned embryos.</p> <p>Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, one of the study leaders later commented, "When I saw the embryo, I suddenly realized there was such a small difference between it and my daughters... I thought, we can't keep destroying embryos for our research. There must be another way." The moral problem of destroying a human embryo encouraged Dr. Yamanaka to pursue a more ethical way to generate human stem cell lines.</p> <p>Stem cells have been promoted as a cure for numerous diseases in the popular press, although the reality of the science suggests otherwise. For example, claims that stem cells might cure Alzheimer's disease are certainly untrue. According to Michael Shelanski, Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain (Columbia University Medical Center), "I think the chance of doing repairs to Alzheimer's brains by putting in stem cells is small." Ronald D.G. McKay, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke says, "To start with, people need a fairy tale." Stem cell research is widely promoted as a possible cure for type I and type II diabetes. However, these diseases involve the destruction of islet pancreatic cells by the patient's immune system. Even if tissue-compatible islet cells can be produced, transplanting them into a patient will be a very temporary cure, since the patient's immune system will attack the transplant in short order. So, a total cure for diabetes might have to involve a total immune compartment replacement (with its risks), in addition to an islet cell transplant. Parkinson's disease is another disease that is often mentioned as potentially curable through stem cell research. Proponents of ESCR cite studies in which embryonic stem cells produce dopamine in the brain of rats. However, only 50% of the rats had improvement of function and 25% developed brain tumors and died! A main problem for ESCR is that these stem cells spontaneously form tumors in virtually all studies that have been conducted to date. In addition, it seems that the number of dopamine-producing neurons declined over time, suggesting that the cure might be just temporary.</p> <p>Many stem cell researchers argue that embryonic stem cells are the preferred stem cells for cell-based therapies. Although they tend to be more versatile than adult stem cells, other sources (including umbilical cord stem cells) have proven to be just as versatile. The same properties that make embryonic stem cells so versatile are also the properties that make them unusable for therapy. Unless completely differentiated prior to use in patients, these cells will migrate throughout the body to produce tumors. Experiments performed in mice and rats have shown that spontaneous tumor formation is a persistent problem. Maintaining and growing embryonic stem cell lines has also been problematic. Some of these lines have mutated, making them unusable in patients. The main problem with embryonic stem cell research is the problem of tissue incompatibility. Millions of lines must be established in order to serve a significant percentage of potential patients. The use of autologous adult stem cells (cells from the patient) eliminates the problems with tumorigenesis, mutation, and tissue incompatibility.</p> <p>Several groups of medical researchers (including James Thomson, the first person to culture ESC) recently showed that normal skin cells can be reprogrammed to an embryonic state, producing what are now called induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells. Originally performed in mice in June, 2007, 2 researchers took four genes OCT3/4, SOX2, KLF4, and c-MYC</p>

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41164		5/22/2009 9:48:53 PM	<p>Please only use federal funds for research using adult stem cells--NOT embryonic stem cells! No life is harmed in the process of using adult stem cells and these are the cells that are already offering cures and treatment for disease. Embryonic stem cells do not. Our daughter has Goldenhar Syndrome and we have 2 friends w/ cancer. The research focus needs to be on the patients and the REAL cures being offered by adult stem cells.</p>
41165		5/22/2009 9:49:08 PM	<p>Hi,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="632 802 1940 922">1. I am 100% 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. <li data-bbox="632 959 1927 1079">2. 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. <li data-bbox="632 1117 1927 1172">3. 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.
41166		5/22/2009 9:49:44 PM	<p>I am opposed to stem cell research from human embryos. Human cord blood could be used with the same scientific benefit without destroying human lives.</p>

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41168		5/22/2009 9:50:42 PM	<p>I have a personal interest in stem cell research. My husband died from Huntington's Disease and our eldest daughter has Huntington's. Our youngest daughter is at risk for Huntington's. I believe we were given the scientific ability to improve the quality of life. Anything that isn't possible, simply isn't possible. The ability to find a cure or therapy to help those with debilitating diseases is a possibility. Would it not be a terrible waste to "trash" an embryo? There seems to be a great misconception about stem cell research. Many individuals believe researchers will use embryos that were donated specifically for research. As the NIH Council notated as I understand, "research would be on embryos created for reproductive purposes and were in excess of clinical need" I am not a scientist, just a mother that sees her daughter live a slow torturous death. Huntington's Disease does promise to give her son a 50% chance of inheriting this disease,50%! I also believe that there may be cures and therapies at the edge but I believe that if pharmaceutical companies can not benefit financially,those cures and therapies will not come to fruition. Huntington's Disease is a disease that I have come to be very familiar with. I started a support group in October 2008 and to date there are 25 that attend,some have Huntington's and some are caregivers. To know that those with Huntington's deal with symtoms of cerebral palsy,multiple sclerosis,muscular dystropy,Lou Gehrig's and traumatic brain damage all at one time. I would insist that there be very strict guidelines. I feel that there should be an ethical board compromised of not only scientists,but people from the general community. Records should be public to keep trust and confidence. There should not be an increase of embryos accumulated for clinical use just so that there would be excess. We are on the edge to save so many lives,not only in the United States,but all over the world. Imagine that. Some say we are playing God,I say we are using the gifts and knowledge God "gave" to us. We just need to be sure we are responsible with that knowledge. If we questioned the scientific knowledge of past,where would we be? The guidelines must be sure that every detail is legally spelled out in regards to the original donor. Every possibility needs to be looked at in regards to any lawsuits. Last, I will continue to hope and pray that stem cell research provides a promising future to so many that do not have a future at all.</p>
41169		5/22/2009 9:50:57 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. 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 to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids.This loophole must be closed immediately.I oppose President Obama'sorder that allows any tax dollars to be spent on the destruction of human life. dangeroushuman</p>

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41170		5/22/2009 9:51:18 PM	<p>Two critical changes need to be made to the current draft guidelines. First, I believe that a major flaw exists in section II. B, "Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem cells for Use in Research". While this section provides a reasonable standard for the eligibility of human embryonic stem cell lines derived in the future, it does not recognize the existence of hundreds of stem cell lines currently in use in research labs across the United States. While these existing lines were derived according to the most ethical standards recognized at the time of derivation, they may not meet in every detail the new, more rigorous standards set forth in the NIH draft guidelines. To prohibit their eligibility for federal funds under this new policy would do great harm to the field of stem cell research. Federally funded researchers would be forced to stop their work and wait for a yet unknown number of new embryonic stem cells that comply with the new NIH guidelines to be derived. Such a halt to research would be detrimental to the scientific community's progress and devastating to patients around the world who might benefit from this important research. Therefore, I urge the NIH to include a provision within Section II to allow human embryonic stem cell lines previously and ethically derived to be eligible for use in federally funded research under these guidelines. Instead of requiring previously derived cell lines to comply with either the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) guidelines or the guidelines by the International Society of Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), I ask the NIH to consider a different standard. I recommend that the final guidelines allow NIH funding for any lines derived prior to the implementation of the new policy that had been derived: a) with informed consent, b) without undue inducement, and c) with oversight by an ethics advisory committee, such as an Institutional Review Board. Second, I also urge the replacement of section II C, "Prior to the Use of NIH Funds". The requirement that each recipient of federal funds ensure the compliance of the cell lines to be used would be administratively burdensome and unnecessarily restrict research. Under the draft guidelines, each investigator who wishes to use a cell line in his or her research must provide assurances that the cell line complies with the NIH Guidelines. This repeated reauthorization of the same cell lines seems unnecessary. It is also possible that different institutions might judge the eligibility of the same cell line differently. This lack of uniformity threatens the free flow of scientific investigation. To avoid bureaucratic and legal confusion, I ask the NIH to establish an NIH registry of human embryonic stem cell lines available for federally funded research. When a cell line is first used in federally funded research, assurance documentation should be submitted to an NIH-run registry. The registry would allow researchers to review the cell lines that meet the NIH guidelines and then apply to use those stem cells lines.</p>
41171		5/22/2009 9:51:20 PM	<p>I AM OPPOSED TO EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH WHEN ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH HAS ALREADY SHOWN TO BE SUPERIOR. AS A TAXPAYER, WHY SHOULD MY TAX BURDEN BE ADDED TO BY THIS UNNECESSARY RESEARCH. IN ADDITION, I AM OPPOSED TO MY TAX DOLLARS BEING USED FOR HUMAN CLONING WHEN THE TAX BURDEN WHICH WE CARRY IS ALREADY OVERWHELMING.</p>
41172		5/22/2009 9:51:43 PM	<p>I am a scientist working in the area of neurodegeneration and diabetes and support the guidelines as written</p>
41173		5/22/2009 9:51:46 PM	<p>In November of 2007, my mother was given an adult stem cell transplant that cured her of a rare blood disease. As a U.S. tax payer, I do not want my money contributing to the destruction of human embryos for the purpose of embryonic stem cell research. To date, embryonic stem cells have not been used successfully as a cure. However, many more successes like my mother's have been documented in the use of adult stem cells. I want my tax dollars to be put towards expanding research concerning the uses of adult stem cells.</p>
41174		5/22/2009 9:52:09 PM	<p>Dear Mr. Obama and Legislators: Please protect human embryos from destruction for the use of stem cell research. Instead, please place the focus on adult stem cell research, which has successfully provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans. Unborn life, as well as born life is all sacred! Thank you.</p>

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41175		5/22/2009 9:52:18 PM	I am opposed to this draft, which supports embryonic stem cell research, which destroys innocent babies. Adult stem cells have been used successfully - please use them instead!
41176	Redacted	5/22/2009 9:52:58 PM	<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 must be closed immediately.</p>
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41178		5/22/2009 9:53:30 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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41182	Redacted	5/22/2009 9:55:14 PM	<p>To Whom it may concern: Those who ignore truth do so at their own peril. We now know scientifically embryos have their own genetic identification. Embryos carry all the physical and personality traits as fully developed humans. They are humans not puppies or simply a blob of impersonal flesh. To date, despite the copious amounts of research and tens of billions of dollars spent, no cures for disease have been found. And now due to the success of adult stem cell therapy(scores of uses) there is no logical reason to continue destruction of embryos except to perpetuate the abortion INDUSTRY! This is clear! This is politics at its worst! There is no longer any confusion about it. Life is only cheapened by embryonic stem cell research. There is no mandate to do so when people know the truth. Sincerely,</p>
41183		5/22/2009 9:55:42 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 that does not destroy human life and has 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 effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when there are 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>

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41189		5/22/2009 9:58:52 PM	Stem Cell Research destroys a human being and I am strongly opposed to killing our future generations. This research can be done from already human beings.
41190	Redacted	5/22/2009 9:59:11 PM	Please, do not allow human embryonic stem cell research.It has not proven successful, but in fact, destructive.This has been reported;some adults who have received embryonic stem cells have suffered permanent brain damage. Living human embryos are an object of experimentation and this is not good. When the cells are removed from the human embryo, it dies. "Although human embryonic stem cells are derived from embryos, such stem cells are not themselves human embryos." Yes, but by removing them the living human embryo dies.This is the problem. Why not continue funding adult stem reasearch which has had successes and does not destroy human life. I do not want my tax dollars used for human embryonic stem cell research.
41191		5/22/2009 9:59:17 PM	I oppose regulation that will use tax dollars for embryonic stem cell research.
41192		5/22/2009 10:00:39 PM	The National Institutes of Health should not use federal funds for stem cell research that involves the destruction of live human embryos. Even if scientific evidence suggested that such research would produce medical advances (which it does not, because all promising research conducted so far is based on adult stem cells), embryo destructive research would not be justified, because there is no justification for killing some human beings to benefit others.

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41193		5/22/2009 10:00:46 PM	<p>"War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good. We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children." -Jimmy Carter</p> <p>Now, let us consider abortion: It is almost never necessary for saving a woman's life, and remains always an evil. Never is it a good. Moreover, we must not learn how to change the human race by manipulating embryos that are cast upon the trash heap like yesterday's New York Times, when manipulating Mature stem cells is already bearing much fruit. Let us cooperate, and collaborate, so that by working together we may put an end to the madness of wasting millions of innocent lives. And to what end were these lives taken? Surely, it is not the common good, but for an individual's convenience. Where is a society headed that will justify casting aside the most vulnerable amongst us for no other reason than "we must make certain that every pregnancy is a wanted pregnancy?" How many women upon first discovering they are pregnant have made quick mental calculations only to further discover that "the timing is not correct?" Sure, they may want a baby some day, in some abstract future they can't fully control. So, how is it that in a whim, feeling that "now is not the time," they can march into a Planned Parenthood death mill or similar house of horrors, and demand to have the life, planted in their fertile garden by none other than our Creator, ruthlessly crushed, and torn from one's uterus, leaving physical scars that will likely make future attempts at pregnancy higher risk? And what of the psychological scars that disrupt so many families, and lead too many of these well-meaning women to take their own lives? Every abortion has a minimum of three victims: The aborted baby, its mother, and its father. A vast ripple effect causes suffering to multiply and trickle-down on uncounted others remote from the heinous act.</p> <p>And we mechanically, sterilely, indifferently join sperms and ova by the millions in petri dishes to "create" human life like so many demigods, only to waste the vast majority of these innocents, the most vulnerable amongst us. This one has brown eyes, whereas, she wants only the one with blue eyes. That one has an extra chromosome, when a more perfect one is preferred. Again, it is for individual convenience. For, how inconvenient it would be for a society to accept the imperfections of "unwanted" pregnancies, and adopt into its couples wanting families, those of God's creation who have none, other than the orphanage? Embryonic stem cell research offers us no new hope, though the changes wrought so far have been more divisive than unifying. As a recent presidential candidate unhesitatingly reminded us, Evil does exist, and must be met head-on, steadfastly opposed, and defeated unconditionally.</p> <p>This bill must not be passed. Thank you.</p>
41194		5/22/2009 10:00:47 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>
41195		5/22/2009 10:01:01 PM	<p>Stem cell research, that is only accessible if an embryo is destroyed for that purpose is morally wrong. It would only lead to greater injustices on human life. What would prevent women from producing and selling embryos in the future in order to make a profit on a human life. This embryo is capable of only developing into one specific human being. This is the beginning of that person. We cannot play God with human life. If our country believes in a God, then we have to know that God creates man.</p>

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41198		5/22/2009 10:02:09 PM	<p>I am against this terrible!!!!!!!!!! It is against the laws of God!!!</p>
41199	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:02:40 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. Sincerely,</p>

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41200		5/22/2009 10:02:40 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>
41201		5/22/2009 10:03:26 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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41203		5/22/2009 10:04:27 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
41204		5/22/2009 10:05:45 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>
41205		5/22/2009 10:07:07 PM	<p>Sugar-coat it as much as you like: you are considering scientific experimentation on human embryos. Using human embryos, no matter they are "wasted" for research purposes is similar to internationally condemned experimentation done by Adolph Hilter during World War II. Have we become so callous to human life that we are now more interested in growing organs and body parts from human embryos than we are in considering the absolute atrocities being committed in doing so? Would you feel comfortable knowing a "waste" human embryo from your body would be used for such purposes? I would NOT, and I hope others will see through the absolutely inhuman and hideous declaration now being put forward by our "Christian" President. Stem cells from delivered babies are available in placental tissue and blood. This has been available to medical science for well over 60 years because each placenta is collected by all hospitals delivering babies. These placental stem cells are from living, healthy babies with no ethical compromises at all. We know the tissue is good. What benefit is there in flaunting our humanness in order to preserve a life or cure a disease at the expense of human embryos? If we cross this line, we are no better than Adolph and Stalin! We are no less inhuman than those who killed in Uganda! We are no less brutal than any civilization on the earth who indulges in mass genocide for political purposes. If we lose our humanity and our regard for human life in the form of human embryos, we lose everything. Think! Evaluate! Consider the unintended consequences of this potential happening! Have we learned nothing at all from Roe vs Wade and the unexpected side effects of that law meant to help women? Do any fewer women get pregnant? Have we decreased the number of abortions or has abortion just become another birth control option. Again, think! Most important of all PRAY for guidance before another disasterous idea becomes policy. It is harder to realize retrospectively we have made a mistake than it is to thoroughly study and evaluate all other options with a humble heart and a mind open to alternatives which do not compromise human life. Your decision will affect every person in the United States of America whether or not we support it. Too much, too fast is changing our country into a nation without a soul.</p>

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41206		5/22/2009 10:07:12 PM	I urge you to please use tax payers dollars to the funding of ADULT stem cell research, NOT EMBRYONIC stell cell research.
41207		5/22/2009 10:07:28 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. There is much information indicating that adult stem cells are viable for these purposes and have already been proven. In addition it is 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 reduce 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>
41208	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:07:36 PM	It is simple, we stand against any Stem Cell Research other than umbilical. Creating and/or using embryo's (a future child) is murder. Now, we understand that you feel that murdering a child is okay...It's not okay. We're sure your daughters would testify along with us that murder is wrong.
41209		5/22/2009 10:08:49 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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41211		5/22/2009 10:10:14 PM	<p>Suggested comments (copy and paste into Comment section of NIH comment form and edit as appropriate for you):</p> <p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41212		5/22/2009 10:11:28 PM	<p>How can a President ignore scientist's and Doctors evidence showing that adult stem cells do contribute to health issues and to diseases and that there is NO evidence that embryonic stem cells cure or help any disease or handicap. This is not about Research to cure diseases; this is about abortion/killing of innocent life.</p>
41213	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:11:56 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research has never been prohibited and has been conducted for a relatively long period of time in parallel with adult stem cell research. While the embryonic stem cell research has yet to deliver any results, adult stem cell research has proven positive in the treatment of 65 diseases out of which 9 diseases treatments delivered improved conditions for the patients.</p> <p>Investing federal tax payers' dollars in research that is not promising is bad science and bad economics (waste). Just recently Dr. Mehmet Oz vice-chair and professor of surgery at Columbia University, made a breaking news announcement in relation to the cure of Parkinson disease and it was not embryonic stem cells, but the promise lays with adult induced pluri-potent stem cells (IPPSC)</p> <p>That is why I urge you side with science and not with ideology that eventually hurts and gives false hopes to patients desperately waiting for a cure for diseases such as Alzheimer, Parkinson, cancer, etc...</p> <p>Sincerely yours</p>

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41215		5/22/2009 10:12:38 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>
41216		5/22/2009 10:12:49 PM	<p>Please direct support and financing to research/use of adult stem cells and cord blood stem cells, NOT embryonic stem cells. 70 or more diseases have been successfully treated with adult and cord blood stem cells, and NO diseases have been successfully treated with embryonic stem cells. There are zero ethical issues in using adult and cord blood stem cells; so, why not direct our efforts there?</p>
41217		5/22/2009 10:13:16 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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41218		5/22/2009 10:13:17 PM	<p>The purpose of this commentary is to implore you to protect human embryos from destruction. There is ample research based evidence to favor the use of adult stem-cells which have already provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p> <p>Section B states: "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 options pertaining to use of embryos no longer needed for reproductive purposes were explained to the potential donor(s)." <p>It is implorable to consider ANY HUMAN LIFE as UNEEDED. That is unfathomable, bordering on murder. We cannot allow humanity to sink so low as to begin the process of subjectively defining life. I say LIFE because the Federal Register Notice defines them as "human embryos", then they are human life. We are in no position to take life. That was never the idea behind reproduction. It is the direct opposite.</p> <p>With that stated, it is evident that these guidelines are not meeting the requirement to maintain a theme of being "ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law."</p> <p>Please reconsider using human embryos and re-direct the focus to adult stem cells.</p>
41219		5/22/2009 10:14:35 PM	No to embryonic stem cell research.
41220	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:15:17 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research has never been prohibited and has been conducted for a relatively long period of time in parallel with adult stem cell research. While the embryonic stem cell research has yet to deliver any results, adult stem cell research has proven positive in the treatment of 65 diseases out of which 9 diseases treatments delivered improved conditions for the patients.</p> <p>Investing federal tax payers' dollars in research that is not promising is bad science and bad economics (waste). Just recently Dr. Mehmet Oz vice-chair and professor of surgery at Columbia University, made a breaking news announcement in relation to the cure of Parkinson disease and it was not embryonic stem cells, but the promise lays with adult induced pluri-potent stem cells (IPPSC)</p> <p>That is why I urge you side with science and not with ideology that eventually hurts and gives false hopes to patients desperately waiting for a cure for diseases such as Alzheimer, Parkinson, cancer, etc...</p> <p>Sincerely yours</p>
41221		5/22/2009 10:15:17 PM	I am a strong supporter of stem cell research as a tool to make life more meaningful and less painful for humans.

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41223		5/22/2009 10:15:39 PM	<p>We should not sacrifice our morality and respect for the sanctity of life merely to take a shortcut in finding cures for life-threatening diseases. We must not continue this misguided path that defies the ideals upon which this Nation was founded. For if we do, we will slowly slip from "One Nation, under God" into "One Nation, without God."</p>
41224	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:15:41 PM	<p>To those who wish to defend our Constitution - And those who have given their lives to do so - I have spent the last 5 years of my life as an Army Ranger taking the fight to our enemies. The ideals that I, and the best men this country has bred, have and are fighting for are worth the sacrifice so many have made. What is enshrined in the finest document for governing men ever created is the idea that freedom is god-given, and that government must never seek to usurp that authority. Freedom of Religion is NOT freedom FROM Religion. The state has no more right to force people whose religion and value of human life make the idea of abortion morally, religiously, and ethically repugnant to contribute to its funding than it does to force a state religion on its populace. Ask yourself, as citizens and as legislators, whether it serves any other than a political purpose to go against our freedom so willfully. If embryonic stem cell research is so promising, why haven't private funds sprung up to further research? I submit that adult stem cells have proven effective, and violate no Americans moral and ethical values. Forcing all Americans to fund the use of embryonic stem cells is wrong not only for increasing the demand for embryos and thereby abortions, it is wrong for the simple reason that if it were substantially more viable than using adult stem cells, it would be funded adequately on its own from private industry. For those who have seen the best our country has to offer sacrifice their lives for us, I firmly believe that we should extend our value of human life to those who are completely defenseless - those who have no voice crying out for them - those yet to be born.</p> <p>God Bless America, and God Bless the Heroes who have fallen in defense of her.</p>
41225		5/22/2009 10:15:53 PM	<p>I absolutely oppose my tax dollars being spent on stem cell research; the destruction of human life. There is no evidence to date that this research will help any afflictions.</p>

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41226		5/22/2009 10:17:44 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>
41227	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:18:22 PM	<p>I and my son are both disabled and have multiple health issues, but I have no desire to support embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>I am in complete agreement with the points addressed on this page which I have quoted from a letter from Marjorie Dannenfelser of the Susan B. Anthony organization. The following statements completely encapsule my thinking on embryonic stem cell research and express my opposition to funding for these efforts or the slippery-slope approach this administration has taken toward fetal 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 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>Respectfully yours,</p>
41228		5/22/2009 10:18:34 PM	<p>Funding for research using human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization (IVF) for reproductive purposes is one of the most important pursuits of science, and should be vigorously pursued by NIH.</p> <p>The Guidelines for Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem Cells for Use in Research are clear, well written and should be implemented without hesitation.</p>
41229		5/22/2009 10:18:42 PM	<p>I am disturbed by rules that to a common-sense reading deny the intention/informed consent of the signer.</p>
41230		5/22/2009 10:19:02 PM	<p>I oppose more federal funds for human embryonic stemcell experiment,which will delay cures</p>

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41231		5/22/2009 10:19:04 PM	As long as several studies have found that embryonic cells do not work and adult stem cells have been successful, why not go with what works instead of pouring money down a rat hole.
41232		5/22/2009 10:19:18 PM	<p>We are in opposition to any kind of embryonic stem cell research. As God fearing people it is morally and ethically wrong to require us to support any research that destroys human life. No research to date has accomplished any health saving benefits by using embryonic stem cells. Why continue down this road of disaster when good things have come from adult stem cells without the loss of life?</p> <p>Please listen to the will of the people and do the right thing.</p>
41233		5/22/2009 10:19:34 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>It is bad enough that our tax dollars are going to abortions worldwide when it is so against our beliefs, this is just taking things too far.</p>
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41235		5/22/2009 10:20:40 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 the human embryos for research purposes.

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41236		5/22/2009 10:21:35 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>
41237	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:22:11 PM	<p>I, ***** suffer greatly with Parkinson's Disease. The present medications which I have been taking for over nine years is no longer working. The side effects have been creating more problems for me and I am not a candidate for deep brain stimulation. Please allow the NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines to go forth. This is a terrible debilitating disease that six million persons suffer with worldwide, and almost close to two million are citizens of the United States. Please help us to find a cure.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41238		5/22/2009 10:23:02 PM	<p>I completely agree with the New York Stem Cell Foundation's Response to the NIH proposed guidelines. In particular, it is important that scientists be allowed to use existing and new human embryonic stem cell lines in federally sponsored research.</p>
41239		5/22/2009 10:23:09 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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41240		5/22/2009 10:23:20 PM	<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. Thank you.</p>
41241		5/22/2009 10:23:34 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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41242		5/22/2009 10:23:42 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>Mr. Obama is absolutely wrong to force all taxpayers to foot the bill for useless embryonic stem cell research since NOTHING has been derived from such activity....only adult stem cell research has had wonderful successes. He is not fooling us on this one either. He is only interested in future cloning.</p>
41243		5/22/2009 10:24:32 PM	I do not believe in it and I think it is a abomination to God !
41244		5/22/2009 10:24:40 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> <p>Mr. Obama is absolutely wrong to force all taxpayers to foot the bill for useless embryonic stem cell research since NOTHING has been derived from such activity....only adult stem cell research has had wonderful successes. He is not fooling us on this one either. He is only interested in future cloning.</p>
41245		5/22/2009 10:24:55 PM	<p>I am opposed to your guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. For years this research has proved unsuccessful and in some cases harmful to patients. The alternative adult or umbilical cord stem cells work has definitively demonstrated beneficial results on over fifty diseases and conditions. Please don't squander my money on an already failed risk that also destroys human beings.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and service.</p>

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41246		5/22/2009 10:25:02 PM	<p>I am opposed to yur draft for embryonic stem cell research as it forces me, a tax payer, to subsidize methods that destroy human life. Embryonic research is a failed...proven failed disaster as medical treatment. Support should be directed toward adult stem cell research where no human lives are sacrificed nor jeopardized, are non-controversial, ethical and effective.</p> <p>The loophole to prevent future embryonic stem cell research and funding which could lead to cloning and human-animal hybrids must be closed.</p>

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41247		5/22/2009 10:25:14 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. In particular, our laboratory relies heavily on the established hESC lines (H1, HuES1-9) as a standard to evaluate the identity of new induced reprogrammed cell (iPSCs) 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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41249		5/22/2009 10:25:55 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 killing of human embryos.</p> <p>*Expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research that is treating people now with non-embryonic stem cells and will also divert funds away from other sources of embryonic-like stem cells that have been generated without the use of 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 upon the order of NIH.</p> <p>*The guidelines do not require full informed consent for the parents of the human embryos so that they understand that their options include permission for infertile couples to adopt them.</p>
41250		5/22/2009 10:26:11 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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41252		5/22/2009 10:27:18 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>

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41254		5/22/2009 10:28:44 PM	<p>Science is necessary for the improvement of humanity and our lot in this world. If no harm is done and even the possibility exists of helping a living person, the research must go forward.</p> <p>I am in favor of further human stem cell research.</p>

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41255		5/22/2009 10:28:58 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41256		5/22/2009 10:29:29 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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41258	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:29:57 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p> <p>I know that a stem cell transplant was and is the best help for my husband's cancer situation and shows so much promise for the cure of Diabetes. Please help stop and cure this disease that has almost become epidemic. We have a young grandson who has an insulin pump. Wouldn't it be nice if someday he didn't have all the concerns and treatment associated with diabetes. Please help.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41259		5/22/2009 10:30:23 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>

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41260		5/22/2009 10:30:28 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>
41261		5/22/2009 10:31:58 PM	I am opposed to My tax dollars funding Embrionic Stem cell research.
41262		5/22/2009 10:32:03 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>
41263		5/22/2009 10:32:28 PM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I urge you to not okay the use of embryonic stem cells for research. To date, not one thing good has come of any research done in the past by using embryos for research. There are many other types of stem cells that can be used for research and may have yielded positive results.</p> <p>Using embryos for stem cell research goes against the very law of nature and that of God, whose law counts the most.</p>
41264		5/22/2009 10:32:48 PM	<p>We are thumbing our noses in God's face. We are notjust allowing him to create babies any more we are allowing scientists to play God. God is bigger than all of us even Obama and the devil. Adult stem cells are curing many people from diseases and we have them in our bodies,but it does not make a lot of money for big companies so we are not pursuing this avenue.Check out adult stem cells and see all of what is going on PLEASE!</p>
41265		5/22/2009 10:32:52 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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41266		5/22/2009 10:33:35 PM	I believe that a human embryo is human life and needs the protection that is giving to all other human life. The unborn are the most vulnerable of all humans. Instead of being used for research and experimentation they should be giving protection and consideration that is giving to other minorities. I believe that human embryonic stem cell research should be illegal and I am opposed to my tax dollars being used in this manner.
41267		5/22/2009 10:33:48 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>
41268		5/22/2009 10:34:23 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> <p>Thsnk you.</p>

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41269		5/22/2009 10:35:02 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 1864 180">"To compel a man to furnish funds for the propagation of ideas he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical." - THOMAS JEFFERSON.</p> <p data-bbox="634 212 1934 334">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="634 367 1934 488">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="634 521 1906 643">You have seen the Oprah show with Dr. Mehmet Oz. Oprah spotlighted Parkinson's Disease on her March 30 show, featuring her own doctor, Mehmet Oz, author of the best-selling YOU book series, and actor and PD sufferer Michael J. Fox. Dr. Oz stated that embryonic stem cells will do nothing for Parkinsons Disease. He further states that adult stem cells can be made to revert back to embryonic stem cell - NO BABY NEEDED!</p> <p data-bbox="634 675 1927 735">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="634 768 1923 828">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>
41270		5/22/2009 10:35:22 PM	<p data-bbox="634 911 1944 1062">Expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell line s will divert federal funds away from promising research that is treating people now with non-embryonic stem cells and will also divert funds away from other sources of embryonic-like stem cells that have been generated without the use of human embryos. Just two months ago my nephew, who had suffered a serious eye injury from a corrosive chemical and could not regenerate stem cells himself, underwent stem cell transplants from his mother and sister. His eyesight is now perfect! He was able to get a new cornea thanks to the transplant operation.</p>
41271		5/22/2009 10:35:41 PM	<p data-bbox="634 1078 1934 1235">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 1268 1881 1357">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>
41272		5/22/2009 10:36:11 PM	<p data-bbox="634 1382 1503 1406">I oppose the use of federal funds for research on human embryonic stem cell cells.</p>

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41273		5/22/2009 10:37:00 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>
41274		5/22/2009 10:37:00 PM	<p>I WANT MY STEM CELLS AND I WANT THEM *NOW*!!!!</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>
41275		5/22/2009 10:37:33 PM	<p>Adult stem cell research has yielded promising results. Embryonic stem cell research has not. Adult stem cell research has attracted investment from the private sector. Embryonic stem cell research has not. Embryonic stem cell research has nothing to do with saving lives or curing disease. It has everything to do with saving, perpetuating and forwarding the pro-abortion agenda at taxpayer expense. It must be ended. The dishonesty must end now!</p>
41276		5/22/2009 10:37:43 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>

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41277		5/22/2009 10:38:00 PM	<p>i only want to say that I support these guidelines as they are stated. I hope that the NIH will work with CIRM to allow funding of the research they have been doing when no NIH funding was available.</p> <p>I believe strongly that research on stem cells derived from human embryos is essential to the understanding of how to cure certain diseases and to provide replacement organs where needed because so few donated organs are available and, for some ethnicities, there are almost none. I see no validity in the argument that the blastocyst is a human being. Even it's potential to become a human being is only that, potential. If the blastocyst will be disposed of it seems to me that it is a far, far better thing to do with this potential human is to contribute to the improvement of human life rather than simply being disposed of.</p> <p>No religious argument should be allowed to slow or stop human progress and scientific inquiry. I am willing to consider prohibitions on human cloning at this time since animal cloning has been less than successful in far too many cases. However, as science advances, I might find myself becoming more willing to consider even human cloning. It is essential that we don't allow scientific progress to be stopped by religion. I do strongly believe that we must consider the ethics of what we do. This is why I support informed consent, no inducements and no recompense. I do wonder if there is a way for the government to share in any commercial profit from this research and hope this will be available.</p>
41278		5/22/2009 10:38:38 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>
41279		5/22/2009 10:38:55 PM	<p>I am strenuously 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. If the Obama administration truly cared about people suffering from diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, etc., then support would be directed toward adult stem cell research and treatments which DO NOT destroy innocent human life, and which have already been proven successful in a number of tests. 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 (made from the patient's own cells) are non-controversial, ethical, do not cause rejection problems, and most importantly, are EFFECTIVE in treating patients. We should NOT fund controversial research that destroys innocent human life when we have other, more effective 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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41280		5/22/2009 10:39:54 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>
41281		5/22/2009 10:41:20 PM	<p>I am a Christian. I believe that life begins at conception. Please do not use My taxpayer money to fund the killing of human embryos.</p>
41282		5/22/2009 10:42:35 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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41283	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:42:35 PM	<p>To all those involved in the process of determining the guidelines for Stem Cell Research, please know that:</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>Do what is right, both ethically and scientifically. Use stem cells that do not destroy a human life.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
41284		5/22/2009 10:42:43 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>
41285		5/22/2009 10:42:43 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 loop hole must be closed immediately.</p>

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41286		5/22/2009 10:42:47 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>
41287		5/22/2009 10:43:13 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> <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>
41288	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:43:31 PM	<p>Embrionic stem cells have continually show absolutly no medical benifit to the human body. But adult stem cells have shown a very significant improvement helping the human body. Probably because adult stem cells have a vast memory of the human body's life experience, and embrionic stem cells are brand new and don't have any memory of the human body's experience from which to draw from. Thus rendering them completely use less. So I am formerly requesting that you stop any and all research and funding in this area. Thank you</p>
41289		5/22/2009 10:43:57 PM	<p>I am opposed to funding the use of human embryonic stems cells for research purposes. I believe it is unethical and immoral to do use embryonic stem cells when there has been so much progress made with adult stem cells. Please consider my request. Thank you.</p>
41290		5/22/2009 10:44:08 PM	<p>Please do not vote for stem cell research from human embryos. It is a sin and God doesn't like sin. There are other alternatives for stem cells. Consider them instead.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.</p>

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41291	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:44:14 PM	<p>Why must Common Sense, be lacking in our supposedly "brightest people."</p> <p>Why is the obvious fact that Adult stem cells are the ones that actually provide the "only" real and viable results in curing disease so obstinately ignored. Why!!!</p> <p>Please rectify this miscarriage of Justice and Truth.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>*****,</p> <p>A very concerned tax payer who is not represented by this Congress or Administration.</p>
41292		5/22/2009 10:46:20 PM	<p>On March 9, 2009 President Obama lifted former President Bush's executive order restricting federal support to research with human embryonic stem cell lines created before August 9, 2001. At the same time President Obama charged the National Institutes of Health to draft a new set of ethical guidelines for use with an expanded set of cell lines by July 2009. The proposed guidelines do not meet the charge given by President Obama in that they are more restrictive rather than less. I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria for the acceptable derivation of stem cell lines that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the alternative criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent for stem cell lines created before 2009. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>Also, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation. These lines are a valuable research tool.</p>
41293		5/22/2009 10:46:20 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>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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41294		5/22/2009 10:46:45 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41295		5/22/2009 10:47:01 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> <p>The advances made in Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPS), announced just this spring by James Thomson's research group, make it especially clear that there is no practical reason to pursue stem cell research that causes the destruction of human embryos. The furthering of medicine would be much better served if public funds were offered for iPS or similar alternatives which require no harm to any human being.</p>

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41296		5/22/2009 10:47:30 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>
41297		5/22/2009 10:48:09 PM	<p>I, as a pro-life Democrat, am opposed to federal funding for embryonic stem cell research . Funding should be directed to adult stem cell research, which has been shown to be effective in helping patients and which does not have the dangers associated with embryonic cells, such as tumor growth and rejection. Adult stem cell use is ethical and non-controversial, and most important, effective in helping patients.</p> <p>Funding should not be given to research that destroys life when there are better options which do not destroy life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for research that leads to human cloning and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed.</p>

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41298	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:48:14 PM	<p>President Obama's Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. However, I am worried that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing ethically created stem cell lines, create systemic redundancies that will waste scarce resources without added value, and unduly delay important scientific research. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration before finalizing federal rules:</p> <p>1. HONOR EXISTING REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES</p> <p>Informed consent and independent regulatory oversight by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) represent the international standard used to measure the protection of tissue donors and research subjects. The NIH Guidelines should use the same standards when judging the acceptability of funding work on human embryonic stem cell (hESC) lines derived from donated embryos rather than retroactively imposing new requirements based on ethical principles that are fully encompassed by existing federal regulations.</p> <p>The federal regulations for the protection of human subjects at 45 CFR 46 are the gold standard for the protection of human research subjects, specifically, the informed consent and independent regulatory oversight of research tissue donors. The same standards should be used to judge the acceptability of funding research with cell lines derived from donated embryos, including the required elements of informed consent at 45 CFR 46.116 and 117. Most established hESC lines widely used in research today were created from embryos that were obtained in accordance with existing federal regulations and are consistent with the core principles outlined by The Belmont Report, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) regulations and the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR) Guidelines for the Conduct of Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. Additionally, many of the hESC lines have to date been eligible for federal support and under the new rules such support will cease, making the proposed Guidelines more restrictive than those of the previous administration.</p> <p>The established hESC lines serve as the scientific standard and were created in compliance with the existing regulations and guidelines requiring independent oversight, voluntary and informed donor consent and no undue inducements. To ensure continued scientific success and international collaborations, the principles and regulations used to ensure the ethical donation of human tissue should be applied to the evaluation of existing lines rather than creating new requirements that would be applied retroactively.</p> <p>For the past 5 years, my laboratory has been using the federally approved hESC lines H1 and H9 [Evseenko et al, Stem Cells & Development, 2009, PMID: 19021502]. These lines have enabled us to understand how blood cells are made with the ultimate goal of being able to restore normal function of the immune and blood cells in patients with malignancies such as leukemia and autoimmune diseases. If these lines became ineligible because of retroactive application of the new guidelines, the result to our research would be devastating as we would be unable to perform side by side comparisons of data from these established "gold standards" with those from new hESC lines and iPSC. In addition, the delay of establishing and testing new hESC lines derived under the new standards would be considerable.</p> <p>2. EXISTING SELF-REGULATORY PROCESS</p> <p>The NIH guidelines should support the strong existing federal regulatory framework provided by 45 CFR 46, rather than setting new and unique requirements for hESC research. The new guidelines should acknowledge that most existing domestic lines were derived in accordance with the core principles in the CIRM regulations and the ISSCR guidelines, and are consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving the protection of human subjects (donors) through IRB oversight and approval. The federal human research regulations support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy research by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Requiring independent oversight by IRBs and the international equivalent that have extensive experience reviewing

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41298		5/22/2009 10:48:14 PM	<p>informed consent in the context of human tissue research;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ensuring a process for voluntary informed consent including the review of consent procedures performed domestically and internationally; o Requiring no undue inducements to donors. <p>In some instances, oversight bodies called Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (ESCRO) committee, as recommended by the National Academy of Science (NAS) and required by CIRM, as well as other oversight methods in other countries, provide oversight of human pluripotent stem cell research. Established policies demonstrate that the self-regulatory structure provides 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. PROVENANCE BASED ON PREVAILING STANDARDS OF THE TIME</p> <p>The determination of the ethical and legal provenance of hESC lines should be based on the investigator's documentation of IRB approval for the obtaining of the original tissue used for the derivation of the line. The IRB approval would be based on the usual determination that the embryos were collected in an ethically appropriate manner consistent with existing federal standards for informed consent.</p> <p>For the purpose of determining eligibility for federal funding, the ethical provenance of existing domestic 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 applicable federal regulations. Many existing hESC lines, whether ineligible or eligible for federal funding during the Bush Administration, were derived from embryos donated by couples who were fully informed of their options and of the purposes of the research, and whose donations were overseen by an IRB. Nevertheless, many of those very same hESC lines will not be eligible for federal research support solely because the IRB approved consent forms donors signed do not comply with the specific new requirements promulgated in the draft Guidelines. As a result, there is serious risk that these lines, some of which are currently the gold standard for hESC research and that receive federal support, will be ruled ineligible for use in NIH-funded research under the proposed Guidelines.</p> <p>The same risk applies to lines developed pursuant to the laws and regulations of various states and foreign countries, even if their requirements are substantially equivalent to those in the US. Non-US lines should be eligible for federal funding if the IRB and/or ESCRO 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.</p> <p>In addition, new requirements that go beyond established US and international practice should only be applied prospectively and after a period for affected parties, including IVF clinics, to adapt. The NIH should reconsider those aspects of the proposed guidelines that go beyond existing IRB, CIRM, NAS, and ISSCR standards, including, for example, the proposed mandatory dual IVF consent the proposed guidelines would require, and the establishment of the informed consent document as the sole source for ethical validation of the informed consent process. Such a standard is a new requirement not previously contemplated by CIRM rules, NAS or ISSCR guidelines and is not required by the federal regulations for the protection of human subjects in domestic or international research.</p> <p>4. FEDERAL hESC REGISTRY</p> <p>A central NIH registry should serve as a single point for verification of hESC lines eligible for federal funding. Such a registry will provide certainty to all parties that the identified lines were derived according to ethical and legal standards. The evaluation of hESC provenance represents a major resource commitment for oversight committees. It is common for</p>

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41298		5/22/2009 10:48:14 PM	<p>multiple institutions to evaluate the provenance of the same lines resulting in the use of scarce resources in a duplication of a labor intensive effort. The NIH should support a more efficient use of scarce resources, reduction in errors, and ensure consistency and certainty of investigators and compliance committees, by supporting initiatives designed to establish and share the provenance of existing and to be created hESC lines. I, therefore, urge the NIH to work with organizations such as the CIRM and ISSCR to develop a list or registry of hESC lines available for NIH-funding or resources to support the oversight process. The CIRM, for example, has a registry mechanism 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. Ultimately, such a registry will reduce uncertainty, redundancy of review, and improve research efficiency. While that registry is being established, it would be useful for the NIH to publish, on a Web site, the lines that are determined to be eligible for federal funding based on IRB and ESCRO determinations.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guidelines.</p>
41299	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:48:15 PM	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I protest strongly the use of embryos for stem-cell research. There are certain boundaries which should never be crossed, and destroying life for experimentation purposes is one such boundary.</p> <p>While the search for a cure for various diseases is a noble one, it is crucial that high ethical standards are maintained at all times. Harvesting human beings (embryos) and using them for experimentation, with the goal of using them to create something new for those already born, is truly ghastly and frightening.</p> <p>The justification used -- that they are "spare" embryos from IVF clinics that aren't wanted, does nothing. Human beings are not commodities to be bought, sold, or used for medical experiments.</p> <p>There are so many other options available. Focus on adult stem-cell research, and avoid this moral and ethical pitfall.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41300		5/22/2009 10:49:29 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
41301		5/22/2009 10:49:40 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> <p>Quite frankly, I am getting tired of needless and corrupt spending of OUR money in such irresponsible ways.</p>

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41302		5/22/2009 10:49:56 PM	We DO NOT AGREE and absolutely do not want to support stem cell research that isn't done with adult stem cells. We DO NOT want to pay for stem cell research that is done with human embryonic stem cells.
41303		5/22/2009 10:50:18 PM	<p>Please rescind President Obama's executive order that would allow for government funding on embryonic stem cell research. This controversial and unethical procedure shouldn't be used as there are other methods that have shown success in fighting diseases, such as adult stem cell research. Other medical advances, such as regenerative medicine, can help with future stem cell endeavors. With stem cell research so controversial, taxpayer funds should not help support this, nor should any other governmental funds. The government should help support ethics and not support a procedure that has been ineffective in other countries and isn't supported by a substantial amount of Americans. All human beings have grown from embryos, and as long as these embryos can be grown into human beings, they should not be destroyed for any medical research of any kind. Human life and potential full-fledged human beings like you and me should not have to be destroyed for the sake of science. President Obama has said that science should guide policies, and if he wants to stick to that, then embryos shouldn't intentionally be destroyed because of how they are human lives. President Obama has shown hypocrisy with his executive order. His executive order has shown how he doesn't respect human life at the pre-born stage. The pre-born stage is important because all of us living have been at the pre-born stage, and all in this stage deserve the ability to be born and not deserve to be destroyed.</p> <p>The support of their destruction has been a result of pro-choice views and the controversial methods of in-vitro fertilization. When it has been supported that an unborn child, who is growing and has been passed the embryonic stage, then it's understandable how the destruction of embryos can be supported. When life is already disrespected by one's own mother, it's understandable how life can be disrespected by medical doctors and other scientists. When politicians and others accept the destruction of a human life when the heart is already beating and organs are forming, then it's understandable that others accept the destruction of embryos. Should such destruction, however, be accepted? NO! If human life was more respected at the pre-born stage, then the support for embryonic stem cell research would be a lot less. Also, in-vitro fertilization itself is controversial as many embryos are created for this procedure when usually just one is able to lead to someone who is born. I believe life should not be artificially created when there are many children out there who can be adopted. I find it unethical when couples can adopt instead. In-vitro fertilization isn't medically necessary and it's not like our population is suffering. I realize many couples want children via in-vitro, but ethics should have more importance than simply people's desires. Children shouldn't be artificial commodities. The utilization of in-vitro fertilization and how life can be artificially created and manipulated has also led to less importance on how embryos are treated, since in-vitro leads to a surplus of embryos. This disrespect of human life needs to be stopped and at least shouldn't be supported by the government.</p> <p>Also, the funding of embryonic stem cell research will be watched over by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, who is Kathleen Sebelius, who is a highly pro-choice politician. She has supported government funding for pro-choice institutions and late-term abortion doctors. With her support of abortion, I'm sure she'll do what she can to support embryonic stem cell research. The funding for embryonic stem cell research is already controversial because of how the procedure is controversial, and with the funding being administrated by a controversial pro-choice advocate, this process is being even more controversial.</p> <p>Please put an end to this unethical and controversial funding of this highly unethical procedure by not allowing funding for embryonic stem cell research, while still supporting adult stem cell research, regenerative medicine and pluripotent stem cell research, which are each clearly ethical. Thank you.</p>

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41304		5/22/2009 10:51:07 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>
41305		5/22/2009 10:51:58 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>
41306		5/22/2009 10:52:07 PM	<p>Please do not EVER use human embryonic stem cells in research. Cord blood and adult stem cells can be used in any situation without harming another human being. Viable treatments have already come from adult stem cells. This is NOT true of embryonic stem cell research. There is never a reason to end human life for research purposes. Honor life and do not use any of my tax money to fund unethical, imoral research. Thank you.</p>
41307		5/22/2009 10:52:19 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>
41308		5/22/2009 10:52:27 PM	<p>I can appreciate the NIH's desire to uphold the Dicky-Wicker ammendment. I feel, however, that there is a kind of 'at all costs' attitude with the embryonic issue. I would encourage the NIH to consider all avenues, including the research on umbilical cord stem cells, before blurring the moral line of what is right.</p> <p>I personally believe that to kill the existence of a human being, no matter how small or unwanted, is a form of genocide. I am sure there are others who believe as I do. I do not want my tax dollars paying for ebryonic stem cell research that may or may not be a viable cure.</p>

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41309	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:52:47 PM	<p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines, MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20892</p> <p>Dear Dr. Kington and Stem Cell Guidelines Committee:</p> <p>To comply with President Obama's Executive Order #13505: Removing Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research Involving Human Stem Cells, the proposed Guidelines posted in the Federal Register April 23, 2009, need to be amended as follows:</p> <p>I. no suggested changes. I. A. no suggested changes II.B. should read: "Eligibility of human pluripotent stem cells: Human pluripotent stem cells may be used in research using NIH funds if the cells were derived from human embryos or oocytes donated for research purposes for which documentation for the following can be assured: II.B.(1) and (2) no suggested changes II.B. (3) "...where the embryos or oocytes were donated..." II.B. (4) delete II.B. (5) should read: "At the time of donation, donors were informed that they retained the right to withdraw consent until the embryos or oocytes were actually used for research. II.B. (6) should read: "The attending physician responsible for clinical care and the researcher proposing to utilize human pluripotent stem cells should not have been the same person. II. B. (7) should read: "Informed consent was obtained from individual(s) who elected to donate human embryos or oocytes for research purposes. Such informed consent should comply with human subjects research guidelines such as those proposed by the National Academy of Science or other bodies who have carefully considered human pluripotent stem cell research such as the International Society for Stem Cell Research, or recognized human subjects review committees." II. B. (7. a. - i) delete II. C. no suggested changes II. A. and B. no suggested changes IV. A. no suggested changes, could be combined with III. IV.B. delete</p> <p>I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo and oocyte donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>I also urge the NIH to develop a registry or data-base of NIH-approved stem cell lines. This registry would save tax payer dollars by eliminating the need for each research institution to conduct its own reviews of stem cell lines.</p> <p>Finally, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis and nuclear transfer as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation.</p>

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41309		5/22/2009 10:52:47 PM	Yours truly,
41310		5/22/2009 10:53:44 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, in fact, producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the use of human embryos for research purposes.
41311	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:53:50 PM	<p>Dear President Obama:</p> <p>I am writing to you today because 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>Remember true science and true religion do not oppose one another, but support one another because the one true God created both so therefore they can not be in opposition of each other.</p> <p>Please consider this very carefully, before wasting tax payers hard earned money on something that simply will not succeed.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41312		5/22/2009 10:53:52 PM	<p>Embryonic Stem Cells when harvested destroy a human embryo in the process. Many Americans consider this the destruction of innocent life for research purposes which has been morally abhorred throughout the world (see reason for destruction of the research done by the Nazis in WW II).</p> <p>Embryonic Stem Cell research has proved to be years away from safely using it in clinical medicine.</p> <p>Adult Stem Cells can be easily harvested without destroying a human, and are closer to having a therapeutic use in clinical medicine.</p> <p>These "Guidelines" have mainly a moral and ethical purpose behind them. If it is morally and ethical appropriate to use research information from a life that was immorally or unethically destroyed, then it logically would be appropriate to experiment with other embryonic/human tissue obtained in the same manner. Adolf Hitler and Margaret Sanger and all who support eugenics propose and agree with doing such. Why did America and the Allied Nations oppose this very logic when dealing with Nazi research?</p> <p>Let us guide our scientific community away from embryonic stem cell use and towards adult stem cell use.</p>

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41313		5/22/2009 10:54:21 PM	The human embryo must be afforded full dignity and protection. Even a laudable end, such as a cure for Parkinson's Disease, cannot justify the means of destroying human life; moreover, the progress made in adult stem cell research puts in question the necessity of research based upon the embryo, research which I regard as a violation of civil rights.
41314		5/22/2009 10:54:32 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. 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.
41315		5/22/2009 10:54:33 PM	<p>To Whom it may concern</p> <p>Please advise, that I'm strongly against any support of reseaching embrionic stem cells(financial, experiential)in this time and in future.</p>
41316		5/22/2009 10:54:50 PM	Embrionic stem cells have never been shown to have any positive benefits. Please do not spend my money on them.
41317	Redacted	5/22/2009 10:54:53 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> <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>Be sure to submit your comments today. We must have our voices heard on this important issue!</p> <p>For Life,</p>

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41318		5/22/2009 10:55:33 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>
41319		5/22/2009 10:56:00 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which forces me as a tax payer to subsidize research the destruction of innocent human life. No human cloning or human embryos for research.</p>
41320		5/22/2009 10:56:04 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>
41321		5/22/2009 10:56:44 PM	<p>The Draft National Institutes of Health (NIH) Human Stem Cell Guidelines devote our tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells. Therefore, I oppose these draft regulations.</p>

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41322		5/22/2009 10:58:06 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41323		5/22/2009 10:58:33 PM	<p>I'm very much opposed to the drafted guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which force the taxpayers, through the government, to fund research that has not only been found ineffective but encourages the destruction of human life. The proposed regulations also contain a loophole for the future creation of human-animal hybrids and clones. This is completely unacceptable.</p> <p>Adult stem cells are effective, widely accepted as ethical and non-controversial. Embryonic stem cell research has been shown to be ineffective and dangerous. It's controversial for a reason! We, the tax payers, through the government, should absolutely not fund controversial research, especially when there is a much better option</p>
41324		5/22/2009 10:58:33 PM	<p>There is sufficient proof that adult stem cell therapy works and works better than all the research - that so far has been a dead end - has any expectation of. This is an unbelievable waste of tax payer money, as well as being totally unnecessary and immoral!!</p> <p>Please stop this now.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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41325		5/22/2009 10:59:03 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>
41326		5/22/2009 10:59:16 PM	<p>As not only a Mother, but a Great Grand Mother,I am opposed to the use of human embryos for stem cell research, etc. You state that embryos that were saved for reproduction "and no longer needed for that purpose" would be used. Pardon me, but those are human beings that if allowed to live would be babies that cry, need to be fed, diapered and most of all, LOVED. Please don't kill any more of our babies.</p>
41327		5/22/2009 11:00:05 PM	<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. Thank you.</p>

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41328		5/22/2009 11:00:27 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p> <p>We deserve a cure! Thank you!</p>
41329	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:00:44 PM	<p>stem cell tech. already allowed as of president Bush signed into law is very sufficant and is already doing much to help from all i have been able to gather noting else is needed no need to kill to obtain please stop this senseless embarassment to our country and our people</p>
41330		5/22/2009 11:01:48 PM	<p>Please do not allow our tax dollars to fund this research. Embryonic stem cells have not yet yielded a single cure or therapeutic result for any medical condition. Adult stem cells have proven to help or even cure over 70 medical conditions. The tax money should be used to fund this much more ethical and hopeful research.</p>
41331		5/22/2009 11:02:37 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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41332		5/22/2009 11:02:59 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>
41333	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:03:10 PM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Please consider the success there has been in treating disease through adult stem cell research. Please refrain from allowing babies to be treated as non life forms in the pursuit of knowledge when so much has already been done through moral procedures that don't treat life as though it is not.</p> <p>Thank you for considering these heartfelt comments.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41334		5/22/2009 11:03:45 PM	<p>I strongly disagree with the support and funding with taxpayer dollars of research using embryonic stem cells. No matter what way you want to justify it, such research kills life. The use of adult stem cells has been more successful and is morally acceptable. Why fund an inferior, immoral alternative? "Short cuts coerode the character" of America and justifying the taking of life "corrupts what is best in a people". Let us rather find and support "ways that are consistent with our values". All human life has intrinsic value. To kill the smallest, most vulnerable is unethical. When given a choice we must take the high ground and lead the world in the way that American's can be proud of.</p>

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41335	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:03:50 PM	<p>Dear Madam/Sir;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am writing to encourage the use of stem cells in medical research, particularly Parkinson's Disease research. I am not a scientist I but an engineer who has succumbed to the debilitating effects of Parkinson's disease (PD). I join Michael J Fox in his quest to use stem cells in combating the PD deficiencies.</p> <p>I believe Americans should have the best medical care available, and should not have to go to a foreign country to get the best and latest care. In this regard embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders in addition to PD, and any guidelines for the use of stem cells in research should build upon this progress and insure that all needy people have access to the cures and therapies as quickly as possible. Please insure that any final guidelines do not increase bureaucratic hurdles, but reduce them to facilitate the smooth and quick flow of pertinent information.</p> <p>I am pleased to note that the present draft regulations for stem cell research may permit the use of federal funds. Federal funding is so important in today's economy to keep the chance for breakthroughs high and encourage to top minds to work on a subject grant. It is important that final guidelines allow federal funds for research using all stem cell lines created by following ethical practices at the time they were derived. I also believe that the final guidelines should allow stem cell research on stem cells derived from new sources such as somatic cell nuclear transfer.</p> <p>I am excited about the future of stem cell research in the United states and will continue to watch for outstanding progress.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41336		5/22/2009 11:04:46 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>
41337		5/22/2009 11:05:12 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>
41338		5/22/2009 11:05:17 PM	<p>I am vehemently opposed to being forced into using My Tax Dollars to fund the destruction of human embryos, at any time, for Any reason. These dollars should be directed to Adult stem cell research, where there is proven fact of sucess in disease treatment and without Moral and Ethical issues. I also fear the use of these "embrionic cells" may be used for cloning and other un-ethical purposes. STOP the Madness NOW !!!</p>

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41339		5/22/2009 11:05:56 PM	Please respect human life and stop the barbaric idea of creating human babies and them distroying them after you haved used the wanted parts. How in humane!!!
41340		5/22/2009 11:06:27 PM	Please help my child to live a normal life again by continuing to provide much needed research in stem cell. We need the hope that this terrible irratic disease will end one day for my child. Please ,please help us. If it was your child you would be able to see how many different ways it affects their lives in a negative way. We also have to live in constant fear of losing her to a sudden episode of low blood constantly. It is so much harder to control than anyone who doesn't live it would ever be privy to knowing it's contant battle of keeping her safe.
41341		5/22/2009 11:06:59 PM	Upon reading the April 23, 2009 Federal Register Notice I give the following comment. In the Summary,it is stated that "NIH-funded research in this area is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law." This sentence is repeated two other times, though it leaves out the word "ethically" in those instances. As determined in the human genome project, human individuality is determined in the DNA at conception. It is not, therefore, ethical to "experiment on, then destroy" a human being without it's express permission. This embryo is an individual and therefore is deprived of his/her rights in being experimented on and terminated. In addition, current trends in research have clearly revealed that embryonic stem cells are an uncontrollable "wild card" whereas adult stem cells have not only shown promise but are currently being actively used in over seventy medically viable and reproducable treatments. I, therefore, strongly encourage the NIH to direct all funding into the more viable and successful area of adult stem cell research. It makes no sense to throw good money after bad in this financially stressed economy in an effort to maintain an ineffective and non-productive research direction.
41342	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:07:29 PM	<p>To Whom it May Concern</p> <p>We are opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. It is unfair to 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. 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 have been proven safe.</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. Thank you for your consideration of our opinions.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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41343		5/22/2009 11:07:44 PM	<p>There's no words to describe my outrage toward anyone who uses my tax dollars to fund EMBRYONIC stem cell research. You can not call the taking of an innocent human embryo anything but MURDER. To know that our country is dipping to such immoral depths is unconscionable. I am so disappointed that our elected leaders are so blinded that they can not see the immorality of this. I'm so glad that I will not be standing in their shoes on judgment day.</p> <p>To fund anything like the "Frankenstein" kind of results that EMBRYONIC stem cell research is producing is ludicrous. On the other hand, ADULT stem cell research has proven effective against many maladies and the beneficial possibilities are endless. I'm wondering, "What kind of cockeyed rationale can a politician use to come to the conclusion that there's anything good about EMBRYONIC stem cell research?"</p> <p>God's Word is right ... "Those who call evil good and good evil are doomed."(Isaiah 5:20)</p>
41344		5/22/2009 11:08:06 PM	<p>Please help fund more stem cell research so we can cure ALS and other horrible illnesses that affect so many innocent people! it is the right thing to do.</p>
41345		5/22/2009 11:08:25 PM	<p>Stem cell research has potential for great good. I sport it.</p>
41346		5/22/2009 11:10:17 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research creates an incentive to create and kill human embryos. I am against Executive Order 13505.</p>
41347		5/22/2009 11:11:38 PM	<p>As a former health care worker I understand something regarding this issue. Embryonic stem cells are not necessary for research as other stem cells work quite well and in some instances the adult stem cells are superior to embryonic stem cells.</p>
41348		5/22/2009 11:12:19 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. Money spent on embryonic stem cell research takes away needed funds from adult stem cell research which is much more promising and does not have the moral implications.</p> <p>In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or to human embryos being produced only for research purposes.</p>
41349		5/22/2009 11:12:59 PM	<p>This is something I would like to add to my previous message regarding embryonic stem cell research: I understand that embryonic stem cells produce results that are only temporary, cause tumors, and destroy the human embryo in the process. Why invest public money in this way? Adult stem cells have been proven to be effective and do not result in the destruction of a precious new human life in its earliest stages. Please use our money in a moral way. No tax-payers money should go to fund embryonic stem cell research.</p>
41350		5/22/2009 11:13:32 PM	<p>I am against draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, subsidized by taxpayers where innocent human life is destroyed.</p> <p>Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and already produce good results. In no case should government support be given for human cloning or human embryos for research purposes.</p>
41351		5/22/2009 11:14:11 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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41352		5/22/2009 11:15:56 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>
41353		5/22/2009 11:17:08 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>
41354		5/22/2009 11:17:40 PM	<p>I strongly request that NO federal tax dollars are used to fund Embryonic stem cell research. There is no need to destroy tiny human lives for a technology that is yet to provide ANY cures or treatments for diseases. Instead, if we must use tax dollars for medical research, it should be with adult stem cells which do not require the destruction of human life and have already been used to treat a number of illnesses. I do not want MY tax dollars used to support this inhumane and unethical research.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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41355	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:18:53 PM	<p>Destruction of human embryos...</p> <p>If medical research of Human Stem Cell causes or requires the destruction of human embryos, this line of research must not be accepted.</p> <p>But any line of Human Stem Cell or any medical research that does not cause harm nor destruction of any human being (including human embryos, etc) should be acceptable.</p> <p>Thanks and Good Luck,</p>
41356		5/22/2009 11:20:20 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>
41357		5/22/2009 11:21:07 PM	<p>As a retired research scientist, 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>
41358		5/22/2009 11:23:03 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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41359		5/22/2009 11:23:23 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>
41360		5/22/2009 11:23:29 PM	<p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. This research shows immense promise as we search for cures for Parkinson's, diabetes, and numerous other dread diseases.</p>
41361		5/22/2009 11:24:03 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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41362		5/22/2009 11:25:38 PM	<p>I am opposed to using my tax dollars to support embryonic stem cell research. It is unethical to experiment on human beings in the earliest stages of development even if they would otherwise be destroyed. The US government and my tax dollars should not be part of such shameful human experimentation.</p> <p>Adult stem cell research is ethical and already showing promise. I prefer that NIH scientists do ethical research. The government has already been involved in too much unethical medicine.</p>
41363		5/22/2009 11:25:58 PM	<p>I oppose embryonic stem cell research because so far it has not been successful while adult stem cell research has been very successful and is used in treating many diseases such as Parkinson's, juvenile diabetes, and many more. I believe and a human life begins at conception and that every person is sacred and should not be killed for research or any other reason. Please stop using our tax money to fund embryonic stem cell research and use the money to fund adult stem cell research instead.</p>
41364		5/22/2009 11:27:23 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>
41365		5/22/2009 11:27:37 PM	<p>In a time where we are in financial turmoil, why is this administration intent on dropping massive funding into a program that is merely in a theoretical experimentation stage which to this point in time has not yielded greatly beneficial results?</p> <p>Not only am I against embryonic stem-cell research for moral reasons, it has not shown itself to be more beneficial than current adult stem-cell research.</p> <p>I would rather have that money either given back to tax payers, or pushed into current successful stem-cell research. Why are my personal dollars being put into programs that are wasting money and serving to over-bloat an already over-bloated government?</p>
41366		5/22/2009 11:28:56 PM	<p>Human stem cell research using embryonic (zygote, or other human prenatal development cells) is unethical and sets a dangerous precedent for the total disregard of human life.</p>
41367		5/22/2009 11:29:07 PM	<p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>

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41368		5/22/2009 11:29:31 PM	<p>I am writing to express my opinion both as a physician and as a parent of a 9 year old boy with type 1 Diabetes who pricks his finger 10-12 times a day to check his blood sugar.</p> <p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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41369		5/22/2009 11:29:41 PM	<p data-bbox="634 123 1902 180">Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p data-bbox="634 215 1902 305">This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p data-bbox="634 341 1902 430">I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p data-bbox="634 466 1940 555">As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p data-bbox="634 591 1913 680">Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="634 716 1892 773">I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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41370		5/22/2009 11:29:50 PM	<p>Dear Dr. Kington and Stem Cell Guidelines Committee:</p> <p>To comply with President Obama’s Executive Order #13505: Removing Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research Involving Human Stem Cells, the proposed Guidelines posted in the Federal Register April 23, 2009, need to be amended as follows:</p> <p>I. no suggested changes. I. A. no suggested changes II.B. should read: “Eligibility of human pluripotent stem cells: Human pluripotent stem cells may be used in research using NIH funds if the cells were derived from human embryos or oocytes donated for research purposes for which documentation for the following can be assured: II.B.(1) and (2) no suggested changes II.B. (3) “...where the embryos or oocytes were donated...” II.B. (4) delete II.B. (5) should read: “At the time of donation, donors were informed that they retained the right to withdraw consent until the embryos or oocytes were actually used for research. II.B. (6) should read: “The attending physician responsible for clinical care and the researcher proposing to utilize human pluripotent stem cells should not have been the same person. II. B. (7) should read: “Informed consent was obtained from individual(s) who elected to donate human embryos or oocytes for research purposes. Such informed consent should comply with human subjects research guidelines such as those proposed by the National Academy of Science or other bodies who have carefully considered human pluripotent stem cell research such as the International Society for Stem Cell Research, or recognized human subjects review committees.” II. B. (7. a. - i) delete II. C. no suggested changes II. A. and B. no suggested changes IV. A. no suggested changes, could be combined with III. IV.B. delete</p>
41371		5/22/2009 11:30:21 PM	Please protect the unborn!
41372		5/22/2009 11:30:40 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>

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41373		5/22/2009 11:30:45 PM	<p>On March 9, 2009 President Obama charged the National Institutes of Health, the primary funding agency for federally funded biomedical research, to draft a new set of ethical guidelines for embryonic stem cell research by July 2009. The President did NOT mean for the new guidelines to overturn the Dickey Amendment to the NIH budget which bans federal funding for the derivation of stem cell lines. Rather, his intent was to EXPAND the numbers and types of stem cells available for federal funding after they are derived.</p> <p>I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo and oocyte donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>I also urge the NIH to develop a registry or data-base of NIH-approved stem cell lines. This registry would save tax payer dollars by eliminating the need for each research institution to conduct its own reviews of stem cell lines.</p> <p>Finally, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis and nuclear transfer as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
41374		5/22/2009 11:30:50 PM	<p>After reading about many different scientific studies and research involving human embryonic stem cells, I have found to date, no effective medical therapy available. This type of 'therapy' continues to prove unsuccessful due to tumor formations. Why must we continue to believe that we can, or should make use of early human life, that is, embryonic stem cells, when it has only brought failure and can actually be life threatening to a patient, not to mention the destruction of early life of the individual human embryo? Is this really a desire for a treatment, if so, why not continue to give time and funds to adult stem cell research which has already shown so much success?</p>
41375	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:31:55 PM	<p>Dear Mr. President,</p> <p>I am writing to say that I am very concerned about the proposal that would force tax payers to pay for research on the creation and destruction of Ebryonic Stem Cells. Whether or not you believe that an embryo is human life, it is morally wrong to force people to pay for such research who may indeed think otherwise. This directly violates the consciences of MANY American Citizens in our country, and is ethically unacceptable.</p> <p>As you are aware, there have been ZERO successful results from research done on embryos to date, and yet MANY successful results done on adult stem cells. It seems obvious where the tax money should be going to further such work.</p> <p>Please know that you remain in my daily prayers as you lead our country and the lives of so many people. What a frightening responsibility lays upon your shoulders.</p> <p>God bless you, Mr. President. Very Sincerley,</p>

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41376		5/22/2009 11:32:04 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>
41377		5/22/2009 11:32:30 PM	<p>As a health care provider for people with spinal cord injuries, 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>
41378		5/22/2009 11:32:42 PM	<p>In my opinion the NIH guidelines are not reflecting President Obama's intention to liberate human ES cell research. At this point it is not clear what the best way is to generate human pluripotent stem cells. It might be induced pluripotent stem cells but it could as well be SCNT-derived ES cells. Perhaps SCNT research will also find the way how to improve the methods to make induced pluripotent stem cells. Therefore the NIH guidelines should be amended to support SCNT.</p>

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41379		5/22/2009 11:34:01 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>
41380		5/22/2009 11:34:26 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>
41381		5/22/2009 11:35:00 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 lines²⁰ 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>
41382		5/22/2009 11:35:05 PM	<p>Destroying human embryos for stem cell research is wrong! Protect human embryos. Focus on adult stem cell research instead.</p>

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41383		5/22/2009 11:35:06 PM	I oppose the use of my taxpayer dollars for failed research requiring the destruction of human embryos. Instead, please support adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.
41384		5/22/2009 11:36:06 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 & treatments that do not destroy human life & are already proven successful. There is no case extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryo's for research purposes. The blood of these innocent babies will have to be accounted for.
41385	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:36:19 PM	I cannot support killing innocent humans to serve the needs, even possible live-saving needs, of other humans. 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 , hybrids of humans with other species, 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. 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.
41386		5/22/2009 11:37:35 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 the human embryos for research purposes.
41387		5/22/2009 11:37:47 PM	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.

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41388		5/22/2009 11:38:40 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>
41389		5/22/2009 11:38:47 PM	<p>Three comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="634 727 1948 846">1. I don't see the sense in re-authorizing use of the same cell line every time a new researcher applies for funding. It would be more cost-effective to set up a cell line registry, and add lines as they are approved for use by any lab. New labs (or newly funded labs) could then work on any lines listed in the registry, and would only need to put in applications for lines that are not yet registered. <li data-bbox="634 883 1913 1062">2. I question using the same set of rules for newly-generated lines and for lines currently in existence. If the bulk of the evidence suggests that an existing line was produced in a way that's compatible with the intent of the new law, perhaps it should be grandfathered in (even if some minor documentation is missing). Non-biologists don't understand how disruptive it can be to switch from one genetic background to another. Do you really intend for basically every stem cell lab in the US to have to replicate 5 or 10 years' worth of work with a new set of cells, before they can make new discoveries? <li data-bbox="634 1099 1948 1312">3. new advances in both stem cell production and in vitro fertilization make it possible for an embryo to develop into a baby AND a stem cell line. At the moment, this process is explicitly banned by the guidelines, despite the fact that an egg fertilized for this purpose would lead to a living baby (as well as a cell line). Presumably this was done to ease fears of cloning, or to prevent people from having babies "just" to produce a tissue match that could save an older sibling. However, pleas consider that people conceive children for all sorts of reasons--good, bad, altruistic or selfish. Roughly half of all children are conceived unintentionally, i.e. for no reason at all. Is it really worse to be conceived as a "savior sibling"? It would be worth revisiting this issue in 5 or 10 years, when we've had more time to think about the implications.
41390		5/22/2009 11:39:25 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 killing of human embryos.</p>

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41391		5/22/2009 11:39:30 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>
41392		5/22/2009 11:40:08 PM	I support embryonic stem cell research and am glad of the restrictions are being loosened.
41393		5/22/2009 11:40:49 PM	Please do not pass legislation regarding stem cell use from human embryos.
41394		5/22/2009 11:41:53 PM	<p>My father suffered from Parkinson's Disease, and I am a strong supporter of stem cell research. There are so many people in the world suffering from diseases that can conceivably be cured or alleviated, that it makes no sense to me not to use all avenues available to us to help these people.</p> <p>Please count me in as a supporter.</p>
41395		5/22/2009 11:42:40 PM	<p>One of my brothers donated stem cells to another of my brothers three years ago to try to stop his lymphoma from killing him. The "donating" brother found the preparation and procedure quite easy. My entire family and I would strongly like to see all monetary funds and research focused on improving adult stem cell use for medical cures rather than wasting valuable funds, time, and research talent on embryonic stem cell. THE former, adult stem cell usage, being the most moral and with the most potential, while the latter, embryonic, being much further from being successful for the intended purposes in medicine, and also being immoral. Those of us with loved ones whose sometimes fatal diseases could potentially be turned around by stem cells are of course desperate for cure, and with limited time need something very available and effective. THAT is adult stem cell. The fact that it is also a moral, ethical cure is wonderful for the soul and conscience.</p>
41396		5/22/2009 11:43:02 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>

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41397		5/22/2009 11:44:12 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 to be 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 better options available 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>
41398		5/22/2009 11:44:21 PM	<p>I share the view of an overwhelming number of Americans: conducting research on human embryos is morally indefensible. I vehemently oppose it and will not accept paying for it with my taxes. Please defend the constitutional right to life of every American by refusing to back embryonic stem cell research.</p>
41399		5/22/2009 11:44:46 PM	<p>After reading the April 23,2009 Federal register Notice on Stem Cell Guidelines, I am very concerned. I see this as a slippery slope. Initially the embryos will be "left overs" from in vitro attempts, that are no longer needed or wanted by the parents. My concern is when these run out or are not enough for that "great new breakthrough" do they begin to request that women provide the eggs for science? for country?</p> <p>It is interesting in the article that the words "perhaps" and "may" were used a number of times as the stem cells "may yield...". There seems to be a lot of hoping that this is the next big cure for all our ills. I applaud the persons looking for cures to these diseases, BUT at what cost to human life? What does this say about our respect of all human beings no matter at what line of the spectrum of life? We have become more concerned with the protection of animal rights then human rights.</p>
41400		5/22/2009 11:46:23 PM	<p>I am a strong supporter of stem cell research. It's good to see some of the restrictions being lifted.</p>
41401	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:46:48 PM	<p>I am opposed to the use of federal funds for embryonic stem cell research. Please make it so that no embryos are ever destroyed by the government and that no federal funding is ever involved in this type of research. The government has no place doing this. It is an action that is reprehensible to many.</p>

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41402		5/22/2009 11:47:58 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>
41403		5/22/2009 11:48:08 PM	<p>Please consider the fact that the ends do not justify the means when the destruction of human life is involved. It is obvious that our ancestors who lived in the era of slavery were patently wrong to designate people of color as sub-human, unworthy of respect, freedom, or basic human rights. Likewise, we naturally recoil at the idea of Nazis carrying out a program to exterminate the Jews and of Nazi scientists justifying torturous experimentation on living human subjects in the pursuit of scientific discovery. Each of these crimes against humanity began by people desensitizing themselves to the humanity and dignity of people of color and Jewish people. Today this deprivation of dignity, freedom, and protection is happening to people who are so small it is difficult to recognize their worth or the consequences of killing them. That does not negate the consequences. If we kill the weak and defenseless, the "unproductive" or "unwanted," if we conduct destructive experiments on tiny human beings because their stem cells may provide some cure down the road, we do violence not only to a fellow human being, but to our own humanity. We work to desensitize and dehumanize society. Our involvement in the destruction of human embryos is no less dehumanizing than owning people as slaves as some of our ancestors did or attempting to exterminate a people group or experimenting on living people in the name of scientific curiosity like the Nazis did. Not coincidentally, the Nazis carried out the systematic killing of children with disabilities. Considering one group of people sub-human is tied up with considering other groups of people sub-human as well. Scientific freedom should be at the service of all human beings, not employed in dehumanizing and destroying some in the name of saving others. There is enough creativity, genius and drive in our society to develop medical therapies through means that do not cause the death of our tiniest fellow human beings.</p>

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41404		5/22/2009 11:48:23 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>
41405	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:49:12 PM	<p>I strongly urge you to reconsider your position on the use of 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>Thank you,</p>
41406		5/22/2009 11:49:50 PM	<p>If clearly there is a better way, a more effective way to research and cure than to use the torn apart remains of dead innocent children why on earth would anyone not take advantage of that? There are very notable doctors who are standing up to give a solution to what is otherwise murder. So why is there still a bill signed in favor of a nonfundamental, nonpractical "research"? At this point it is not in the name of science but insted in the name of genocide!</p>
41407		5/22/2009 11:50:06 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 killing of human embryos.</p> <p>Expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research that is treating people now with non-embryonic stem cells and will also divert funds away from other sources of embryonic-like stem cells that have been generated without the use of human embryos.</p>
41408		5/22/2009 11:50:32 PM	<p>Why? When adult stem cells are proven to be effective? Who gives ANYONE the right to destroy what they didn't create?</p>
41409		5/22/2009 11:51:02 PM	<p>Adult stem cells have and are working in over 100 different diseases. there is no need to waste any more innocent human lives or money on embryonic stem cell research. Renouned Dr Oz on April 2, 2009 informed mike fox and oprah the stem cell debate is dead. Adult stem cells have been working, are easily accessible ie skin cells, cord blood, fat cells, bone marrow, the list goes on. please invest monies in adult stem cells, the working cells that have produced actual results. embryonic stem cells grow uncontrollably and produce tumors.</p> <p>i do not want to be responsible for the loss of any more innocent embryos, please stop ESCR and advance adult stem cell research (ASCR)</p>
41410		5/22/2009 11:51:40 PM	<p>As Far as stem cells are concerned any research should be done without using embryonic stem cells, The stem cells from umbilical cords can be used for research and no embryos are used in the process.</p>

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41411		5/22/2009 11:51:56 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>
41412		5/22/2009 11:53:20 PM	<p>The science for stem cell research is out dated. There have been no results. No one has been cured of anything. There are also considerable dangers from immune system rejection and tumors. Adult stem cells by contrast have provided new and very promising therapies which don't involve killing embryos.</p>
41413	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:56:38 PM	<p>I do not believe in embryonic stem cell research for any reason. As a registered nurse, I know that stem cells are accessible by other means. I implore you not to allow for any form of embryonic stem research/destruction.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41414	Redacted	5/22/2009 11:56:40 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>
41415		5/22/2009 11:59:14 PM	<p>I oppose the destruction of human embryos for any purpose, and I object to the use of my tax dollars for embryonic stem cell research. Please focus your efforts on adult stem cells, which apparently show great promise for medical research.</p>
41416		5/23/2009 12:00:17 AM	<p>Scientists have indeed used early embryos or blastocysts, some from embryos previously created for implantation and pregnancy, some created solely for research, but results have been mixed at best. Cells often grow out of control into tumors, immune systems sometimes reject the cells and as yet no way has been found to guide the cells into the differentiation needed for use in the adult (or child) body.</p> <p>Why is so little communicated to the public from many sources regarding the relative success of adult stem cell therapy and trials as compared to the false starts and disasters surrounding embryonic stem cell research?</p>

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41417	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:00:31 AM	<p>I object to our government funding stem cell research using human embryos. The fact that the embryos come from banks which have been created for other purposes, ie, in vitro fertilization, does not reduce the validity of my objection. Two wrongs do not make a right. Hundreds of stem cell successes to date have all been attributable to adult cells being used, with none to date coming from embrionic sources. Let's put our tax money there and advance a proven technique rather than sacrificing human embryos and ethical standards in research that has yet to claim a single success.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
41418		5/23/2009 12:01:05 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
41419		5/23/2009 12:01:30 AM	<p>As a retired RN,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>
41420		5/23/2009 12:04:01 AM	<p>Please consider that if all men are created equal and are endowed by thier creator with unalienable rights that that these rights must then be transendent of race, gender, intelligence, and even age (i.e. development). since birth is no more than a milestone on which society's traditions place arbitrary emphasis. (biologically it is merely a transition from one environment to another) then this subsidy for embryonic stem cell research forces me as a taxpayer to participate (unwillingly) in what i view to be an horrible genocide. please reconsider.</p>
41421		5/23/2009 12:04:02 AM	<p>I totally oppose using Human embryos for stem cell research.. Using cord blood has proved more than adequate in healing many diseases and does not result in the loss of human life. Killing an embryo in my opinion and belief is murder and should not be the vehicle for a cure for may diseases.</p>
41422		5/23/2009 12:04:03 AM	<p>I strongly oppose the use of embryonic stem cells for research in treating disease when the use of adult stem cells and cord blood have been found to be more useful and because I believe this use destroys life which after all we are trying to preserve with this research</p>
41423	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:04:05 AM	<p>I am asking the National Institutes of Health to protect human embryos from destruction. I would ask this agency to instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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41424		5/23/2009 12:04:20 AM	<p>I am encouraged by the draft guideline's inclusion of language requiring federally funded research to be, "ethically responsible, scientifically worthy." However, I notice that these terms are not carefully defined, and therefore can be interpreted in a variety of ways.</p> <p>The guidelines should specifically note that "ethical responsibility" is derived from the understanding that human embryos are sacred and demand reverence in handling. We can arrive at this conclusion by acknowledging that they are 1) human, and 2) could be roughly understood to be potential people. Your guidelines dance around these distinctions when they include this line, "Although human embryonic stem cells are derived from embryos, such stem cells are not themselves human embryos." You acknowledge that the mere term "human embryos," let alone the science surrounding human embryos – even the science of human embryonic stem cells and not the embryos themselves, is charged with ethical and moral considerations. You need to bring these considerations to the forefront. You need to specifically state that in order to be ethically responsible and to qualify for federal funding, the research conducted using human embryonic stem cells must not desecrate or destroy human embryos. Furthermore, said research should be conducted as though the human embryo is an individual, protected pursuant to the standards referenced by the draft guidelines as follows, "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."</p> <p>The guidelines also need to specifically define the term "scientifically worthy." The supplementary information of the guidelines says that "stem cells may yield information about the complex events that occur during human development," and also that "perhaps the most important potential use of human embryonic stem cells is the generation of cells and tissues that could be used for cell-based therapies." The guidelines should delineate that the use of embryonic stem cells for any other reasons other than the two listed above, is expressly forbidden at this point in time. Furthermore, a burden of proof must be placed upon the research seeking federal funding such that other stem cells will not suffice; the research must clearly show why embryonic stem cells are required in lieu of other types of stem cells. The guidelines must also include language specifying that if it is ever shown that other stem cells perform just as positively for research purposes as embryonic stem cells, the use of embryonic stem cells will stop immediately. This goes back to our point above that acting in a manner that is ethically responsible requires showing a special deference to embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p>

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41425		5/23/2009 12:04:43 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>
41426		5/23/2009 12:04:43 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>
41427		5/23/2009 12:05:08 AM	<p>I am writing in opposition to using embryonic stem cells for research. No human beings, no matter how small or young should be destroyed for research. Besides this, adult stem cells have been the only stem cells that have proven to be helpful and safe. Please don't allow human embryos to be created or destroyed for someone to use as an experiment or to do research on. No human beings should ever be used for these purposes.</p>

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41428		5/23/2009 12:05:38 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> <p>Where is the sanity in a nation that screams for human rights in the world, abhors human slavery yet will support embryonic stem cell research? Come on senators and congressmen, lets not kill our next generation off so you can receive funding from the abortion mills at next election.</p>
41429		5/23/2009 12:08:10 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>
41430		5/23/2009 12:08:14 AM	<p>Please focus your efforts on adult stem cell research which has shown far more positive results in treatment than embryonic stem cells, and when adult cells are used NO baby humans die.</p>
41431		5/23/2009 12:08:28 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>
41432		5/23/2009 12:11:01 AM	<p>Please focus on ADULT stem-cell research, which has already provided dozens of successful therapies and treatments for humans. Please PROTECT human EMBRYOS from destruction. Embryonic stem-cell research is not necessary and is not nearly as productive as adult stem-cell research.</p>

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41433		5/23/2009 12:11:02 AM	<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.</p> <p>What is also so very sad is that the real promise of research to help cure diseases is with ADULT STEM CELLS. 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 should be rejected. They only create a financial incentive for the creation of more human embryos to be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells, and do not have the potential for real advancement, as ADULT STEM CELLS do.</p>
41434		5/23/2009 12:11:11 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>
41435		5/23/2009 12:11:13 AM	<p>I oppose the use of embryos for stem cell research because it requires the death of a human being. And there is absolutely no reason to kill an innocent, defenseless babe any purpose.</p>
41436		5/23/2009 12:11:32 AM	<p>I am expressing a very strong opposition to the use of human embryos in scientific research. There is no such thing as the "responsible" use of these cells, just as there is no such thing as the "responsible" taking of any human life. All human beings are a complete genetic package in the embryonic stage, and if allowed to develop, become complete human babies. Causing the end of a human life is the deliberate taking of human life at any stage of development. Why are we pushing this agenda when all the successes in science have come the use of adult stem cells?</p>
41437		5/23/2009 12:11:43 AM	<p>Yes, there should be consent and information clearly shared. More importantly, this research needs to be happening, especially as the list of people needing donor organs gets longer, and longer, and longer. Carefully separate church and state, and move forward with the scientific research.</p>

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41438		5/23/2009 12:12:42 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>
41439		5/23/2009 12:12:43 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. Thank you.</p>

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41440		5/23/2009 12:12:48 AM	Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders, including a disease faced by my brother. 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.
41441		5/23/2009 12:13:04 AM	The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is requesting public comment on draft guidelines entitled ``National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research" (Guidelines). WE NEED TO GO BACK TO WHAT OUR FOREFATHERS DID AND PRAY. PRESIDENT OBAMA I PRAY YOU WILL TURN AND SEEK GOD.
41442		5/23/2009 12:14:07 AM	i support the use of adult stem cells only for research and treatment. i am against the use of embryonic stem cells for research and treatment.
41443		5/23/2009 12:14:30 AM	We strongly support embryonic stem cell research! We are glad some of the restrictions are being loosened, but wish they were being loosened even more!"
41444		5/23/2009 12:14:48 AM	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. 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, such as adult stem cells, which do not cause rejection problems.
41445		5/23/2009 12:14:59 AM	-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. -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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41446	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:16:26 AM	<p>I do not want my tax dollars supporting embryonic stem cell research. I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which would force 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, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients.</p> <p>Finally, 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>Respectfully submitted,</p>
41447		5/23/2009 12:16:52 AM	<p>please do not allow stem cell research that kills human life please use any other means for research. Thank you, and God bless America!!!</p>
41448	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:16:56 AM	<p>I oppose my tax payer money being used for embryonic stem cell research. We have adult stem cells that are just as beneficial. According to the latest research and DR. OZ there are many dangers including cancers from embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41449		5/23/2009 12:17:06 AM	<p>Please end ALL funding of embryonic stem cell research. Killing an embryo is killing an innocent human being; it's not just a mass of tissue.</p> <p>Instead, please fund adult stem cell research.</p>
41450	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:17:40 AM	<p>Ladies and Gentlemen,</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>Using tax dollars to fund research on something that is completely against the Catholic Faith and the PROLIFE movement is wrong. It goes against the freedom of LIFE.</p> <p>Harvesting organs from unborn babies?</p> <p>Where is the thought in this? Have we as a nation lost all sense of Moral direction?</p> <p>I object to the use human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos for the purpose of anything except creating life.</p> <p>THIS IS A HUMAN and THIS IS INFANTCID.</p> <p>As a father of 8 children I beg you to stop this madness. Adult Stem Cells produce the same results without the abomination of abortive means. No destruction of LIFE.</p>

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41451		5/23/2009 12:17:41 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>
41452		5/23/2009 12:17:42 AM	<p>I am writing this letter based on the NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines. Personally I find this topic quite self-evident however the fact that I am writing this letter means that many do not feel as I do. I disagree with this on several levels. Not only do I morally object to the tampering with life, I also find this to be an awfully poor time to launch a project like this. Why would we try to find more ways of spending money? Have we not spent enough already? You are the government who is obliged to do what we Americans favor. So for all my vote is worth make it in opposition to this bill. And remember what we think when you make your decision.</p>
41453		5/23/2009 12:21:07 AM	<p>Stem cell research is being hindered by the assertion that Embryonic stem cells hold great promise when in fact adult stem cells have already produced results without the bad side effects and without the moral problems of killing human babies in their earliest stages. No to embryonic research and full speed ahead on adult stem cell research.</p>
41454		5/23/2009 12:22:03 AM	<p>I am totally against this. It goes against everything I believe in and making me support something I don't believe in is against every right I have as a citizen of the United States of America. I strongly suggest people oppose this act because it suggest the killing of children, supporting this would be supporting killing children that have already been born. And killing of any human beyond the point of conception is totally against any morals I have. The fact that people jump with joy about killing children so some scientists can waste their time trying to find out information that was never there, and will never be there, sickens me, the fact that people look at Obama and think that he is hope for our country sickens me. OBama is the anti-hope, he is the man who will destroy everything this country onc stood for. If you agree with what I have just said, then please post and show that this will not be tolerated, that this is immoral and wrong, and that it should be stopped. No more innocent children should have to die...</p>
41455		5/23/2009 12:22:17 AM	<p>I oppose wasting money on embryonic stem cell research of any kind because adult pluripotent stem cells are less expensive, more readily available, and more likely to produce valuable treatments without rejection from the patient's immune system.</p> <p>Additionally, given the many ethical concerns surrounding the use of embryonic stem cells, I do not wish to fund and collude with evil: the destruction of human beings with potential.</p>
41456		5/23/2009 12:22:21 AM	<p>I wish to express my opposition to your draft on Human Stem Cell Guidelines. This is a very slippery slope which could lead to cloning. It can also be dangerous in causing tumors to those who receive such transplants. Adult stem cells have been quite successful without causing the destruction of a human life. THIS IS NOT A NECESSARY OPTION to improve the health of another human. I deeply resent the fact that my tax money would be used to fund such an immoral act. I believe it will cause a great division in this country! God will not bless this country if we do not respect life.</p>

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41457		5/23/2009 12:22:48 AM	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.
41458		5/23/2009 12:23:20 AM	concentrate on adult stem cell research which has shown much promise.
41459		5/23/2009 12:24:34 AM	No to human embryo destruction! Human life is too precious to waste. No life, liberty or pursuit of happiness to those murdered before birth! Where is the ACLU when the lives of the innocent are being snuffed out?
41460		5/23/2009 12:25:24 AM	I am writing to urge you to oppose use of my tax dollars for previously failed research requiring the destruction of human embryos. The President's policy in this regard diverts money from real research, real science, and real cures. Instead, support use of taxpayer money for adult stem cell research which has already been proven to treat and cure patients suffering with dozens of conditions.
41461		5/23/2009 12:26:10 AM	I oppose more federal funds for human embryonic stem cell experiments, which will delay cures. Only adult stem cells experiments have proven successful.
41462		5/23/2009 12:26:33 AM	I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which force me, 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 to be successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes. This Research is in an area which is in the arena of God Almighty, the creator of life. God is the creator and out healer. We are the created and we are messing around in things we don't know about. This research may also prove to be dangerous in some cases. I also feel that the common person will never get to experience the results of research as it is financially out of reach for the common person to afford with all the problems we have affording health care today. In conclusion, the tax payer has enough on his plate, we do not want to be funding research that destroys human life period!
41463		5/23/2009 12:29:00 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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41464	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:29:02 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>
41465		5/23/2009 12:29:14 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>
41466		5/23/2009 12:29:32 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>
41467		5/23/2009 12:31:43 AM	<p>I am totally against embryonic stem cell research by our U.S. government. Firstly because destroying a human life to experiment on it for some other cause is morally wrong. It is murder. It is also amazing that our so-called enlightened government scientists have not studied the results of research and results from work and treatments on adult stem cells which has shown much greater potential for the common good in curing diseases, than anything done with embryonic stem cell lines. And secondly, I object to having to pay through my taxes, for something which is so wrong and scientifically flawed, without any approval from me/us.</p>
41468		5/23/2009 12:32:25 AM	<p>Embryonic Stem Cell Research disregards respect for human life, please stain our country with this tragic sin.</p>

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41469		5/23/2009 12:33:01 AM	<p>An American. As such, I would think it in the best interest of the country as a whole to protect such prospects of hope and good future through new funding in stem cell research. Before the rest of the world, the U.S. should never stand runner-up to any nation in forwarding the cause of well intentioned science and progress. Is it not in the country's interests to look after its citizens and makes its best attempt at securing their well being? Of course, and by citizens i do not mean an abstract notion of a willfully aborted fetus. this is not cynicism but utter practicality. That if ever I or my loved ones were ever in need of the methods employing stem cells, they should be readily available to treat us when we are most in need. Then opposers might be more disposed, when they are starved for any flash of hope and steady recuperation. I understand the reasons why the opposition is more vocal about their demands, their way of life demands it immediately. For the rest, the demand is not as immediate unless they themselves are suffering, but the long term considerations demand a government hand in stem cell research. please consider. For the future generations, and those that will no doubt out live us.</p>
41470		5/23/2009 12:33:20 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>
41471		5/23/2009 12:33:35 AM	<p>Only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p> <p>PLEASE DON'T WASTE OR SPEND ANY OF OUR TAX MONEY ON EMBRYONIC STEM CELL EXPERIMENTS.</p>

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41472		5/23/2009 12:33:42 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>
41473		5/23/2009 12:34:17 AM	<p>I strongly oppose any funding for embryonic stem cell research for any research, cloning, medical reasons at all. Two reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Embryonic stem cell research has not been proven to be viable for research to help people that have illness. Zero. 2. The research involves taking a tiny baby's life- We are to PROTECT the lives of the innocent which includes babies in the womb. The use of the placenta cord and amniotic fluid is already being successfully used to help people. Also, adult stem cells are being used in many many ways to help heal people. <p>If this funding is approved then I would like to see funding for crisis pregnancy centers. My taxes are funding the abortion clinics, which I strongly oppose but I have no say where my taxes are spent!!!!</p>
41474		5/23/2009 12:34:29 AM	<p>It is not necessary to use embryonic stem cells for research in an effort to cure or ameliorate diseases. Scientific research using ADULT stem cells has already proven effective in the treatment of the disorders and diseases in question.</p> <p>You do NOT have to kill unborn children: yes, these embryonic cells ARE human--they will NEVER mature to be cats, lizards, whales, or whatever.*</p> <p>It is NEVER ETHICAL OR MORAL to take the life of one human being (see above*) in an attempt to alleviate or cure another human's suffering or disease.</p> <p>I have much compassion for those suffering from Alzheimer's (it runs in my husband's family) or Parkinson's, to name a few diseases. It is part of the human condition that we contract diseases. And we should try to cure disease.</p> <p>However, I repeat, we must NEVER use a human being's cells or body, whether mature or embryonic, in an effort to cure another human being's suffering or disease. One person must give CONSENT to allow his/her cells, blood, or body parts to help another person. Since a pre-born human cannot give consent, in their vulnerability they require MORE protection not less.</p>

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41475		5/23/2009 12:35:25 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>
41476		5/23/2009 12:35:32 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. It is unacceptable to force American citizens who strongly disagree with embryonic stem cell research to fund it with their tax dollars. There are other methods of financing this research. For example, if embryonic stems cells are as promising as everyone says they are, I'm sure there would be no shortage of private equity to fund this research.</p> <p>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>Furthermore, 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>
41477		5/23/2009 12:35:49 AM	<p>I support Stem Cell Research. I believe by studding the cells scientists can find new cures for different diseases and maybe even grow new organs.</p> <p>All though I think there are other, more effective,ways to extract stem cells then Embryonic stem cells. I think the researchers need to look at all options instead of focusing just on Human Embryos. It's like that saying don't focus on the dot. Right now the dot is Human Embryos.</p> <p>It's a shame that this has to be a political issue instead of advancement in medical science. I think that the left is doing this to the right to make them mad. Because of that I would have to oppose my tax dollars going towards this cause.</p>

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41478		5/23/2009 12:36:30 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. Thank you.</p>
41479		5/23/2009 12:36:54 AM	<p>Approving any type of research that allows for the destruction of human life is absolutely insidious. It is still taking a life and is a step down the road of disregard for all human life. Whether or not the embryo was going to be used does not matter. Next they will be wanting to use aborted embryos because they are not going to be allowed to continue to develop. Human life is sacred. And this is sacreligious.</p>
41480		5/23/2009 12:38:02 AM	<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.</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.</p>
41481		5/23/2009 12:38:05 AM	<p>Don't kill human life in the name of "quality of life." This would be an abomination to God and an abomination to life.</p>
41482		5/23/2009 12:39:57 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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41483		5/23/2009 12:41:58 AM	<p>I'm OPPOSED to ANY experimentation on embryonic stem cells. It is an outright assault on human life as it destroys the human embryo. There is absolutely NO NEED for research on embryonic stem cells considering that NOTHING has resulted in this particular research.</p> <p>The research on ADULT STEM CELLS have not only resulted in positive results, but actually has helped patients with various diseases and conditions. It's absolutely foolish to destroy human life needlessly since adult stem cells are plentiful and have proven results that actually help people. No embryonic stem cell research has helped a single person to date (according to the reports I've seen thus far).</p> <p>Please DO NOT do this. Obviously, President Obama has NOT done any research of his own and is listening to those who could care less about human life as they push their agenda forward to destroy the sacredness of human life at all levels. Soon they'll be ordering the death of the elderly.</p> <p>Aloha!</p>
41484		5/23/2009 12:44:17 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>
41485		5/23/2009 12:44:18 AM	<p>Thanks for all your efforts to initiate this guildlines. While there will be many foreseeable debates on the issue of human embyonic stem cell researches, I strongly believe that "Human Embryonic Stem Cell Lines Generated Without Embryo Destruction" developed by Advanced Cell Technology Inc. is the only technology available to-this-date being able to end the debate among different concerns.</p> <p>To be or not to be, it's always a question. But we must never let it be a question if we should use a technology, which has been proved to be effective and safe and rightful, to improve and save human being's life.</p> <p>I strongly recommend you to look into the technology of "Human Embryonic Stem Cell Lines Generated Without Embryo Destruction" owned by Advanced Cell Technology Inc. without delay, and make your best judgement on it with both your knowledge and responsibilities.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
41486		5/23/2009 12:45:30 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p>

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41487		5/23/2009 12:46:29 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>
41488		5/23/2009 12:46:42 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions. This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41489		5/23/2009 12:46:51 AM	<p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>
41490		5/23/2009 12:49:32 AM	<p>all this stem cell research is a big scam where millions of dollars are gone and wasted and all this money can and should be used for mature cell research , and cancer research millions are just disappearing and when you ased what happened to lets say oh the last 2.780.000.00 . the answer is " research" . you get my point</p>

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41491		5/23/2009 12:50:08 AM	<p>As a doctor and long-time researcher of both adult and embryonic stem cells, I would like to voice my adamant disapproval of the recently drafted guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. I, as a taxpayer, should not be forced to subsidize research which destroys a living human organism. As I have said many times in speeches to colleagues and at seminars, the progeny of a human is a human, regardless of what state of development it is currently in. If government-subsidized support is deemed necessary for the development of cellular therapies, than this money should be directed ONLY to the stem cell research endeavors and treatments that do not destroy human life and have already been proven successful. There is a large question of suspicious motives and faulty ideology that presents itself when the government insists on subsidizing embryo-destructive stem cell research that has proven to be dangerous and ineffective on a long-term scale when the 100% ethical and, most importantly, more effective method of adult stem cell therapy is widely available. The president himself has stated that determining when human life begins 'is above his paygrade', and who in congress or the senate has the audacity to claim that he/she can authoritatively determine the beginning of human life? Are you able to make that determination? By casting your vote in favor of the embryonic stem cell research subsidy, you are either denying the scientific facts that the embryo is, in fact, a living human specimen, or you are knowingly casting your vote in favor of the destruction of human life.</p> <p>Additionally, I do not see any stipulation in the proposed draft that would prevent research in the field of cloning and human-animal hybrids. Such research would be in flagrant violation of any and all scientific ethical standards and must be prevented at all costs.</p> <p>It is mind-boggling to me that I have spent 8 years studying the generation of pluripotent adult stem cells as well as other cellular therapies and could stand up and testify as to the ineffectiveness of embryonic stem cell therapies and, moreover, to the marked and spectacular effectiveness of adult stem cells, and my voice is drowned out by the crowd of scientists who are following unethical leads down empty pathways. What is the ideology behind this legislation? Why are the voices of scientists who are speaking in the name of ethics being silenced? I wonder what Drs. Shinya Yamanaka, John B. Gurdon, and Irving L. Weissman, recent recipients of the 38th Rosenstiel Award and pioneers of effective adult stem cell therapies, would say to those drafting this measure? I cannot speak for them, but I can speak as an informed scientist of distinction, and my words are loud and clear: "This form of human destruction is odious and unethical and it must stop".</p>
41492		5/23/2009 12:50:17 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>
41493		5/23/2009 12:53:11 AM	<p>Human stem cells may provide a cure to diabetes and make a huge difference in the longevity and well-being of diabetes patients. I urge you to support stem cell research for the improvement of the lives of diabetics.</p>
41494		5/23/2009 12:53:25 AM	<p>Embryonic Stem Cell research is dangerous to our society. When will it stop. Have we all become so enamored with our lives that we will do ANYTHING to live longer? Man did not create life so he has no right to take life. I believe in the sanctity of life. Do not start taking society down this road because how will we ever return?</p> <p>Please only focus on adult stem cell research. It has been successful and there is so much more to learn.</p>

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41495		5/23/2009 12:53:41 AM	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 the human embryos for research purposes.
41496		5/23/2009 12:54:09 AM	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 the human embryos for research purposes.
41497		5/23/2009 12:55:42 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>
41498	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:59:53 AM	We are totally against and will always be against fetal use for stem cell research. This is just a way to justify the murder of innocent children and we are not in support of this in any way.
41499		5/23/2009 1:03:49 AM	<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 killing of human embryos.</p> <p>Expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research that is treating people now with non-embryonic stem cells and will also divert funds away from other sources of embryonic-like stem cells that have been generated without the use of 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 upon the order of NIH.</p> <p>The guidelines do not require full informed consent for the parents of the human embryos so that they understand that their options include permission for infertile couples to adopt them.</p>

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41500		5/23/2009 1:04:03 AM	<p>I urge you to oppose the use of my taxpayer dollars for failed research requiring the destruction of human embryos. Instead, I urge you to support 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 many reports of medical breakthroughs for adult stem cells clearly making embryonic stem cell research obsolete, and, on the more cultural side, the astonishing announcement on Oprah's show from her show-doctor that embryonic stem cell research is "so yesterday."</p> <p>I have learned that some in Congress want to go so far as to legalize the intentional creation of embryos and human cloning to create human beings simply for scientific use. This policy would encourage for financial gain the creation of embryos that would be donated for such research.</p> <p>Not only is it horrible to contemplate government destroying life, but encouraging the harvesting of it for destructive research and using my hard-earned tax dollars to do so! If this research were so compelling, so likely to provide cures, private investors desperate for profits in this struggling economy would be pouring money into the research. After all, there's a lot of money to be made on patents for cures and treatments.</p> <p>But private investors know that embryonic stem cell research is a horrible political hoax being perpetrated by extremists on people suffering from serious diseases. The president's policy diverts money from real research, real science, and real cures for political purposes.</p> <p>The President and the far left love to proclaim that we should follow the science and not the politics on this issue. As usual, it is the left purposefully twisting the argument because it is they who refuse to acknowledge the science that has produced 70-plus treatments and cures via adult stem cell research and zero from destroying embryos.</p> <p>I encourage you to find out the facts and to do what is right, not what is "politically correct".</p>
41501		5/23/2009 1:05:52 AM	<p>Limit stem cell research to only those cells obtained from adults or new-borns' umbilical tubes.</p> <p>To "harvest" stem cells from aborted babies or babies used specifically for scientific research is an utter abomination and must not be allowed to happen for any reason whatsoever.</p> <p>If the implications of such horrors cannot be understood by "scientists" then science has lost touch with humanity, and we are all the worse for it.</p>

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41502		5/23/2009 1:07:02 AM	It is quite disturbing to see an entire administration so avid in its love for killing unborn babies that they are willing to go out and create new ones to kill. Adult stem cells have proven value in research while fetal (baby) stem cells have none. the newly discovered ability to alter adult stem cells to a clean "slate" holds no value to anyone who holds life in such low value.
41503		5/23/2009 1:09:59 AM	Why in the world would you want to use embryonic stem cells for anything. All they have proven is to kill a human embryo and have not saved anyone. Adult stem cells have been proven successful in saving many lives. As the result of using these funds for this will just delay the work being done with adult stem cells, resulting in the loss of many more lives.
41504		5/23/2009 1:11:00 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>
41531		5/23/2009 1:56:12 AM	Please stop the funding and use of embryonic stem cell research due to the moral implications of destroying life. Research using adult stem cells is every bit as promising if not more so than embryonic stem cell research and no destruction of human life is done in the process.

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41532	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:58:47 AM	<p>The use of Embryonic Stem Cell is nothing less an extension of the experiments of Josef Mengele on human subjects at the Nazi Concentration Camp at Auschwitz. The human embryo is life. To relegate its value as if it were simply a chemistry experiment is inhumane and cruel and unusual punishment. It also denies the uniqueness of its purpose, which is to create human life. Human Embryos will not create a plant, or produce oxygen nor will it make the sunshine, its purpose is so much more incredible, it forms a human life.</p> <p>Dr. Mengele's experiments caused the world to tremble and enraged a generation, among those who understood the evils of his arrogant and willful disregard for value of life. His atrocities resulted in tribunals to form, conventions to write laws forbidding such practices and ultimately result in him being the most wanted Nazi Criminal alive following World War 2.</p> <p>One of the most appalling claims made by the experimenters, are their denial of viability of adult stem cells in these experiments. This is motivated purely due to the cost required in obtaining Adult Stem Cells. Many of these individuals took the Hippocratic Oath to protect all life, to deny that the Embryonic Stem Cell is not life is an oxymoron. They are experimenting on the cells for the very reason that it produces life it is the key to life! This twisting of the facts for greedy enrichment is a symbol of the ethical issues plaguing our nation.</p> <p>The argument that other countries have already achieved great strides in medical research using Embryonic Stems Cells and the United States will loose a competitive edge. First, the U.S. has already lost its competitive edge according to the many corporations that do business here. Companies have made no bones about shipping our jobs abroad for cheaper labor, why do we fail to consider that they aren't already doing that now? Moreover, is this argument logical? Research is shared among countries constantly, do not physicians attend symposiums? Are there not journals that publish medical information? Furthermore, companies buy a their competitor's products to improve and increase value all the time, is this information not going to be available? To think that we will loose jobs or corporations to other countries is the risk we will have to take.</p> <p>No, this but another smoke screen since we know the Adult Stem Cells are comparable. The bigger issue is for the sake of financial gain and notoriety, our corporations and researchers have put aside the values we as a country have embraced for centuries, the value of individual rights of those least among us. Did we not reject Britain's rule for tyranny in its taxation without representation? Will our nation decide certain life has no value? Making the break from protecting those who have no voice or representation, is to deny all morality. Once we do this, whose rights will next be impacted for sake of research? History shows once you take the moral low rode, the next choice because easier, and thereafter each choice requires little or no ethical consideration.</p> <p>Our society has surely lost its way, when life has so little value!</p> <p>The practice of using Embryonic Stem Cells in any way, should be illegal on U.S. soil, in space or underwater by any U.S. citizen.</p> <p>Additionally, any U.S. company that participates in Embryonic Stem Cell research abroad should be required to disclose this on every product they produce so that the citizens may opt not to purchase their products.</p> <p>Most Respectfully,</p>

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41533		5/23/2009 2:01:07 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>
41534		5/23/2009 2:04:33 AM	<p>I am against using my tax money to fund embryonic stem cell research.</p>
41535		5/23/2009 2:06:23 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.</p>
41536		5/23/2009 2:07:23 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>
41537		5/23/2009 2:11:36 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. 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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41538		5/23/2009 2:12:54 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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41539		5/23/2009 2:13:02 AM	<p data-bbox="632 120 1877 180">Please support embryonic stem cell research. We must prevent obstacles to research from being placed in the way of scientists. The human toll of disease is just staggering and we should not wait to act while we still can.</p> <p data-bbox="632 212 1430 266">You can change it from Parkinson's to cancer, to diabetes, Alzheimer's, etc. --</p> <p data-bbox="632 306 1940 367">So many devastating diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Lou Gerhig's Disease (ALS), and spinal cord injuries create horrific human suffering which could be eliminated or drastically reduced by allowing embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="632 399 1934 488">IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE FINAL NIH EXPEDITE EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH AND AVOID AT ALL COSTS ANY NEW BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES WHICH WOULD SLOW THE PACE OF SUCH DESPERATELY NEEDED PROGRESS.</p> <p data-bbox="632 521 1881 610">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 data-bbox="632 643 1940 732">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 data-bbox="632 764 1608 797">Please don't restrict scientists. Please do all you can to relieve the toll of human sufferng!!!!</p>

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41540		5/23/2009 2:13:55 AM	<p data-bbox="632 154 898 207">>> Forward to a Friend Dear Diabetes Advocate,</p> <p data-bbox="632 245 1881 305">Now is your opportunity to take an important step to stop diabetes. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking public input on guidelines for federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="632 337 1927 397">It is critical for NIH to hear from as many members of the public as possible letting both the Administration and Congress know that diabetes advocates strongly support the expansion of stem cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="632 430 1913 490">Please review the 3 steps below to review and submit comments. The comment deadline is Tuesday, May 26. Additional information about this issue can be found at the bottom of this email.</p> <p data-bbox="632 586 1902 646">Click http://nihoeextra.nih.gov/stem_cells/add.htm to be connected to the NIH comment form; Provide your name, and select 'self' for Affiliation.</p> <p data-bbox="632 651 1913 711">Copy and paste the text below into the comment box or type in whatever comments you wish to make. You will be asked to enter a randomly assigned number as a security check. Then click 'submit comments.'</p> <p data-bbox="632 716 1419 737">Next, please click here to let us know you have submitted your comments.</p> <p data-bbox="632 742 1860 769">Suggested comments (copy and paste into Comment section of NIH comment form and edit as appropriate for you):</p> <p data-bbox="632 802 1902 862">Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p data-bbox="632 894 1902 987">This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p data-bbox="632 1019 1913 1112">I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p data-bbox="632 1144 1944 1237">As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p data-bbox="632 1269 1913 1362">Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="632 1395 1892 1455">I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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41540		5/23/2009 2:13:55 AM	<p data-bbox="634 175 884 201">Additional Information</p> <p data-bbox="634 237 1927 324">In March, the President issued an Executive Order that ended the blanket ban on federal funding of research using embryonic stem cell lines developed after August 2001. NIH was than instructed to develop guidelines for federal funding of this research.</p> <p data-bbox="634 360 1871 448">The purpose of the guidelines is to establish a policy and procedures under which the federal government will fund research in this area, and to ensure that such research is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law. You can view the NIH's draft guidelines online by clicking here.</p> <p data-bbox="634 483 1938 604">The 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. The guidelines also describe the conditions and informed consent procedures that would be required when obtaining embryonic stem cells for research that could be funded by the federal government.</p> <p data-bbox="634 639 1923 789">The American Diabetes Association strongly supports the draft guidelines but is concerned that, as written, they may prevent stem cell lines in existence before the guidelines go into effect, from being eligible for federal research funding. The Association is urging NIH to consider amending the guidelines to allow current stem cell lines derived using prevailing ethical practices to be considered for federal funding and that NIH be open to review other sources of stem cell lines (excluding reproductive cloning) in the future.</p>
41541		5/23/2009 2:15:16 AM	<p data-bbox="634 1060 974 1086">Please help us find a cure!!!!!!!</p>
41542		5/23/2009 2:16:13 AM	<p data-bbox="634 1118 1927 1235">The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>

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41544		5/23/2009 2:19:42 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>
41545		5/23/2009 2:20:02 AM	<p>I am writing to voice my strong opposition to this unacceptable draft set of guidelines.</p> <p>Allowing any form of taxpayer-funded embryonic stem cell research (ESCr) is objectionable since it violates the consciences and lacks the approval of a huge number of Americans.</p> <p>Further, while Clinton-era ESCr policy was thus poor, it was limited to allowing research on frozen embryos, so as to ensure parents had time to consider their decision to have the embryos destroyed. However, the new draft guidelines are broader in allowing destruction of newly created embryos that were never frozen, increasing the prospects for a rushed and biased consent process.</p> <p>For the first time, federal tax dollars will be used to encourage destruction of living embryonic human beings for stem cell research - including human beings who otherwise would have survived and been born.</p> <p>We should not be forced to fund the killing of any innocent human being, embryonic or not, "wanted" or not.</p> <p>Please reject these draft guidelines.</p>
41546		5/23/2009 2:20:27 AM	<p>I feel that it's great that funding has again opened up for embryonic stem cell research. The cells were not going to be used, otherwise, and there is much to learn and devise. In short, I am in favor of embryonic stem cell research.</p>

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41547		5/23/2009 2:25:22 AM	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 the human embryos for research purposes.
41548		5/23/2009 2:26:22 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>
41549		5/23/2009 2:28:49 AM	<p>Induced pluripotent stem cells are specially treated ordinary cells -- e.g. skin cells -- that are specially processed to exhibit some of the properties of embryonic stem cells. Research in this area is just beginning. However the process seems to offer the advantages of embryonic stem cells without the ethical and rejection problems.</p> <p>This is where the scientists should be spending their time and money, not killing human embryos.</p> <p>Do not spend my tax dollars to kill the unborn, no matter the stage of life.</p>
41550		5/23/2009 2:32:02 AM	<p>Use of embryonic stems cells violates the sanctity of human life. It is the murder of a child for the sake of those who suffer. That doesn't equate to justice.</p> <p>I am a survivor of polio and would never sacrifice the life of another to remove the effects of polio. Those who would are completely self centered.</p> <p>I can't say as others do that these children should not have rights. It goes against everything that is American.</p>

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41552	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:37:36 AM	<p>There is no need to rely on embryonic stem cells when it has been proven the regressed stem cells and other adult stem cells are excellent resources for solutions to so many diseases we human experience from diabetes to Parkinsons, MS to cancer.</p> <p>Human Life is sacred--the unborn and the born.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41553		5/23/2009 2:39:29 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>
41554		5/23/2009 2:39:57 AM	<p>Do not use tax money to fund research using human embryonic stem cells which delay cures.The only successful treatments have come from adult stem cells,which we all now-living have.There's no need to create life in a test-tube for experimentation,just to destroy it.</p>

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41555		5/23/2009 2:44:36 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>
41556		5/23/2009 2:46:06 AM	<p>I would be interested in seeing the work go forward with the new stem cell guidelines, and hope that we can also used stem cells obtained previously.</p>
41557		5/23/2009 2:47:23 AM	<p>Besides the moral implications and non-ethical intentions, circumstances and outcomes of embryonic stem cell research (ESCR), the current economic crisis makes investing in this practice a very risky investment and a plane waste of money knowing that ESCR has not as yet produced any results. On the other hand, Adult Stem Cell Research (ASCR) has indeed produced effective and promising results. And without the frankensteinian type of immoral intentions and the nazi type of non-ethical implications that ESCR has! Therefore, ASCR is a way better investment than ESCR, and a sure bet for human as well as scientific progress!</p>
41558		5/23/2009 2:50:53 AM	<p>Please do not use taxpayer funds to destroy human life for the purpose of medical cures when it has been proven that other methods that don't destroy life are effective. Could we please stop playing God and become protectors of life and not destroyers of life.</p>

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41559		5/23/2009 2:55:27 AM	<p>As a diabetic person aware of the impact diabetes has in millions of people and families in America, I strongly support stem cell research. This kind of research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41560	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:56:47 AM	<p>I am entirely against embryonic stem cell research and I do not want my tax money paying for it. Thanks,</p>
41561		5/23/2009 2:57:01 AM	<p>Hi, Actions speak louder than words of good intentions. If you really want stem cell research to produce cures for disease, please do not allow the use embryonic stem cells for research. Please put the money towards the use of adult stem cell research. We would be so successful all the way around! It would end the dispute. Cures to disease have been discovered from adult stem cell research - even without much funding! Can you only imagine the awesome possibilities with more money toward adult stem cell research? The guidelines for embryonic stem cell research should be that it is not allowed. The possibilities of destructive growth and abuse resemble something out of a horror movie. Please, if you really believe that you are moral and ethical, ban embryonic stem cell research.</p>
41562		5/23/2009 2:58:53 AM	<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>It seems to me that this is full steam ahead, no matter if it is right or wrong.</p>

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41563		5/23/2009 3:04:28 AM	<p>As a former caregiver of my beloved mother who recently died from horrific Alzheimers' disease I request you please fund adult stem cell research and do not fund embryonic stem cell research that involves destruction of embryonic human life. I am against taxpayer funded embryonic stem cell experiments and in favor of adult stem cell research. Advances for treatments using adult stem cells have clearly proven to be more advantageous, and completely ethical and moral. Why not go with what has already proven to be effective and more promising-Adult stem cells? The simple, ethical, and moral way is always the easiest, best way. Completely ethical ways worked in the past to find cures for polio, etc. Please do not fund embryonic stem cell research where life has been destroyed to maybe benefit another...Fund adult stem cell research. My mother loved babies so, she would have never agreed to be given a treatment from embryonic stem cells even if it meant she would have been cured from horrible Alzheimers. If embryonic stem cell research had never been an option based purely on ethical moral grounds alone, maybe just maybe all this debating time would not have gone on and on and even more advances would have already been discovered from adult stem cells. Please remember my precious beautiful mother loved babies and that she loved her grandchildren even while they were babies in my womb. Please remember adult stem cells have already made contributions and deserve the tax dollars.</p>
41564		5/23/2009 3:05:19 AM	<p>As far as I understand Embryo stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems, not to mention the ethical issues of destruction to human life. In contrast the adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. I believe that we should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p>
41565		5/23/2009 3:14:06 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> <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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41566	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:17:45 AM	<p>May 22, 2009</p> <p>To The National Institute of Health,</p> <p>I don't know where to start. This is disgusting to me, to think that a human being could even contemplate such a thing as this, using their own young to experiment on for what ever noble and great causes they belive they are going to achieve.</p> <p>I oppose killing human embryos for any reason. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to fund research I believe is unethical, inhumane and utterly unthinkable.</p> <p>Expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research that is treating people now with non-embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>Instead of preventing any future expansion of funding for ESCR on unethical experioments involving human clones and human hybrids, these regulations open the door for such funding upon the order of NIH.</p> <p>I believe that there are some things in life that should not be tampered with and this is one of them. People of this Earth have sunk to a new low when they experiment on their own children in the name of science, you should be ashamed of yourselves. Don't be foolish, learn from history, remember Dr. Josef Mengele? Did any good come from his experiments? Will any good come from human embryonic stem cell research? If so, at what cost or will it absolve you from the murder of human embryos and will The Good Lord forgive you for the killing of His little ones?</p> <p>I strongly oppose the use of human embryos for stem cell research or any other use that results in their death.</p>
41567		5/23/2009 3:22:17 AM	<p>The last society to down grade life were the "Nazi's" in 1930's Germany. We need to have a higher standard and Not kill the un-born. People are outraged by water boarding, calling it cruel and unusual, torture. These same people need to understand what happens to these tiny human research subjects. Do they feel pain? I feel pain, deep pain, for every murdered child no matter their age. Stop this now, it does not help our society. All stem cell advances to date have been from adult stem cells taken from a persons own body. Embryonic cells have been researched for many years and have met with total failure.</p> <p>Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness are U.S. Constitutional Rights, these are US Citizens, stop Killing them!!! You also should not use my money to murder kids!!!</p>

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41569		5/23/2009 3:34:41 AM	<p>The principal of protecting human life is the central issue being debated. We have not far to look to see what happens when logic is used to diminish the value of subsets of the human race. Genocide remains a sad reality within human existence. While the destruction of human embryos may appear to some as unconnected to genocide, history shows us that once a key principle is compromised, the logic applied initially is gradually extended in ways that further violate other human lives. Existing provisions of law prohibiting human embryonic stem cell research should be retained.</p>
41570		5/23/2009 3:38:36 AM	<p>I do not want any of my tax dollars spent on this research- not one single penny. It should be up to the American people to decide, and I hope before next elections that people pay close attention to which politicians do vote for this nonsense.</p>
41571		5/23/2009 3:39:40 AM	<p>I'm not at all convinced that using public tax dollars for research that (IF successful) would then benefit pharmaceutical companies & their investors is constitutional. There have been NO successes with EMBRYONIC stem cell application attempts -- ADULT stem cell therapy has numerous & significant successes using the patients own cells or adult donor matching cells. There is therefor NO REASON to pursue life destroying, & unsuccessful embryonic stem cell therapy. If the original investors would have given more thought to the moral cost (destroying innocent life) than to the expected profit potential, the outcome could have been "win/win"--as it is they should be allowed to suffer financial loss and NOT bailed out with our tax dollars spent without our consent!!!</p>

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41573		5/23/2009 3:49:56 AM	<p>I am all for stem cell of any kind. (Enbrionic,Bone Marrow,or Blood.)For research, trials, and treatment. I feel that with a spine injury that I have, stem cell could certainly help me and other people.and please do not let the FDA turn our own cells (e.g)bone marrow into drugs, so they can regulate them in favor of big pharma as they don't like healthy people.</p>
41574		5/23/2009 3:51:11 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 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>
41575		5/23/2009 3:58:30 AM	<p>It has been proven by the medical profession that adult stem cells are just as effective as embryonic stem cells. So why murder babies?</p>

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41576	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:59:59 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>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
41577		5/23/2009 4:15:15 AM	<p>We are opposed to your draft guidelines for Embryonic Stem Cell Research, which focuses on us as taxpayers to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent Human Life. Support should be redirected to stem cell research and treatments that do not DESTROY 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 embryo for research purposes. Embryo- Destruction Stem Cell Research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. Adult Stem Cell 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> <p>Thank you for reading our comments.</p>
41578		5/23/2009 4:17:36 AM	<p>I AM OPPOSED TO EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH! DO NOT USE MY TAX DOLLARS TO SUBSIDIZE RESEARCH REQUIRING THE DESTRUCTION OF INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE.</p> <p>WHERE DO YOU PEOPLE COME FROM? STEM CELL RESEARCH IS BARBARIC AND AN ABOMINATION TO GOD!</p> <p>IS THERE NO END TO KILLING, MAIMING AND/OR DESTROYING INNOCENT HUMAN LIVES?</p> <p>DO SOMETHING!!!! MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!! GET IT DONE!!!!</p>
41579		5/23/2009 4:22:28 AM	<p>oppose use of federal funds for research on human embryonic stem cells.</p>
41580		5/23/2009 4:24:22 AM	<p>I am very much opposed to stem cell research where you are taking a human life. I have diabetes and would very much like for a cure to be found, but not at the cost of another human life. Use adult stem cells where they are proven to work and so use all the research needed to find a cure for mine and other diseases.</p>

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41581		5/23/2009 4:39:09 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 consider all this and resist President's Obama's use of my tax dollar to fund something that ethically and morally an anathema to me and many individuals. The constitution was written to guarantee the individual rights of all people. It guarantees a right to LIFE, LIBERTY and the PURSUIT of HAPPINESS and it starts of "WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES..." I'M AM ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE AND I AM FOR LIFE, not the destruction of life. Please again say "no" to Obama.</p>
41582		5/23/2009 4:44:30 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>
41583		5/23/2009 4:44:52 AM	<p>Maybe from some common ground (money) you can get this...It's simple. You don't continue to waste money on things that have been proven a failure. You wouldn't waste your personal money, don't waste mine and all the other millions of hard working Americans.</p> <p>Put the money where it's proven to work.</p>

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41584	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:49:09 AM	<p>"As the daughter of a man with diabetes, and a wife of a man 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. I know that this may not have any effect on my family members but at least it's a start in the could be cure for many diseases that I've heard about including diabetes. Thank you for your time.</p>
41585	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:06:34 AM	<p>My husband, ***** and myself ***** 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. Adult stem cells are non-con troversial, 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>
41586		5/23/2009 5:17:54 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>
41587		5/23/2009 5:33:25 AM	<p>We are OPPOSED to the fact that OUR tax dollars could be used to destroy HUMAN LIFE. We are CHRISTIANS and believe that destroying a human embryo is killing a human with a SOUL. Please do not let this happen !!!!</p>

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41588		5/23/2009 5:33:50 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>
41589	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:35:13 AM	<p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines, MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20892</p> <p>Dear Dr. Kington and Stem Cell Guidelines Committee:</p> <p>I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo and oocyte donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>I also urge the NIH to develop a registry or data-base of NIH-approved stem cell lines. This registry would save tax payer dollars by eliminating the need for each research institution to conduct its own reviews of stem cell lines.</p> <p>Finally, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis and nuclear transfer as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation.</p> <p>Yours truly,</p>
41590		5/23/2009 5:35:53 AM	<p>PLEASE do not destroy human embryos. Respect life. Don't use tax dollars for the destruction of life tThank You for your time. Alice Burdo</p>
41591		5/23/2009 5:40:07 AM	<p>I strongly oppose the destruction of human embryos stem cells for research.This process has been proven ineffective. The adult stem cells have been proven most successful in extensive research. There is no need to destroy life. All lives are precious! Murder is NOT ACCEPTABLE,not necessary.</p>

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41592		5/23/2009 5:40:10 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. Thank you.</p>

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41593	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:40:48 AM	<p>Dear Sirs;</p> <p>For Years research has been ongoing all over the world regarding the merits of embryonic stem cell research without regard to the "legality" as imposed by ANY American administration. Because the "success" of Embryonic stem cell research is so potentially lucrative, I'm certain many millions and perhaps billions have already been invested by private individuals, corporations and governments. Bottom line..no success...AND ALREADY the next generation of research has taken us into the field of "FETAL STEM CELL RESEARCH" ...Why?..because Embryonic has failed...once you have a fetus..when the stem cells have differentiated into organ systems then you have "adult stem cells" ...ie" "organ farms". Embryonic stem cell research is a means to an end (fetal stem cell) and NOT an end in itself. This has already happened in Europe and the organs are being shipped into the U.S. for treatments. WWW.MEDRA.COM is a European Firm which exports Fetal Stem cells / Organs world wide. This area is very controversial. You can go to the net and enter "Fetal Stem Cell" and take a look. The issue, unfortunately, IS NOT ABOUT TREATMENT, it's about never ending funding to support research which has not reaped any positive results..world wide while ADULT STEM CELL Research shows much promise.</p> <p>I am apposed to your draft guidlines 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 himan life and are already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation 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>
41594		5/23/2009 5:43:15 AM	<p>Sincerely;</p> <p>Destroying life to save life is not beneficial to the human condition. We taxpayers should not be forced to fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life. I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which forces me, the taxpayer, to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be given to research and treatments that are non-destructive to human life and are already proven successful. Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems.</p> <p>Proposed legislation does not prevent future funds for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human/animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed now.</p> <p>No! To the taxpayer funding and legality of embryonic stem cell research!</p>

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41595		5/23/2009 5:47:20 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41596		5/23/2009 5:50:51 AM	<p>How can we as a "civilized nation" cannibalize our children, and use them to add a few months or years to our lives, when we have proven, effective treatments currently, using adult stem cells and umbilical stem cells? Why are these embryos not being offered to infertile couples instead?</p> <p>As a molecular biology student, I have seen research that indicates use of embryonic stem cells leads to the proliferation of cells, otherwise known as cancer, and yet we are persistent in harvesting our own children and continue in this vein. As stated above, there are proven results in using adult stem cells and embryonic stem cells for juvenile diabetes, spinal cord injuries, etc., so why would we not use the funds to further this research instead - a proven treatment of disorders?</p> <p>How sad that the United States, a once great nation, would even consider such a proposition, and how sad for our nation that our leaders cannot see the ramifications that will be felt in the future. God will definitely not be blessing us as a nation.</p>
41597		5/23/2009 5:57:44 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>
41598		5/23/2009 5:59:30 AM	<p>Adult stem cells are fine, but the derivation of embryonic stem cells requires the killing of embryos. Don't think so? Well, if the embryos are not deprived of their stem cells, then they would successively grow into adulthood.</p>

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41599	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:02:28 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>The ***** Unit at the ***** Hospital, that I personally direct, has been using a number of different embryonic stem cell lines in its pursuit of developing a therapy for insulin-dependent diabetes. These include the hES03 line, which is covered by a ex-President's directive to the NIH, and several other lines, which are not covered by this disorder. These lines (Endeavour-1 and Endeavour-2) were produced in Sydney under licence from the Australian government, and generated in ***** by Professor ***** and his colleagues. Details of the embryonic stem cell line have been published in a peer-reviewed journal [Stem Cells and Development 2008; 17: 41-52].</p> <p>My Unit is collaborating with colleagues in the USA, especially those at the University ***** to develop cell therpaies for diabetes. See ***** for details. Collaboration with some colleagues has been hindered by the fear that if they use the embryonic stem cell lines created in Australia, their access to NIH funding will be jeopardised.</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>The creation of all embryonic stem cell lines in Australia comes under the strict scrutiny of the Licencing Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council of this country. Obtaining approval for the creation of the lines has taken many months, with numerous checks and balances along the way. Further checks and reporting are required after development of the cell lines. The review process also has included inspection of facilities by government officers.</p> <p>[3] Specifically, for funding eligibility purposes, the ethical provenance of existing U.S. cell lines and lines produced outside the U.S. that might be used in that country 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</p>

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41599		5/23/2009 6:02:28 AM	<p>U.S. and international practice should be applied prospectively only, and after a time period for affected parties, including IVF clinics, to adapt. I 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>
41600		5/23/2009 6:07:24 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
41601		5/23/2009 6:07:26 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>
41602		5/23/2009 6:14:33 AM	<p>I do not wish to pay for such research. It is against my religious beliefs. Please spare me that much.</p>

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41603		5/23/2009 6:15:35 AM	<p>I am a strong supporter of embryonic stem cell research! And so is every right-thinking human being!</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>I have a vision of a world in which organ donors are no longer needed, degenerative neurological disorders are no longer a horrible specter lurking in our collective futures, almost all diseases are curable, and death itself becomes a rare thing caused chiefly by accident or violence. This world can become real in the very near future, through progress in stem cell research. It is entirely probable that in the next couple of decades stem cell research will give us the technology to grow new organs for us in a petri dish using our own DNA, meaning no need for immune suppressing drugs, or donors, or waiting lists. Even our brains could be kept up by adding stem cells cultured from our own tissues over time, so that new neurons grow to replace others as they die away. The implication is that in time we could replace our entire bodies, and achieve a state of nearly perpetual health and youth. This is the future promised by stem cell research, and it could come to pass in as little as 20-50 years; but only if stem cell researchers are allowed to do their jobs. Please, loosen the restrictions on stem cell research as much as is ethically possible and strike a blow against death and the sum of human misery. Everything short of creating or harming an embryo only to get at it's stem cells should be legal and receive as much federal support as possible. The stem cells of fetuses that are lost anyway, through miscarriage, death, accident or abortion, ought to be used for stem cell research that from their tragic story a new age of humanity will dawn wherein death is fairy tale of the ancient world. If a person knew they could be perfectly healthy for hundreds of years, sexual responsibility would sore, reducing dramatically the number of abortions and orphans. People would no longer work for a few decades hoping to</p>

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41603		5/23/2009 6:15:35 AM	<p>earn enough so that they would be able to rest in their infirmity; but rather, confident that they would never see infirmity, they would work and save until they could take off a decade to become PhD and then do what they really love until they get bored, take off another decade or two, and learn a new trade. With this real and solid hope, crime rates would plummet. As the years passed eventually everyone would gain a meaningful education, and this education would eliminate crime and poverty, and with them famine and disease would evaporate, and with them war.</p> <p>If you knew that you and everyone you love could live forever, what would you do? That is the promise of stem cell research. Make it real. Make it legal and give it all the support you can.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
41604		5/23/2009 6:17:59 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>
41605		5/23/2009 6:19:27 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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41606		5/23/2009 6:25:07 AM	As TAXPAYERS we URGE YOU TO OPPOSE the use of TAXPAYER DOLLARS for FAILED RESEARCH requiring the destruction of human embryos. We urge you to SUPPORT ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH, which is ethically sound, harms no one and more importantly is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions. PLEASE DO NOT USE TAXPAYER MONEY ON FAILED RESEARCH!!!
41607		5/23/2009 6:25:14 AM	<p>It is very simple: Advance Cell Technology has developed technology which DOES NOT destroy the embryo. I found this information on www.advancedcell.com</p> <p>It is clear that we can already create stem cells without destruction of the embryos -- why doesn't the NIH recognize this fact and end the debate.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments for such an important issue.</p>
41608		5/23/2009 6:29:55 AM	If the National Institute for Health stands for science, it should not overlook the proven value adult stem cell research and applications. NIH should not promote the thus far failed attempts to use embryonic stem cells for cures and treatment of disease. With more than 70 cures or treatments, adult stem cell research ought to be overwhelmingly touted as the path we take. Please leave embryonic stem cell research OUT of federal funding. Now especially with government spending, we ought to focus on effective use of dollars. Embryonic stem cell research should NOT be funded.
41609		5/23/2009 6:31:53 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>
41610		5/23/2009 6:32:35 AM	i AM IN FAVOR OF STEM CELL RESEARCH.

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41611		5/23/2009 6:37:26 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>
41612		5/23/2009 6:41:43 AM	<p>Human life MUST be protected and respected from the moment of conception until natural death. Destroying human embryos for the purpose of stem cell research is a violation of the dignity of man. The ends do NOT justify the means. There has been much success using ADULT stem cells for research. This is morally acceptable, while using embryonic stem cells is not. As a nation we must not travel down this slippery slope.</p>
41613		5/23/2009 6:43:07 AM	<p>I am a type 2 diabetic and I would love for science to discover a cure for it. Although I am for the eventual cure of diabetes I strongly oppose the use of stem cell research from a moral standpoint.</p>
41614	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:44:40 AM	<p>Hello, I need to state here that I feel very strongly about stem cell research!..I have been a Diabetic for 44 years and a registered nurse for 29 years. I know what there is a cure not only for Diabetes but other disease's that are taking lives each day. I don't undertand why any person could be so selfish as to not want to find a cure for us. A simple cure will save lives and America billions of dollars, yes BILLIONS. Laws can be placed so there is no human cloning. If the U.S. doesn't do this, some other country will and they may go too far and let in- humane acts happen. Be smart, be wise, pass this Act,</p>

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41615		5/23/2009 6:45:46 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>
41616	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:52:39 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>
41617	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:54:07 AM	<p>As a principal, mother and Catholic, 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
41618		5/23/2009 7:00:02 AM	<p>Please focus research efforts on adult stem cell research and protect human embryos from destruction.</p>
41619		5/23/2009 7:01:35 AM	<p>I am in favor of advancing research that does not take ownership of human life. I do not want my tax dollars to either take human life away from embryos nor allow the possibility of human cloning. The guidelines do not block the possibility of using stem cells for human cloning.</p> <p>The orientation should be toward the clinically successful use of adult stem cells - which can be extracted without the destruction of the human embryo. There have not been any successful clinical applications of embryonic stem cell research, while adult stem cell research has already been effecting cures! This is where the government should emphasize promising new avenues of research.</p> <p>Thanking you for your consideration.</p>
41620		5/23/2009 7:02:41 AM	<p>Please modify the legislation on stem cell research so that no human embryos are destroyed in the process. The science is showing that adult stem cells provide real and immediate ways to cure various ailments. Do not destroy human life!</p>

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41621	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:03:48 AM	<p>Please stop using embryonic stem cell research and killing human babies! The blood of these children is on your hands and with NO valid reason to kill them! The adult stem cell research has proven to be very promising with several advances. Embryonic stem cell research continues to be a death sentence to the most vulnerable there is NO good reason to continue it!</p> <p>Thank you and may God have mercy on your souls,</p>
41622	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:04:00 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>
41623		5/23/2009 7:04:40 AM	<p>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 all sources. 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>
41624	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:10:19 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research is very limited in my country. I am trying to differentiate the embryonic stem cells to keratinocytes and neuros which can be use treatment for wound healing and spinal injury, respectively.</p>
41625		5/23/2009 7:13:34 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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41626		5/23/2009 7:15:07 AM	<p data-bbox="632 123 1950 245">-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="632 310 1950 431">-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="632 496 1950 553">-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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41627	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:15:38 AM	<p>Comments re: NIH Draft Guidelines for Stem Cell Research</p> <p>I am the ***** of the Human Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee (SCRO) at the University of *****. The ***** SCRO is composed of ***** members and ***** alternates and includes scientists, physicians, ethicists, and community members. We were constituted in ***** and have reviewed over 50 human stem cell research protocols for scientific value, compliance with ***** regulations and ethical approach. However, I am commenting on the draft guidelines as a private citizen and not as a representative of my University or any of its programs.</p> <p>The draft NIH guidelines are a major step forward and will form a basis for the development of an expanded and appropriate stem cell research program. Nevertheless, there are several items that merit some further consideration. A system for the ethical donation of human tissues has existed for many years. This system is based on the role of Institutional Review Boards (IRB) operating under the “Common Rule.” This mechanism provides a well developed safeguard for the appropriate consent for donations of embryos. Cell lines developed through this mechanism during the period when federal funding was not available should be eligible for future support. To deny that avenue for federally supported research would substitute one form of arbitrary exclusion for another and needlessly hamper research progress. A system of review bodies, the SCROs, has evolved stimulated by the National Academy of Sciences model and state of ***** regulations. These bodies review the provenance of cell lines established from embryonic cells and provide an additional safeguard beyond that of the IRB. Therefore, cell lines developed in recent years without federal funding that meet the criteria established at the time of derivation, including in all cases IRB review of the consent process for the donation, should be eligible for federal funds. A system for documenting such review should be sufficient rather than assuming everything established before President Obama’s Executive Order is automatically ineligible.</p> <p>In assessing future research directions in the field of embryonic stem cell research, the NIH will need to consider scientific promise and ethical considerations. Federal funds may be restricted because of legislation (e.g. the “Dickey-Wicker Amendment”), ethical concerns, or evaluations of scientific priorities. But cell lines that have already been established using non-federal funding should be considered for new studies using federal funding only with regard to proven IRB oversight of the informed consent process for the donation of the materials. Thus, cell lines established by parthenogenesis or (if any exist) somatic cell nuclear transfer, should be eligible for inclusion in proposals for NIH funding provided that the appropriate consent process can be documented and the derivation itself was not funded with federal funds. Once again, arbitrary exclusion of these materials will only inhibit scientific advances without providing any new protections to the donors or the public.</p> <p>The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) held a very open and accessible process for considering the NIH draft guidelines. The University of California has also produced a thoughtful commentary. I endorse their recommendations and urge their inclusion in the final NIH guidelines.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>

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41628		5/23/2009 7:16:54 AM	<p>Dear Dr. Kington and Stem Cell Guidelines Committee:</p> <p>To comply with President Obama’s Executive Order #13505: Removing Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research Involving Human Stem Cells, the proposed Guidelines posted in the Federal Register April 23, 2009, need to be amended as follows:</p> <p>I. no suggested changes.</p> <p>I. A. no suggested changes</p> <p>II.B. should read: “Eligibility of human pluripotent stem cells: Human pluripotent stem cells may be used in research using NIH funds if the cells were derived from human embryos or oocytes donated for research purposes for which documentation for the following can be assured:</p> <p>II.B.(1) and (2) no suggested changes</p> <p>II.B. (3) “...where the embryos or oocytes were donated...”</p> <p>II.B. (4) delete</p> <p>II.B. (5) should read: “At the time of donation, donors were informed that they retained the right to withdraw consent until the embryos or oocytes were actually used for research.</p> <p>II.B. (6) should read: “The attending physician responsible for clinical care and the researcher proposing to utilize human pluripotent stem cells should not have been the same person.</p> <p>II. B. (7) should read: “Informed consent was obtained from individual(s) who elected to donate human embryos or oocytes for research purposes. Such informed consent should comply with human subjects research guidelines such as those proposed by the National Academy of Science or other bodies who have carefully considered human pluripotent stem cell research such as the International Society for Stem Cell Research, or recognized human subjects review committees.”</p> <p>II. B. (7. a. - i) delete</p> <p>II. C. no suggested changes</p> <p>II. A. and B. no suggested changes</p> <p>IV. A. no suggested changes, could be combined with III.</p> <p>IV.B. delete</p>
41629		5/23/2009 7:17:34 AM	<p>As a mother of six, three by birth and three by adoption, I am opposed to sacrificing life in the name of research. God will provide the answers in his time. I DO NOT support Executive Order 13505.</p>
41630		5/23/2009 7:21:15 AM	<p>PLEASE save what is left of morality in this country. No competent woman has ever been pregnant that didn't know she was carrying a human being. There is no reason, other than greed, to kill someone to get embryonic stem cells when adult stem cells are readily available.</p> <p>I will not participate in this atrocity by EVER voting for someone who did or will.</p>

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41631		5/23/2009 7:21:44 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>
41632		5/23/2009 7:22:46 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>
41633		5/23/2009 7:24:42 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research because the technology is available to use cells that are to be discarded. I have seen my husband (age 45) and granddaughter (age 8) suffer greatly and die. My son (age 33) is now in the early middle stages of Huntington's Chorea, my grandson (age 7) in the late stages and my daughter (age 24) is at-risk. In my family's experience, the previous generation affected by this devastating disease was very unknowledgeable. People with these types of diseases were "hidden in the closet" or just considered crazy. In our case, my husband and his siblings were not even told about Huntingtons. As a result, more family members were added to the list of "victims." Embryonic stem cell research can help bring relief and hope to families in tremendous need. It is frustrating, sad, highly stressful and emotional dealing with Huntington's Disease and there is still no cure or even any really effective treatment(s) with those affected by it. Again, I fully support and am so very hopeful that great strides will be made in the cure or prevention of this disease.</p>
41634		5/23/2009 7:25:51 AM	<p>We do not want any of our tax dollars to go for embryonic stem cell research, period!</p>
41635		5/23/2009 7:25:54 AM	<p>I am not convinced of the use of Federal funds in the direction the United States Federal Government seems to be moving in today, most especially when it authorizes the National Institute of Health to engage in such expenditures with minimum accountability and little reference to moral standards.</p>

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41636	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:30:25 AM	<p>I am a member of the Center for Inquiry, a non-profit organization devoted to promoting science and reason as the basis of public policy. I have read the NIH guidelines for federal funding of stem cell research and urge the NIH to promote the widest range possible of research in this field because of its potential for improving health and curing diseases.</p> <p>Your present guidelines are admirable in expanding the number of embryonic stem cell lines eligible for federal funding and maintaining research using adult stem cells. At a minimum, these guidelines should be maintained, especially because a large majority of Americans polled report that they support federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The present guidelines, however, do not go far enough. I would like to see the guidelines expanded to allow federal funding of all avenues of stem cell research. Research on human embryonic stem cells, somatic cell nuclear transfer and adult stem cells needs to continue in parallel. All are part of a research effort that seeks to expand our knowledge of how cells function, what fails in the disease process, and how the first stages of human development occur. It is this combined knowledge that will ultimately generate safe and effective therapies. This research should be funded with federal money in order to promote the development of innovative and potentially lifesaving medical treatments as quickly as possible.</p> <p>While approving the present guidelines is an excellent first step, I urge you to continue to monitor developments in the field and update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p>
41637		5/23/2009 7:33:47 AM	<p>Our government needs to have stem cell research for the improvement of MS and possible cureing it for all people. Stem cell guidlines must be included in the research.Thankyou for this opportunity to have a say in the stem cell research Councilwoman Rose Mary Christian</p>
41638		5/23/2009 7:33:54 AM	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</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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41639		5/23/2009 7:35:28 AM	<p data-bbox="632 123 1946 240">-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="632 277 1946 394">-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="632 431 1946 485">-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>
41640		5/23/2009 7:35:45 AM	<p data-bbox="632 508 1946 561">I question the morality if not the legality of forcing me to pay taxes to enable something that is so in conflict with all my religious beliefs.</p> <p data-bbox="632 599 1946 716">-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="632 786 1946 902">-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="632 972 1946 1026">-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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41641		5/23/2009 7:36:35 AM	<p>I am writing to express my sincere disgust at the idea of Federally funded embryonic stem cell research. I cannot believe our President would allow the senseless destruction of human life and call it ethical scientific research. There is no amount of medical or scientific research that warrants the barbaric practice of allowing abortions "in the name of science." Embryonic stem cell research requires the destruction of human life and should be outlawed along with abortion.</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>
41642	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:36:40 AM	<p>I am asking that any additional stem cell research or use cease except for use of adult stem cells. Why should taxpayers be paying for such a thing? I am totally opposed as a mother, nurse, and as a citizen. Thank you for considering my perspective.</p>
41643		5/23/2009 7:38:50 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cells should not be used for research. Using embryonic stem cells for research involves the killing of a human being. We should not use taxpayer dollars to do this.6225</p>

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41644		5/23/2009 7:40:09 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>
41645		5/23/2009 7:44:06 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>

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41646	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:45:13 AM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans facing the challenges of living with many debilitating diseases and disorders. I have been closely 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 the 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> <p>As a husband of a wife who has been living with Multiple Sclerosis for the last 6 & ½ years, I am writing this letter in the hope that stem cell research will help find a cure for this debilitating disease.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
41647		5/23/2009 7:45:15 AM	<p>Do NOT provide any tax dollars for embryonic stem cell research. Only adult stem cells research should be pursued and that should be done by private enterprise.</p>
41648		5/23/2009 7:47:12 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>
41649		5/23/2009 7:47:44 AM	<p>Why use embryonic stem cells when adult stem cells and cord blood are proving to be just as effective? Using human beings then destroying them is wrong.</p>

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41650		5/23/2009 7:48:32 AM	<p>I am strongly opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which would 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 shouldn't fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that don't destroy human life.</p> <p>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. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
41651		5/23/2009 7:48:56 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>
41652		5/23/2009 7:49:05 AM	<p>Please do not use my tax dollars to do scientific experiments that destroy human life. Hitler did scientific experiments on the Jews. Many men fought and even died to stop that horrible man. Please do not allow here in our own country the creation of life simply to be destroyed.</p> <p>Adult stem cell research does not destroy human life and has been successful in medical progress. Embryonic stem cell research has not.</p> <p>Also, 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>
41653		5/23/2009 7:49:21 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>

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41654		5/23/2009 7:49:28 AM	<p>I support embryonic stem cell research as the technology is advancing and is available. I have seen my husband (age 45) and granddaughter (age 8) suffer greatly and die. My son (age 33) is now in the early middle stages of Huntington's Chorea. My grandson (age 7) is in the late stages and my daughter (age 24) is at-risk. In my family's experience, the previous generation affected by this devastating disease was very unknowledgeable or informed. People with these types of diseases were "hidden in the closet" or just considered crazy. In our case, my husband and his siblings were not even informed about Huntingtons. As a result, more family members were added to the list of "victims." Embroyonic stem cell research can help bring relief and hope to families in tremendous need. It is frustrating, sad, highly stressful and emotionally draining for those with the disease, at-risk, and for the care-givers that deal with Huntington's Disease. There is no cure or even any effective treatment(s) with those affected by it. Again, I fully support this need and am so encouraged that great strides will be made in the cure or prevention of Huntington's Disease as well as other diseases.</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. 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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41655	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:49:52 AM	<p>We are opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which FORCES 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. 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>
41656		5/23/2009 7:51:07 AM	<p>I am against any form of embryonic stem cell research, as it requires the destruction of innocent human life, "the least of these" among us. It is an affront to humanity and standards of decency to exploit human life this way, no matter how small. It has been shown to be dangerous to patients, forming tumors.</p> <p>I do support additional adult stem cell research in treating patients, which has been proven to be effective.</p> <p>I especially am offended that I, through my tax dollars, would support termination of innocent human life.</p>
41657	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:51:43 AM	<p>I am one citizen completely opposed to the use of embryos, or embryo parts of any kind, for research of so called embryonic stem cells. There is ample evidence that stem cells from all other sources, including an adult donor are sufficient, and in no case is it necessary to use stem cells from an human embryo.</p> <p>Thank you, *****</p> <p>P.S. Please do not send a typical "political-ese" language filled reply. Spare me the condescending email that implies that you are going to do what you want to do anyway... It is not a Democrat vs Republican issue, rather a moral right and moral wrong issue; one of which there is the utmost obligation for us to research thoroughly prior to making this decision.</p>
41658		5/23/2009 7:51:56 AM	<p>No matter what a person looks like they are most certainly HUMAN. How can we use "spare parts" from our childred.</p>

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41659		5/23/2009 7:52:29 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>
41660	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:54:17 AM	<p>As a blended family that has and is suffering with Huntington's Disease (HD), we fully support stem cell research that may help to find a cure for this devastating disease that has taken so many of our loved ones away from us. It is important to us that such research does not in any way look for a means to clone a human being.</p>
41661		5/23/2009 7:54:37 AM	<p>Using Humane embryos is not necessary. Using the stem cells has proven more efficient and effective. I will be paying attention to those whot vote for the use of human embryos and making sure the public knows of that vote.</p> <p>It is time to respect life.</p>
41662		5/23/2009 7:55:05 AM	<p>On March 9, 2009 President Obama issued an executive order that opened the floodgates for funding more human embryonic stem cell experiments. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has drafted guidelines for distributing these funds. These guidelines devote your tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p> <p>I am opposed to more federal funds for human embryonic stem cell experiments, which will cause delays in finding the real cure.</p>
41663		5/23/2009 7:55:21 AM	<p>I appreciate what the sciences have discovered in the Creator's world. When the sciences step over the line and take the place of the Creator by creating and destroying life, I am horrified. Please stop the experimentation that cannot produce anything but evil.</p>

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41664	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:56:18 AM	<p>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>-----</p> <p>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</p> <p>National Institutes of Health</p> <p>Draft National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research Notice</p> <p>SUMMARY: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is requesting public comment on draft guidelines entitled ``National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research" (Guidelines).</p> <p>The purpose of these draft Guidelines is to implement Executive Order 13505, issued on March 9, 2009, as it pertains to extramural NIH-funded research, to establish policy and procedures under which NIH will fund research in this area, and to help ensure that NIH-funded research in this area is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law. 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>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. Funding will continue to be allowed for human stem cell research using adult stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells. Specifically, these Guidelines describe the conditions and informed consent procedures that would have been required during the derivation of human embryonic stem cells for research using these cells to be funded by the NIH. NIH funding for research using human embryonic stem cells derived from other sources, including somatic cell nuclear transfer, parthenogenesis, and/or IVF embryos created for research purposes, is not allowed under these Guidelines.</p> <p>NIH funding of the derivation of stem cells from human embryos is prohibited by the annual appropriations ban on funding of human embryo research (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2009, Pub. L. 110-161, 3/11/09), otherwise known as the Dickey-Wicker Amendment.</p> <p>According to these Guidelines, there are some uses of human</p>

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41664		5/23/2009 7:56:18 AM	<p>embryonic stem cells and human induced pluripotent stem cells that, although those cells may come from allowable sources, are nevertheless ineligible for NIH funding.</p> <p>For questions regarding ongoing NIH-funded research involving human embryonic stem cells, as well as pending applications and those submitted prior to the issuance of Final Guidelines, see the NIH Guide http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-085.html.</p> <p>DATES: Written comments must be received by NIH on or before May 26, 2009.</p> <p>ADDRESSES: The NIH welcomes public comment on the draft Guidelines set forth below. Comments may be entered at: http://nihoerextra.nih.gov/stem_cells/add.htm. Comments may also be mailed to: NIH Stem Cell Guidelines, MSC 7997, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-7997. Comments will be made publicly available, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information they contain.</p> <p>SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 9, 2009, President Barack H. Obama issued 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>The purpose of these draft Guidelines is to implement Executive Order 13505, issued on March 9, 2009, as it pertains to extramural NIH-funded research, to establish policy and procedures under which NIH will fund research in this area, and to help ensure that NIH-funded research in this area is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law. 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>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. When research involving human adult stem cells or induced pluripotent stem cells constitutes human subject research, Institutional Review Board review may be required and informed consent may need to be obtained per the requirements detailed in 45 CFR part 46. Applicants should consult http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/guidance/45cfr46.htm.</p>

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41664		5/23/2009 7:56:18 AM	<p>As described in these draft 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> <p>Studies of human embryonic stem cells may yield information about the complex events that occur during human development. Some of the most serious medical conditions, such as cancer and birth defects, are due to abnormal cell division and differentiation. A better understanding of the genetic and molecular controls of these processes could provide information about how such diseases arise and suggest new strategies for therapy. Human embryonic stem cells may also be used to test new drugs. For example, new medications could be tested for safety on differentiated somatic cells generated from human embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>Perhaps the most important potential use of human embryonic stem cells is the generation of cells and tissues that could be used for cell-based therapies. Today, donated tissues and organs are often used to replace ailing or destroyed tissue, but the need for transplantable tissues and organs far outweighs the available supply. Stem cells, directed to differentiate into specific cell types, 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>[[Page 18579]]</p> <p>NIH currently funds ongoing research involving human embryonic stem cells as detailed under prior Presidential policy. Under that policy, Federal funds have been used for research on human embryonic stem cells where the derivation process was initiated prior to 9 p.m. EDT August 9, 2001, the embryo was created for reproductive purposes, the embryo was no longer needed for these purposes, informed consent was obtained for the donation of the embryo, and no financial inducements were provided for donation of the embryo.</p> <p>These draft Guidelines would allow funding for research using only those 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. Funding will continue to be allowed for human stem cell research using adult stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells. Specifically, these Guidelines describe the conditions and informed consent procedures that would have been required during the derivation of human embryonic stem cells for research using these cells</p>

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41664		5/23/2009 7:56:18 AM	<p>A. The Executive Order: Executive Order 13505, Removing Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research Involving Human Stem Cells, states that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), through the Director of the 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>B. 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 options pertaining to use of embryos no longer needed for reproductive purposes were explained to the potential donor(s). 2. No inducements were offered for the donation. 3. A policy was in place at the health care facility where the embryos were donated that neither consenting nor refusing to donate embryos for research would affect the quality of care provided to potential donor(s). 4. There was a clear separation between the prospective donor(s)'s decision to create human embryos for reproductive purposes and the prospective donor(s)'s decision to donate human embryos for research purposes. 5. At the time of donation, consent for that donation was obtained from the individual(s) who had sought reproductive services. That is, even if potential donor(s) had given prior indication of their intent to donate to research any embryos that remained after reproductive treatment, consent for the donation should have been given at the time of the donation. Donor(s) were informed that they retained the right to withdraw consent until the embryos were actually used for research. 6. Decisions related to the creation of human embryos for reproductive purposes were made free from the influence of researchers proposing to derive or utilize human embryonic stem cells in research. Whenever it was practicable, the attending physician responsible for reproductive clinical care and the researcher deriving and/or proposing to utilize human embryonic stem cells should not have been the same person. 7. Written informed consent was obtained from individual(s) who sought reproductive services and who elected to donate human embryos for research purposes. The following information, which is pertinent to making the decision of whether or not to donate human embryos for research purposes, was in the written consent form for donation and discussed with potential donor(s) in the informed consent process: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A statement that donation of the embryos for research was

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41665		5/23/2009 7:57:05 AM	<p>It is important for us as a nation of people of integrity that we examine truth and seek to follow it. If the truth is that adult stem cell research has had medical success, and fetal stem cell research has not had these successes, then it would should be a clear decision to follow what can have a favorable outcome. This is a scientific decision, not a political decision. And actually, I am not sure why politicians are making this decision since this is most likely is not their area of knowledge and expertise.</p> <p>As a nation that seeks to portray strength, defending what is right and good, helping those countries who have destructive oppressors, it would follow along that we would be a nation that also seeks to protect its most vulnerable members. Any of you who have have children and grandchildren surely have been aware of their vulnerability and their dependency upon their caregivers and the adults in their world to protect them. We as a nation should extent the same image of defender of good and have as a priority an extension of that protection over our infants. More than likely each of you have taken a biology course in high school or in higher education. There is no question in the scientific community of when life begins--it is only a question in the political area--where it would seem that sound logic is illusive.</p> <p>I appeal to you as lawmakers to investigate this field of stem cell research apart from the political rhetoric and follow what scientific evidence has shown, and vote to both protect the stem cells of our infants and allow more research in what has been proven successful with adult stem cells.</p> <p>Thank you for your thoughtful response to this matter.</p>
41666		5/23/2009 7:58:25 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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41667		5/23/2009 7:58:27 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>
41668	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:59:18 AM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans facing the challenges of living with many debilitating diseases and disorders. I have been closely 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 the 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> <p>As a person who has been living with Multiple Sclerosis for the last 6 & ½ years, I am writing this letter in the hope that stem cell research will help find a cure for this debilitating disease.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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41669	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:59:46 AM	<p>I support Human Stem Cell Research in order to save lives and find a cure. For MS and the many other medical illnesses, including stem cell injury, etc.</p> <p>Yours truly</p>
41670		5/23/2009 8:00:19 AM	<p>I do not agree with doing research using human embryonic stem cells. These are human lives at the earliest stages.</p> <p>I have no problem using adult stem cells and understand that there has been a lot of success with them.</p>
41671	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:03:30 AM	<p>As the parent of a child with Fragile X Syndrome, I support embryonic stem cell research. I am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened.</p> <p>My wife and I have always been very grateful to NIH for research done to find a cure for Fragile X Syndrome. This research has been going on for many years. Embryonic stem cell research may well be the key to unlocking the cure.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41672		5/23/2009 8:03:57 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>
41673		5/23/2009 8:04:46 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>

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41675		5/23/2009 8:05:18 AM	Harvesting embryonic stem cells ends a human life.
41676		5/23/2009 8:06:15 AM	<p>Please oppose all embryonic stem cell research. It is wrong to kill living humans--at any stage of development. Much success has been reached by using adult stem cells, and this does not require anyone's death.</p> <p>We oppose our tax dollars being used to pay for anything that destroys embryonic stem cells. Please stop it!</p>
41677		5/23/2009 8:07:19 AM	<p>ANY AND ALL POSSIBILITES THAT CN BE USED TO SAVE LIVES INFECTED WITH MS< LIVER DISEASE AND CANCER SHOULD GET TOP PRIORITY.</p> <p>IT"S HARD ENOUGH TO GET SOMTHING TO HOLD ONTO WHILE WE SUFFER AND WAIT BUT EVEN HARDER WHILE THE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND HOSITALS CONTINUE TO TURN AWAY PEOPLE DUE TO HERE INSURANCE.... WHILE IT SEEMS THOSE WITHOUT INSURANCE GET TE SAME TREATM<ENT AS US WHO HAVE COVERAGE.</p> <p>THE PROBLEM IS THAT NOW HOS{ITALS ARE TURNING AWAY CERTAIN INSURANCE COMAPNIES LIKE CIGNA WHILE THEY WASTE MONEY ON DECORATING WITH PLANTS< AND HIRE MORE THAN NEEDED SUPPORT STAFF TO MAKE THE HOSPITAL APPPEAR BRANDY NEW AND SPIFFY WHILE THOSE WHO NEED IT ONLY SEE A PLCE THEY CAN GET HELP WITHOUT A DOOR TO LET THEM IN.</p> <p>ANY AND ALLSCIENCE THAT CAN BE USED T O KEEP THE LIVING FROM DIEIN FROM DISEASES THAT CAN BE STOPPED IF NOT FOR VER CONSERVATIVES WHO STILL WISH TO SHOVE THERE CLOSE MIDEED BRAINS OFF WHILE SPEAKINGOF THIS SUBJECT>>I WONDER IF IT WERE THEM OR THER CHILD WHO NEEDED STEM CEL TREATMENT I THEY WOULD STILL FEEL THE SAME WAY????</p>
41678		5/23/2009 8:08:53 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>

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41679		5/23/2009 8:11:31 AM	<p>There are many advances that can be made in the fight against Diabetes, by promoting embryonic stem cell research. However, I do not believe a life should be taken to save another life. This is unethical. I am the wife of a type 1 Diabetic, even if this research could save my husband from the sufferings of this horrible disease, I do not condone it. I do support research to continue to be done using adult stem cells. Research is needed to the health of our future generations.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
41680		5/23/2009 8:13:51 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>
41681		5/23/2009 8:14:15 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>
41682		5/23/2009 8:15:19 AM	<p>I disagree with embryonic stem cell research. It should not be funded by the government. It should not be done at all. There is no way to justify killing an innocent life, unable to defend itself, for research.</p>
41683		5/23/2009 8:19:33 AM	<p>NO ONE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO INTERFERE WITH EITHER STARTING LIFE OR TAKING LIFE AWAY. THE AUTHORITY RESTS WITH ONE MUCH HIGHER THEN THE MOST CAPABLE SCIENTIST. IT IS BEYOND ANY HUMAN'S PAY SCALE.</p>
41684		5/23/2009 8:20:40 AM	<p>I am against the use of embryonic stem cells for research because it destroys a human life.</p> <p>I would like the embryo to have a chance to live. A person who has a disease has been blessed with the opportunity to live.</p> <p>I am not against the use of adult stem cells for research.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
41685		5/23/2009 8:22:51 AM	<p>Any destruction of human embryos for stem cell "research" is completely unwarranted. It is already known that stem cells from embryos have never successfully treated any disease, yet "adult" stem cells have treated over 70 diseases. Stem cells can be collected from umbilical cords when a child is born, rather than unnecessarily destroying a fetus to obtain them. No guidelines should allow for the destruction of a human fetus (child).</p>

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41686		5/23/2009 8:26:05 AM	I havd had Type I diabetes for 27 years, I would like to live to die of something else! Stem cell research will help me and humanity.
41687		5/23/2009 8:26:49 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>
41688		5/23/2009 8:27:39 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>
41689	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:29:08 AM	I feel in my heart that the innocences that is being taken away is appauling to the American people. The rights that so vicious that can accure. How can any one human stand and take a life without any remorse or compassion to life. I feel for these individuals. Research or not this is WRONG. Think about it there are othere ways to release data for reseach,. Not take a human life to get it. Thank you

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41690	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:29:13 AM	<p>If stem cell research was so promising, obviously the private sector would be pouring money into the R&D to promote the research. It is not the federal government's place to spend money in this area. I ask that the federal government not use my tax dollars for such research. Let the private sector do the work, let them fund it as they see fit.</p> <p>The possibilities of stem cell research are intriguing and possibly astounding, but let's not put the taxpayer into the mix asking us them to finance this. With all that this administration and the previous administration have committed to financially, the American taxpayer is already burdened to the point of collapse.</p> <p>Let the private sector do what it does.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
41691		5/23/2009 8:33:43 AM	<p>I too want to see a cure for the many diseases that could benefit from stem cells, however I am only in favor of adult stem cell use. The only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues.</p> <p>I am AGAINST the use of EMBRYONIC STEM CELL USE.</p> <p>Please do the right thing for everyone concerned!</p>
41692	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:34:06 AM	<p>There is proof that embryonic stem cells don't work but that adult cells do. Why must you people continue to destroy unborn life?! You are all following Hitler's agenda. He wanted to get rid of all Jews. Obama wants to unleash any law that does not protect the unborn. I pray for his soul every day and those in Congress. To mess with and intervene in God's plan is truly evil.</p>
41693		5/23/2009 8:36:26 AM	<p>I am opposed to embryonic stem cell research that destroys human life as well as continues to decline human moral values. I support further tax funded research with adult stem cells, for it seems to have already given signs of promising results without minimizing the very essence of human life. The idea that once intended for "children" these embryos can be discarded and used as simple test samples. We need to put a stop to the degrading idea that we have the right to discard and minimize human life.</p>
41694		5/23/2009 8:37:32 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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41695		5/23/2009 8:37:56 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>
41696		5/23/2009 8:38:37 AM	<p>I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria for the acceptable derivation of stem cell lines that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the alternative criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent for stem cell lines created before 2009. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>Also, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation. These lines are a valuable research tool.</p>
41697		5/23/2009 8:39:22 AM	<p>I disagree with the use of destroyed human embryos for research. Putting that aside, embryonic stem cell research will move forward with no funding from tax dollars if it is as promising as it is claimed to be. I do not want tax dollars going to embryonic stem cell research.</p>
41698		5/23/2009 8:39:45 AM	<p>I do not want any tax money used to fund experiments on human embryos.</p>
41699		5/23/2009 8:39:56 AM	<p>Fetal stem research is immoral and unnecessary.</p>
41700		5/23/2009 8:40:09 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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41701		5/23/2009 8:41:55 AM	I am opposed to Embryo-destructive stem cell research which 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.
41702		5/23/2009 8:43:09 AM	I do not support embryonic stem cell research and I certainly do not support my tax dollar paying for it. There are plenty of other sources for stem cell harvesting that do not carry the moral burden of creating and killing embryos. The government does not need to be in the business of paying for this research in the first place - if the government wants to support medical research, give the companies themselves tax incentives, not cash.
41703		5/23/2009 8:44:18 AM	I absolutely oppose using Federal Tax dollars to fund any research using human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization (IVF) for reproductive purposes. Funding for research using human embryonic from any source should be denied. Funding for human stem cell research using adult stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells, the only area of stem cell research showing real promise of return on investment, should be continued. Continued adult stem cell research and discontinuing all embryonic stem cell fantasies is the only correct scientific, moral and ethical path and will prove to generate the best and quickest rate of returns on federal dollar expenditures.

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41704		5/23/2009 8:45:27 AM	<p>When discussed in the press, Adult stem cells produce results, but Embryonic stem cells only "hold the promise" of results. I challenge you as an individual to do this internet research yourself.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cells do not work properly. They do not work because they are not developed enough to control. If you put some into a liver patient, they could produce heart tissue just as easily as liver tissue. If you put them into a heart patient, they they could produce bone tissue just as easily as heart tissue.</p> <p>Consider this: As I understand it, the researcher who produced "Dolly" the cloned sheep now has abandoned Embryonic stem cell research in favor of adult stem cells.</p> <p>Why don't we fund what works?</p> <p>OK, now for the form letter....</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>
41705		5/23/2009 8:45:42 AM	<p>I do not believe one life should be destroyed to save another under any circumstances.</p>
41706		5/23/2009 8:45:45 AM	<p>I am for research that will help find a cure for diseases such as Alzheimer's, but there must be limits to what we are willing to do. How do we justify destroying one life to save another?</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>
41707	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:46:34 AM	<p>There has been many cures attributed to adult stem cells and nne that has been attributed to embryo stem cells despite the fact that some stem cells were released by Pres. Bush years ago. Why do we think that stem cells from embryos will be able to cure anything when they have advanced nothing where as adult cells have already produced excellent results. Are we that gung-ho about killing embryos? This is a sign of a very sick nation and I for one do not like it.</p>

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41708		5/23/2009 8:47:56 AM	We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells. This is what we know is working. Please stop embryonic stem cell research now.
41709		5/23/2009 8:48:29 AM	Our daughter has had diabetes since she has been 12. She is now 26 and a nurse. Should needs to have a happy healthy life. We are so close for her and everyone with type 1. Please let the stem cell research be something that is very important to everyone. Please let this happen. April 23 2009 Federal Register Notice for embryonic stem cells derived from embryos to be used for those with diabetes. We need your help.
41710		5/23/2009 8:49:04 AM	<p>We are opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic cell research, which force us as taxpayers to subsidized research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell researh 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 uncontrollabe 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 hybirds. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
41711		5/23/2009 8:49:08 AM	There have been no medical breakthroughs using embyro stem cells. In fact, there has been more success using adult stem cells. Obama, passing this law is just pacifying another of your special interest groups. You have not accomplished anything during your first 100 days of office because you are not competent to analyze issues including this one.
41712		5/23/2009 8:49:16 AM	No good can come from the destruction of human life. There will never be scientific advances from the use of human embryonic stem cells. God will not be mocked. He does not create life to be used in scientific experimentation. The use of adult stem cells has proved beneficial. Continue to work with this means only.
41713	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:51:43 AM	<p>To whom it may concern, I ask as a citizen of the USA that you would protect human embryos from destruction. I ask you the agency to instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p> <p>Thank-You</p>

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41714		5/23/2009 8:51:50 AM	<p>I oppose using tax payer's money for stem-cell research, especially those who do not support this cruel form of abortion. Yes, this is just another form of abortion. We as Americans should NOT be forced to pay for something that we morally disagree with. This is not fair, nor is it free. What is free about someone FORCING us to pay for something that is not morally sound? There is no free in that sentence. If this is passed, we can NO longer call ourselves AMERICA, THE HOME OF THE FREE. It would be a lie! The whole reason people come to America is to get away for their communist and socialist countries where they have NO freedom.</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. 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>Thank you and God Bless!</p>
41715		5/23/2009 8:51:52 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>

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41716		5/23/2009 8:53:03 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 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>
41717	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:53:13 AM	<p>It is prudent to continue public discussion before adopting significant changes to stem cell regulations. This fact is especially true, as such changes are so significant that they discard eight years of scientific research.</p> <p>Please see my below comments on the new draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines:</p> <p>1) Supplementary information: Additional scientific discussion should persist on the topic of funding for only a narrowly selected type of stem cells. The proposed guidelines do not allow NIH funding for human embryonic stem cells derived from other sources, including somatic cell nuclear transfer, parthenogenesis, and/or IVF embryos created for research purposes. Science is continuously evolving. As a result, the narrowly defining of specific groups of stem cells for funding purposes may restrict and/or reduce the level of knowledge obtained from research.</p> <p>2) Section II, paragraph B: I understand the need for strict guidelines for the protection of individual rights; however, there are new additions in this section not included in the 2000 guidelines that should continue to be subjected to public debate.</p> <p>Thank you for your time</p>
41718		5/23/2009 8:55:24 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>

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41719		5/23/2009 8:55:27 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>
41720		5/23/2009 8:56:03 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> <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>
41721		5/23/2009 8:56:14 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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41722		5/23/2009 8:57:01 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41723		5/23/2009 8:57:15 AM	<p>Our Constitution demands that we defend Life. Any scientific expedriments that destroy human life are evil and should not be allowed, especially by the very same government that is sworn to defend Life.</p> <p>Why not spend more time and money on adult stem cells which hold more promise and no loss of human life? Why are we still killing human life when there is no need to do so?</p> <p>Life begins at conseption! That is fact.</p>

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41724	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:57:30 AM	<p>I am a member of the Center for Inquiry, a non-profit organization devoted to promoting science and reason as the basis of public policy. I have read the NIH guidelines for federal funding of stem cell research and urge the NIH to promote the widest range possible of research in this field because of its potential for improving health and curing diseases.</p> <p>Your present guidelines are admirable in expanding the number of embryonic stem cell lines eligible for federal funding and maintaining research using adult stem cells. At a minimum, these guidelines should be maintained, especially because a large majority of Americans polled report that they support federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The present guidelines, however, do not go far enough. I would like to see the guidelines expanded to allow federal funding of all avenues of stem cell research. Research on human embryonic stem cells, somatic cell nuclear transfer and adult stem cells needs to continue in parallel. All are part of a research effort that seeks to expand our knowledge of how cells function, what fails in the disease process, and how the first stages of human development occur. It is this combined knowledge that will ultimately generate safe and effective therapies. This research should be funded with federal money in order to promote the development of innovative and potentially lifesaving medical treatments as quickly as possible.</p> <p>While approving the present guidelines is an excellent first step, I urge you to continue to monitor developments in the field and update these guidelines as the research progresses</p>
41725		5/23/2009 8:57:40 AM	<p>I oppose experimentation with human embryonic stem cells. "Needed or not" does nothing to change the fact that these cells are taken from embryos which have the potential to grow into human babies. How can it be that we are the only species that specifically sets out to destroy its young in such a cruel manner?</p>
41726		5/23/2009 8:59:40 AM	<p>Oppose</p>
41727	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:00:34 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. 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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41728		5/23/2009 9:00:38 AM	I am oppsoed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which forces me, as a taxpayer to pay for research, requiring the killing of the tiniest human beings! All support should be directed to adult stem cell research, which has been incredibly successful in treating numerous health conditions very successfully.
41729	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:01:05 AM	<p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines, MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20892</p> <p>Dear Dr. Kington and Stem Cell Guidelines Committee:</p> <p>I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo and oocyte donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>I also urge the NIH to develop a registry or data-base of NIH-approved stem cell lines. This registry would save tax payer dollars by eliminating the need for each research institution to conduct its own reviews of stem cell lines.</p> <p>Finally, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis and nuclear transfer as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation.</p> <p>Yours truly,</p>

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41730	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:01:53 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. Thank you.</p> <p>Thanks,</p>
41731		5/23/2009 9:02:04 AM	<p>I ma strongly opposed to tax dollars being used to destroy human embryos. The very founding documents state Life,liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This will create a "market" for materials needed and thus life will not be part of any pursuit for many. Also adult stem cell are showing great advances, why divert money to a speculative at best process. This is as anti-american as it can get. Please do not allow this to proceed</p>

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41732		5/23/2009 9:02:40 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>
41733	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:02:46 AM	<p>Only adult stem cell research has been proven to work. There is no need to destroy God's children!</p>
41734		5/23/2009 9:03:26 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>
41735		5/23/2009 9:03:51 AM	<p>We should not fund controversial research that promotes the destruction of human life when we have other options.</p> <p>Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients.</p>

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41736		5/23/2009 9:04:02 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>
41737		5/23/2009 9:04:16 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.</p>
41738		5/23/2009 9:04:52 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 life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. There should be no government support extending to human cloning and or human embryos for research purposes. No one should play God but God.</p>
41739		5/23/2009 9:06:16 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>
41740		5/23/2009 9:07:30 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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41741	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:07:34 AM	I am a member of the ***** IRB that reviews stem cell research conducted by members of the *****, using donated excess embryos, embryos not appropriate for procreation, and skin biopsies from patients with disabling diseases. I write in support of the suggestions submitted by the ***** Stem Cell Institute, ***** University, and the ***** University Committee on the Use of Human Subjects. Having been involved in the Committee's deliberations from the first discussions of stem cell research to the the present day, I feel particularly strongly that the wishes and intent of the donors would be disrespected, were the final NIH guidelines to prevent or cast into doubt federal funding of research using stem cell lines derived by the researchers here.
41742		5/23/2009 9:08:42 AM	I am opposed to my tax dollars funding stem cell research on embryos. Life begins at conception.
41743	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:09:06 AM	We, ***** and *****, *****, ***** are against using aborted tissue for stem cell research. We are against cloning, etc.
41744		5/23/2009 9:09:27 AM	Please protect human embryos from destruction. Please protect human life. Thank you.
41745	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:09:32 AM	To all people of good will, Please consider the evidence thus far. Advances in adult stem cell research have led to documented advances in health care; embryonic stem cells have not. I would hope we would have learned from the past that killing people in order to advance medical research is always wrong. The ends does not justify the means. In this case it makes us murderers. Please, please don't go further down the slippery slope of a Culture of Death! Our country cannot sustain itself on this path.
41746		5/23/2009 9:11:40 AM	I feel that embryonic stem cell research is morally and ethically wrong. I cannot being to imagine purposefully fertilizing an egg for the sole purpose of exploiting it's DNA. I understand that years of animal and human testing in various disciplines have produced life saving medicines. However, adult stem cell research seems more ethical. Consent can be obtained from an adult: adults can donate their bodies to scientific research. But stem cells taken from an embryo who hasn't had the opportunity to breathe air, see daylight, speak, play, and certainly unable to give consent is wrong. I've always been taught, "do not create a baby if you aren't willing to care for it." Stop creating embryos for research. If you won't stop then don't ask me to help pay for it through my taxes.
41747	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:11:41 AM	Please ,show respect for all human life by not funding embryonic stem-cll research. Science has proven adult stem cells effective. Thank you
41748		5/23/2009 9:12:15 AM	Please do not use Federal funding for stem cell research.
41749		5/23/2009 9:13:20 AM	Only adult human stem cells should be used for this type of research. To use embryos is morally and ethically wrong. Your goals should be to preserve human life, not to destroy it.
41750		5/23/2009 9:14:02 AM	I oppose funding for embryonic stem cell research. Adult stem research has been the only proven source of "help." When will the quest to "kill" the innocent end?

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41751		5/23/2009 9:14:05 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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41752	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:14:20 AM	<p>Dear Dr. Kington and Stem Cell Guidelines Committee:</p> <p>I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo and oocyte donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>I also urge the NIH to develop a registry or data-base of NIH-approved stem cell lines. This registry would save tax payer dollars by eliminating the need for each research institution to conduct its own reviews of stem cell lines.</p> <p>Finally, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis and nuclear transfer as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation.</p> <p>Specific FR comments</p> <p>I. no suggested changes. I. A. no suggested changes II.B. should read: "Eligibility of human pluripotent stem cells: Human pluripotent stem cells may be used in research using NIH funds if the cells were derived from human embryos or oocytes donated for research purposes for which documentation for the following can be assured: II.B.(1) and (2) no suggested changes II.B. (3) "...where the embryos or oocytes were donated..." II.B. (4) delete II.B. (5) should read: "At the time of donation, donors were informed that they retained the right to withdraw consent until the embryos or oocytes were actually used for research. II.B. (6) should read: "The attending physician responsible for clinical care and the researcher proposing to utilize human pluripotent stem cells should not have been the same person. II. B. (7) should read: "Informed consent was obtained from individual(s) who elected to donate human embryos or oocytes for research purposes. Such informed consent should comply with human subjects research guidelines such as those proposed by the National Academy of Science or other bodies who have carefully considered human pluripotent stem cell research such as the International Society for Stem Cell Research, or recognized human subjects review committees." II. B. (7. a. - i) delete II. C. no suggested changes II. A. and B. no suggested changes IV. A. no suggested changes, could be combined with III. IV.B. delete</p> <p>Sincerely yours,</p>
41753		5/23/2009 9:14:24 AM	<p>We oppose our hard earned tax dollars going to fund embryonic stem cell research. It is already widely known that plenty of research has been done to no avail. It is only profitable for adult stem cell research. DO THE RIGHT THING!</p>

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41754		5/23/2009 9:15:14 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>
41755		5/23/2009 9:15:27 AM	<p>Stem cells are a very important part of the future of medical cures. Please don't let people's religious beliefs influence this potential break through.</p> <p>It is my belief that we should add on our tax forms a check off box that will allow or disallow our tax money to go into stem cell research. With this option the people who are opposed have nothing to yell about because they no longer will be supporting it. However, no support = no future benefit, therefore, a database should be kept of those who did or do not support the advancement and the product that arose from the research. Those of us who supported have access. Thank you.</p>
41756		5/23/2009 9:15:34 AM	<p>It makes me so angry that this wonderful country has been stolen away by lawyers and politicians. I do NOT have representation in Washington. I don't want abortion legalized. I definitely don't want my tax dollars spent on killing babies and experimenting with their bodies.</p>
41757		5/23/2009 9:15:52 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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41758		5/23/2009 9:16:34 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>
41759		5/23/2009 9:18:11 AM	<p>I oppose the Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines as announced in the April 23 2009 Federal Register. These guidelines devote your tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed. The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>

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41760	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:18:35 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41761	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:18:51 AM	<p>I oppose human embryo stem cell experimentation. This is a dangerous intervention into Natural Law and Natural Order with our vary being, and it uses embryo's (little babies) as a source for the experimentation.</p> <p>This issue is critical and WILL ABSOLUTELY influence who I vote for in future elections.</p> <p>I am a licensed architect with an MS from ***** Univ., and I stay informed on all issues involving the sanctity of life.</p>
41762	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:18:57 AM	<p>I oppose the use of taxpayer dollars (MINE) for experiments that rely on killing embryonic human beings. I understand the NIGH has posted draft guidelines on ESC our tax dollars would pay for research on stem cells derived from embryos who are supposedly "leftover" from in vitro fertilization. Instead of promoting the adoption of these tiny humans, the NIH guidelines would sentence them to death. I totally oppose using the tax dollars of those who sincerely believe this to be against their own conscience and their God's laws.</p>
41763		5/23/2009 9:19:06 AM	<p>The problem with laws of this nature is it never stops there. Abortion laws started out as a way of protecting women who were in danger if pregnancy continued or ending the pregnancy of a fetus who had no chance of survival. Now it is used as a form of birth control. There may come a time when researchers run out of viable embryos how will the make more? Will they have human herds whose job is to produce embryos? Think about where this will head next. Think about moral sacrifices this future could impose on society.</p>

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41764		5/23/2009 9:19:42 AM	I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which forces taxpayers to subsidize research that violates the ethical principles of many Americans. Support should be directed toward adult and umbilical cord stem cell research and treatments, which are already proven successful and avoid all ethical problems surrounding embryo destructive research. Additionally, there is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes, especially when techniques such as cellular reprogramming and the alternative forms of stem cells mentioned above are used.
41765		5/23/2009 9:20:06 AM	I oppose Federal funding for more human embryonic stem cell experiments.
41766		5/23/2009 9:20:08 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 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>>></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>>></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>
41767		5/23/2009 9:20:25 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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41768		5/23/2009 9:20:39 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>
41769		5/23/2009 9:21:43 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>

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41771		5/23/2009 9:22:23 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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41772	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:22:56 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research, like abortion should not be allowed because it is the same as murder. Do embryos bleed when cut? Do fetus's bleed when cut? Yes! they do! The bible states thou shall not kill. This means: you shall do no murder or shed innocent blood. A prophetic vision of (09\11\2001)is a picture of abortion. The twin towers are the legs of a woman in the stirrups and the steel slashing and killing human beings. God is angry with America's leaders for allowing these atrocious things to continue. We must put a stop to it now! This is God's nation founded on His word by our forefathers who never intended for us to violate God's Laws. The destruction at the pentagon shows us the vulnerability of our national security and the crash in Penn. that day was the means by which God spared the presidents life! "America" you better heed the warning! Your on the edge of destruction. God will spare the righteous, but not the ones committing this atrocity. How can we expect God to bless our nation when we continue to ignore His laws and push Him aside? "America wake up and do what's right!"</p>
41800	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:39:56 AM	<p>My husband and I are against destroying human embryos for study. Adult stem cells are available and just as good as are other means for research. Money and support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life. Under no circulmstances do we want our tax money used for such research.</p>
41801	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:39:57 AM	<p>I oppose an executive order that will opened the floodgates for funding more human embryonic stem cell experiments. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has drafted guidelines for distributing these funds. These guidelines devote your tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p> <p>If you, your spouse, your daughter, your son, your mother, your father, your relative, your friend, your neighbor, or your co-worker suffers from a disease or injury, you need to make your voice heard against taxpayer funded embryonic stem cell experiments and in favor of adult stem cell research. If you have been treated with adult stem cells, your story needs to be told.</p>
41802		5/23/2009 9:41:38 AM	<p>I am opposed to being forced to contribute to stem cell research which destroys human embryos. These are human lives - if left to grow and develop they become mature human beings. They cannot yet speak for themselves so I will speak for them. My right to choose as well as the embryos rights as human beings are being abrogated with this legislation. I support adult stem cell research which is very promising although information about progress in this area is being withheld by the press.</p> <p>AGAIN I OBJECT AND OPPOSE ANY LEGISLATION WHICH APPROVES THE DESTRUCTION OF HUMAN EMBRYOS. WE ARE NOT GERMANY.</p>
41803		5/23/2009 9:42:21 AM	<p>adult stem cell research is scientifically proven as effective in curing disease.embryonic stem cell research has not. it's only value is as afalse emotional justification for abortion.</p>

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41804		5/23/2009 9:42:22 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41805		5/23/2009 9:42:41 AM	Embryonic stem cells do not hold as much potential as adult stem cells for successful use.
41806		5/23/2009 9:43:02 AM	Fetal stem cell research should not be taxpayer funded. I strenuously object to my tax monies being used in this manner. Other stem cell research which does not destroy potential human life shows much more promise.
41807		5/23/2009 9:43:03 AM	THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH IN MANY DIRECTIONS, TO ASSIST THE MANY LIVING WITH MS AND THEIR FAMILIES, IS IMMEASURABLE.
41808		5/23/2009 9:44:15 AM	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.

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41809		5/23/2009 9:44:48 AM	<p>Regarding NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines, as announced in the April 23, 2009 Federal Register Notice, I am a voice in the wilderness crying out that EMBRYONIC Cells NOT be created, d, toyed with, experimented on, or in any way used for science or health purposes. This is sacred life, created by God, and should never be tampered with for selfish purposes.</p> <p>These guidelines, as proposed by the OBAMA Administration, devote my and your hard-earned tax dollars to experiments with HUMAN EMBRYONIC stem cells, from DESTROYED human embryos.</p> <p>Consider carefully!, the ONLY SUCCESSFUL treatments and cures come from ADULT stem cells, taken from BONE MARROW, UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD, FAT TISSUE, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives SAVED with ADULT STEM CELLS. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are POOR SCIENCE and POOR HEALTH CARE policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments!! Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>
41810	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:44:54 AM	<p>Mr. President,</p> <p>Please do not allow human embryos to be used for stem cell research. Please respect them and give them their dignity. I do not want my tax money funding this project.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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41811	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:45:20 AM	<p>I am a member of the Center for Inquiry, a non-profit organization devoted to promoting science and reason as the basis of public policy. I have read the NIH guidelines for federal funding of stem cell research and urge the NIH to promote the widest range possible of research in this field because of its potential for improving health and curing diseases.</p> <p>Your present guidelines are admirable in expanding the number of embryonic stem cell lines eligible for federal funding and maintaining research using adult stem cells. At a minimum, these guidelines should be maintained, especially because a large majority of Americans polled report that they support federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The present guidelines, however, do not go far enough. I would like to see the guidelines expanded to allow federal funding of all avenues of stem cell research. Research on human embryonic stem cells, somatic cell nuclear transfer and adult stem cells needs to continue in parallel. All are part of a research effort that seeks to expand our knowledge of how cells function, what fails in the disease process, and how the first stages of human development occur. It is this combined knowledge that will ultimately generate safe and effective therapies. This research should be funded with federal money in order to promote the development of innovative and potentially lifesaving medical treatments as quickly as possible.</p> <p>While approving the present guidelines is an excellent first step, I urge you to continue to monitor developments in the field and update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p>
41812		5/23/2009 9:45:27 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> <p>Please do not allow my tax dollars to be spent on the destruction of human life.</p>

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41813	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:45:39 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>
41814		5/23/2009 9:46:40 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>
41815		5/23/2009 9:47:50 AM	<p>This is absolutely immoral!</p>
41816		5/23/2009 9:48:30 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>
41817		5/23/2009 9:48:53 AM	<p>I oppose using federal funds for human embryonic stem cell research and experiments. The taking of human life at any stage is detestable in the eyes of the Lord.</p> <p>These guidelines also allow for adult stem cell research, and the cures and treatments derived from them have proven to be very successful.</p> <p>I feel it would be a more effecient use of federal funds to put all the money in adult stem cell research and forget the human embryonic stem cell research which have not proven to be successful</p>

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41818		5/23/2009 9:50:00 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>
41819		5/23/2009 9:50:52 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>I am an adult stem cell transplant survivor. Too many of our citizens die due to lack of knowledge or FDA approval of asc treatments. Shame of you.</p>
41820		5/23/2009 9:51:58 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> <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>
41821		5/23/2009 9:52:17 AM	<p>I oppose using federal funds for human embryonic stemm cell experiments.</p>

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41822	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:52:28 AM	<p>As a person who was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes about five years ago, I was elated when President Obama lifted the controls on stem cell research imposed by former President Bush. I feel as though this country lost 8 years of research time because of Bush's ridiculous ban.</p> <p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41823		5/23/2009 9:52:50 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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41824		5/23/2009 9:53:16 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>
41825		5/23/2009 9:54:44 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>
41826	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:54:59 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.</p> <p>Also, we do not want our taxes paying for this type of research on human embryos, as this is totally against ours and Gods beliefs.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p>

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41827		5/23/2009 9:55:25 AM	<p>I am opposed to your Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines. As a taxpayer I strongly object to being forced to pay for the destruction of innocent human lives, especially since great success has resulted from adult stem cell research and none with embryonic stem cell research. Adult stem cell research does not involve the killing of any human lives. Since embryonic stem cells have showed no success, why keep pursuing it. Let's protect human lives with what shows real promise.</p> <p>There is no case where the government should support either killing babies or human cloning. I strongly oppose this draft guidelines. Please reconsider.</p>
41828		5/23/2009 9:55:37 AM	<p>I do not believe that human embryos should be used as a medical device, when this happens a real human life is destroyed. The method of destruction is particularly brutal as an innocent life is manipulated to become something that it was never intended to be. Common sense should tell us that this research will cause human embryos to be TORTURED to death.</p>
41829		5/23/2009 9:55:59 AM	<p>Please do not allow the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to distribute funds for embryonic stem cell experiments with embryonic stem cells from destroyed human embryos.</p> <p>The only successful treatments and cures have come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>
41830		5/23/2009 9:56:15 AM	<p>We must do all research into stem cells, to not do this would be the same as telling people you don't need to wash your hands. It is very simple, we must do all we can</p>

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41831		5/23/2009 9:56:22 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
41832		5/23/2009 9:56:33 AM	<p>The use of Human embryonic stem cells could become a cottage industry bonanza, stimulating those without conscience to embark on the construction of a "third Reich Mentality" toward the perfect Arian Strain or otherwise!</p>
41833		5/23/2009 9:56:48 AM	<p>Since embryonic stem cell research has produced literally nothing and adult stem cell research has proven far more productive, why hold on to the least effective procedure and ignore the more effective one? Please do not continue the useless taking of life under the guise of scientific research.</p>

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41834		5/23/2009 9:59:05 AM	<p>Can existing stem cell lines derived from human embryos under guidelines that differ from the now proposed guidelines continue to be used for NIH funded research?</p> <p>I recommend that the final guidelines allow NIH funding for any lines derived prior to the implementation of the new policy that had been derived: a) with informed consent, b) without undue inducement, and c) with oversight by an ethics advisory committee, such as an Institutional Review Board. This recommendation is consistent with the prefatory comment in the document that "These draft Guidelines would allow funding for research using only those 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." and that "NIH funding for research using human embryonic stem cells derived from other sources, including somatic cell nuclear transfer, parthenogenesis, and/or IVF embryos created for research purposes, is not allowed under these Guidelines."</p> <p>Second, I also urge the replacement of section II C, "Prior to the Use of NIH Funds". The requirement that each recipient of federal funds ensure the compliance of the cell lines to be used may be met by establishing a registry for embryonic stem cell lines. Since it is also possible that different institutions might judge the eligibility of the same cell line differently, such a registry would permit NIH to ensure certain uniformity in the assurance documentation.</p> <p>To avoid bureaucratic and legal confusion, I ask the NIH to establish an NIH registry of human embryonic stem cell lines available for federally funded research. When a cell line is first used in federally funded research, assurance documentation should be submitted to an NIH-run registry. The registry would allow researchers to review the cell lines that meet the NIH guidelines and then apply to use those stem cells lines. NIH should also require that the grantee institution document that the institution is in fact using the registered embryonic stem cell line.</p>
41835		5/23/2009 9:59:10 AM	Please increase funding to support additional research for ALS.
41836	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:00:03 AM	<p>It is hard for me to believe that we are actually considering wasting tax dollars on research that is unethical. I do not believe that the vast majority of Americans are supportive of allowing human life to be created and destroyed in the name of science. Where is the respect for human life? The end doesn't justify the means. Spending tax dollars on embryonic stem cell research and human cloning is wrong. Let's spend our research money (tax dollars) on research that has actually produced successful results. Research with Adult Stem Cells has produced many successful therapies and cures and the discovery of iPS cells, induced Pluripotent Skin cells, have virtually made embryonic stem cell research and efforts to clone humans obsolete. Even the scientist who cloned Dolly the sheep agrees. It's my understanding that embryonic stem cell research has been going on with animals for 27 years and with human embryos for at least 10 years with NO successful results. It is known that embryonic stem cells are prone to tumor formation. This is a problem which continues to make this research a waste of time and money. Human cloning requires hundreds, possibly thousands, of human eggs. Harvesting these eggs is unrealistic and presents a very real danger to the health of women. Women will be exploited in the name of science. Cloning requires many unsuccessful attempts and in most cases not even one successful clone is created. So let's fund the research that is ethical and producing results. Adult Stem Cell research and iPS cell research.</p>
41837		5/23/2009 10:00:24 AM	Please use adult stem cells for research. They are much more promising and it does not destroy a life.
41838		5/23/2009 10:03:43 AM	Let not a dime of my taxes go toward the taking of a life for study! As far as I know, there is no means of harvesting stem cells without killing the embryo. Those who want it, can breed and pay for the murdering of their own children. Let them along side the researchers look back on it from their firey perches in Hell.

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41839	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:03:51 AM	<p>Funding more human embryonic stem cell experiments destroys more human embryos. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recommendations for funding experiments with embryonic stem cells is against my moral, religious and ethical principles. Successful treatments and cures have come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
41840	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:04:12 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>Thank you for taking the time to read these comments. Please consider these points carefully as you make a decision.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>
41841		5/23/2009 10:04:15 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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41842		5/23/2009 10:05:38 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>
41843		5/23/2009 10:06:41 AM	<p>The NIH draft guidelines are a serious set-back to human embryonic stem cell research! The draft guidelines are so restrictive that many of the stem cell lines eligible for funding even under President Bush would no longer be eligible. To comply with President Obama's Executive order, my understanding is that the following changes should be made:</p> <p>II.B. should read: "Eligibility of human pluripotent stem cells: Human pluripotent stem cells may be used in research using NIH funds if the cells were derived from human embryos or oocytes donated for research purposes for which documentation for the following can be assured: II.B.(1) and (2) no suggested changes II.B. (3) "...where the embryos or oocytes were donated..." II.B. (4) delete II.B. (5) should read: "At the time of donation, donors were informed that they retained the right to withdraw consent until the embryos or oocytes were actually used for research. II.B. (6) should read: "The attending physician responsible for clinical care and the researcher proposing to utilize human pluripotent stem cells should not have been the same person. II. B. (7) should read: "Informed consent was obtained from individual(s) who elected to donate human embryos or oocytes for research purposes. Such informed consent should comply with human subjects research guidelines such as those proposed by the National Academy of Science or other bodies who have carefully considered human pluripotent stem cell research such as the International Society for Stem Cell Research, or recognized human subjects review committees." II. B. (7. a. - i) delete</p> <p>Thank you for your attention; please do the right thing here, so that the most people can benefit from this research.</p>
41844		5/23/2009 10:08:02 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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41845		5/23/2009 10:08:35 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>
41846	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:08:57 AM	<p>I am very much opposed to embryonic stem cell research as it involves the taking of a human life and secondly, it should not be furthered since science has proven that it is unsuccessful. Why take a life to improve a person's condition....how selfish and ignorant! Adult stem cell research should be pursued as positive results have been shown.</p>
41847		5/23/2009 10:09:17 AM	<p>The United States of America should not use any money to kill human embryos in the name of stem cell research. The Draft of NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines must preserve the sanctity and dignity of all human life.</p>
41848		5/23/2009 10:10:21 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>
41849		5/23/2009 10:10:34 AM	<p>I am a 57-year old working school psychologist who developed Parkinson's Disease two years ago, just 9 years after I earned my Ph.D. I have worked with children and adolescents most of my adult life. This is a tragic disease, which requires daily adjustment to a progressive loss of motor function, memory retrieval, balance, and verbal fluency. My students refer to me as their "shaking friend." Stem cell research would enable a cure for this disease, too late for me but not for my students. I do not want our young generation, many of whom I personally love, to endure the tragedy of this disease. Please protect them by enabling stem cell research.</p>

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41850		5/23/2009 10:11:20 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>
41851		5/23/2009 10:12:41 AM	<p>The US government should not be in the business of supporting morally-ambiguous research such as embryonic stem cell research. Back when I started my medical career, the reigning dogma was that adult stem cells could not be stimulated into replacing tissue and that by using embryonic stem cells there would be minimal graft-vs-host disease. Both of these statements have since been shown to be false.</p> <p>There are thousands of successful treatments using umbilical cord blood in the country every year and their potential for future applications is quite promising. In addition, using adult stem cells has the advantage not requiring years of dangerous immuno-suppressing drugs. Both of these applications do not require the destruction of human embryos which a significant portion of American society find morally objectionable.</p> <p>If we had no other options, we as a society would have to evaluate the relative worth of the life of an embryo and a sock adult; thanks to modern science that is now an artificial comparison as we can have it both ways.</p>
41852		5/23/2009 10:14:36 AM	<p>I urge you to oppose the use of our taxpayer dollars for failed research requiring the destruction of human embryos. 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> <p>I also urge you to oppose legalizing the intentional creation of embryos and human cloning to create human beings simply for scientific use. Tax money should not be used when it is unethical for the majority beliefs.</p>

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41853		5/23/2009 10:14:51 AM	<p>-I do not want to 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.</p> <p>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. 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>-I object to my tax dollars being spent on the destruction of human life.</p>
41854		5/23/2009 10:15:05 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>
41855		5/23/2009 10:15:26 AM	<p>According to what I have read and heard embryonic stem cell research has not produced any hope of any cure for anything. Whereas adult stem cell research has produced positive results and has promise of producing cures for many infirmities. Consequently I see no future in spending tax payer dollars on research that promises nothing</p>
41856		5/23/2009 10:16:09 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
41857		5/23/2009 10:16:18 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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41858		5/23/2009 10:16:31 AM	<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 killing of human embryos.</p> <p>Expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research that is treating people now with non-embryonic stem cells and will also divert funds away from other sources of embryonic-like stem cells that have been generated without the use of 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 upon the order of NIH.</p> <p>The guidelines do not require full informed consent for the parents of the human embryos so that they understand that their options include permission for infertile couples to adopt them.</p>
41859		5/23/2009 10:16:36 AM	<p>I am opposed to embryonic stem cell research because it is ineffective and immoral to destroy a human life for the purposes of research. Adult stem cell treatments have proven effective while embryonic stem cell treatments have not only been ineffective they have actually caused unwanted side effects such as tumors. I also do not want my tax dollars being used in the destruction of human life as is being proposed by the Obama administration.</p>
41860		5/23/2009 10:16:58 AM	<p>Suggested comments (copy and paste into Comment section of NIH comment form and edit as appropriate for you):</p> <p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>Myself, My husband and my grandson all have diabetes, I would like to see a better life for my grandson without the problems we have had to go through, since he is a brittle diabetic I am very anxious to see a cure to help him in his lifetime.</p>

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41861		5/23/2009 10:18:19 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>
41862		5/23/2009 10:18:39 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>
41863		5/23/2009 10:18:55 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
41864		5/23/2009 10:19:41 AM	<p>I believe of the sanctity of human life at conception. I am completely against using embryos developed for reproduction, no matter the circumstance.</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.</p> <p>I live with multiple sclerosis and would love to find a cure, but not at the expense of any human life.</p> <p>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>Thank you.</p>

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41865		5/23/2009 10:20:22 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>We must protect the unborn and support a culture of life.</p>
41866		5/23/2009 10:21:14 AM	<p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>
41867	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:21:21 AM	<p>We strongly favor federal funding for for stem cell research, particularly the use of surplus embryos at fertility clinics and somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT).</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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41868		5/23/2009 10:21:29 AM	<p>I am interested in this notice for a variety of reasons. I am a nurse scientist, I have Type I Diabetes, and I am a Christian. For many nurses and people with type 1 diabetes, the Administration's expansion of the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research has renewed our hope for cures. For many Christians, it presents an ethical dilemma. 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>I have some suggestions for assuring that this happens.</p> <p>Statement:</p> <p>"NIH currently funds ongoing research involving human embryonic stem cells as detailed under prior Presidential policy."</p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>I think it is important that NIH also funds research on public perception and opinion in order to better formulate public education regarding stem cell research. It is also important that the NIH be open and transparent about this research so that the public can see that the NIH is working in an ethically responsible manner.</p> <p>Statement:</p> <p>"Decisions related to the creation of human embryos for reproductive purposes were made free from the influence of researchers proposing to derive or utilize human embryonic stem cells in research. Whenever it was practicable, the attending physician responsible for reproductive clinical care and the researcher deriving and/or proposing to utilize human embryonic stem cells should not have been the same person."</p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>It should never be the same person.</p> <p>Statement:</p> <p>"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" and "A statement that the results of research using the human embryonic stem cells may have commercial potential"</p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>As this is a more sensitive type of study, it is important that researchers take extra steps to protect privacy and share information on the potential use of research taking place with subjects.</p> <p>Statement:</p> <p>"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."</p>

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41868		5/23/2009 10:21:29 AM	<p>Comment:</p> <p>It is essential that the guidelines are framed with the assumption that science will move faster than the guidelines can be adapted. A system should be in place to assure ethical considerations, not simply stated rules.</p> <p>Research should be vigorously pursued on all promising stem cell sources that could potentially lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes and other diseases. 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>
41869	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:21:43 AM	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I oppose EMBRYONIC stem cell research, in general. But whether you're for it or against it, in NO WAY, SHAPE OR FORM should this controversial procedure be funded by public tax dollars!!</p> <p>Leave the public tax dollars to the roads, schools and defending our country. If people are so convinced that embryonic stem cell research is the next cure for cancer they can fund it themselves! I'm sure the return on their investment would be well worth it if they're actually correct.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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41870	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:21:49 AM	<p>Dear sirs:</p> <p>I have Parkinson's disease, the symptoms are with me every day.</p> <p>I am a board certified Ophthalmologist who is no longer able to make my healing expertise available to the public. I have dedicated my life to the medical and surgical treatment of blinding disorders. Unfortunately, my Parkinson's disease has robbed me of my hard won surgical skills and experience. The disease will surely continue to worsen to the point where I become disabled and a burden upon society as well as my family.</p> <p>Of course I look forward to the day when a cure or a rehabilitation method is found. If not for me, then perhaps for the increasing number of Americans who are yet to be afflicted with this illness.</p> <p>I support the position of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) to improve the new federal stem cell research funding guidelines. Those guidelines are summarized as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize hESC lines derived in accordance with core principles for ethical responsibility. These core principles include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="checkbox"/> Requiring rigorous independent oversight. • <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring voluntary and informed donor consent. • <input type="checkbox"/> Requiring no undue inducements. 2. Avoid disqualifying ethically responsible hESC lines or research projects through the retroactive application of detailed technical requirements. 3. Verification of adherence to regulations and guidelines requiring ethically responsible donation which can be established by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="checkbox"/> For hESC lines derived in the U.S., approval by an Institutional Review Board (IRB). • <input type="checkbox"/> For hESC lines derived outside the U.S., verification by an IRB that procurement was consistent with the core principles of ethical responsibility. 4. Explicitly permit the continued use of the established Pre-2001 hESC lines that meet Common Rule requirements on donor consent. 5. Allow the use of hESC lines derived from eligible blastocysts already deposited in tissue banks prior to the publication of the NIH guidelines provided there was IRB approval and oversight. 6. Permit the use of hESC lines derived through parthenogenesis provided they meet core standards for ethical responsibility. <p>Restrictions on this type of research funding will only delay the cure not only of Parkinson's disease, also for diabetes, Alzheimer's, spinal cord injuries and other dreaded medical conditions.</p> <p>We owe it to the people of this country (and the world) to make every effort to find a cure for these diseases; to do otherwise would be unconscionable.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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41871	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:22:33 AM	Executive order 13505 We are totally against stem cell research and any funding for this amoral research. Life is precious and should not be tampered with. Furthermore, it is a waste of resources as opposed to the adult cell which has proven to be effective.
41872		5/23/2009 10:22:39 AM	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. Recent studies has shown that embryo-destructive stem cell research is ineffective and dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. More research should be done using adult stem cells. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.
41873		5/23/2009 10:23:09 AM	I believe that we have spent enough time and money on embryonic stem cell research, and have found that there is no benefit. We are wasting lives through this research with absolutely no conclusive evidence that embryonic stem cells can be used in the way supporters naively believe they can. There has been great promise shown in using adult stem cells, and I believe this is the ONLY place any funding should be used.
41874		5/23/2009 10:24:11 AM	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. 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.
41875		5/23/2009 10:24:22 AM	-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. -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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41876		5/23/2009 10:24:42 AM	This tax payer is totally against any experimentation that involves tampering with embryos taken from left over IVF. We have no right to creat embryos for research. The Dickey Wicker Amendment should stay enforced, and use the limitations necessary. We are not in agreement with removing the barriers President Obama has done in his Executive order of 13525.Its a proven fact that adult stem cells can be used for these types of experimentations.
41877		5/23/2009 10:25:19 AM	The facts prove that stem cells can effectively and safely heal the human body. Life is defined simply as (that which makes effort) and (anything exhibiting a metabolic rate). Stem cells can be harvested from fertility clinics and many other sources. After all, these are simply destroyed over time anyway. So, let's please welcome the 21st century and allow our scientists to catch up with the rest of the world by eliminating the restrictions on stem cell funding. Otherwise, the jobs created in the future will be for foreign owned companies. Is this America or is it a Grand Mother's Knitting factory for the rest of the world? We, as a nation allow 'Partial Birth Abortions' but don't allow adequate funding for Stem Cell research. How capricious can we be as a nation before someone stands up and says, Enough is Enough!
41878		5/23/2009 10:25:50 AM	Using human embryo's for stem cell research is totally wrong and unacceptable in a sane society. It has been proven that they do not work well when put in another human's body. Stem cells taken from the individual that needs them works best and is the acceptable practice. When you use a human embryo, you are committing murder in my opinion and it is a blantant sin against God's commandment, do not kill. Life is given by God and the embryo has the right to life at conception. Stop murdering the innocent children who are yet unborn. I pray that your minds will someday see the wrong you have done and you will confess yourself before your God. Life begins at conception and you do not have the right to take it from the unborn. May God have pity on your soul.
41879		5/23/2009 10:26:21 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>
41880		5/23/2009 10:26:32 AM	<p>“I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria for the acceptable derivation of stem cell lines that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the alternative criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent for stem cell lines created before 2009. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p>
41881	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:26:50 AM	I do not want any of my tax monies going for the distruction of human life in any form. Embryonic stem cell application have not resulted in progress. Adult stem cells are doing the job. The news media is often dishonest in their reporting. Some of us know this.

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41882		5/23/2009 10:27:14 AM	<p>“I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria for the acceptable derivation of stem cell lines that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the alternative criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent for stem cell lines created before 2009. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p>
41883		5/23/2009 10:27:45 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 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>
41884	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:27:50 AM	<p>If the US is to be seen as a nation that believes in God and that God is the creator of life, then the answer to embryonic stem cell research must be NO. Why? It is clear from scientific research that life begins at conception. That becomes even more evident in the fact that the desire to experiment on "living human embryonic stem cells" clearly defines this as living human life. We are not looking for just any embryonic stem cells; we only want cells that are living and human. The policy says its intent is to help ensure that NIH-funded research in this area is ethically responsible and scientifically worthy. There is clear proof that the unknowns of this science are not only unclear, the predictable potentials of human embryonic cells are dangerous to any recipient--their reproduction is not controllable (a cancer of sorts) and it is highly likely that a body would reject the cells that are not their own. This is not ethically responsible nor is it scientifically worthy. Particularly when adult stem cell research--stem cells given with permission of the donor--are providing promise. Embryonic stem cells are not given with the permission of their human donor; they are taken from the donor and in the process the life of the donor is also taken. If we believe that we are a nation under God, and God is the creator of life, then to conduct research that destroys God's creation is unforgivable.</p>
41885	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:27:53 AM	<p>I am against the steam cell research, you are using human lifes, for the sake of science. Is one more important than the other, absolutly no, how can we ask people to respect human life when the goverment is allowing killing human embrions, lifes, for research. Please stop this killing, every action has concesquences, this is a very seriuos one. The President is against torture how come He chooses not to see this for what it is. Life is worthy of respect,and those who choose not to abide to this principle will loose that which they long for respect.</p>

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41887		5/23/2009 10:28:54 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>
41888		5/23/2009 10:29:00 AM	<p>The dictionary defines an embryo as a living being in the earliest stage of development. Human stem cells are derived from a LIVING HUMAN BEING in the earliest stage of development. Murder is never justified. Can any of you prove that your life did not begin as an embryo? How do you think your life began?</p>
41889		5/23/2009 10:29:13 AM	<p>Your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research force taxpayers to fund research that is morally unacceptable to them. Your administration is alienating orthodox Christians, Muslims and Jews alike with this legislation. Treatments that do not destroy human life have already been proven successful. However, embryo-destructive stem cell research does not have the same success record. It has even been shown to form uncontrollable tumors and cause rejection problems.</p> <p>Adult stem cells are non controversial, ethical, and effective. Why fund ineffective and controversial research when we have other options? It would appear that the focus on embryonic stem cell research is not based on science, but on forwarding a particular political and ethical agenda.</p>

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41890		5/23/2009 10:30:17 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Please forward this important message to 5 other people and ask them to join you in writing before the May 26 deadline.</p>
41891		5/23/2009 10:30:32 AM	<p>Two critical changes need to be made to the current draft guidelines. First, I believe that a major flaw exists in section II. B, "Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem cells for Use in Research". While this section provides a reasonable standard for the eligibility of human embryonic stem cell lines derived in the future, it does not recognize the existence of hundreds of stem cell lines currently in use in research labs across the United States. While these existing lines were derived according to the most ethical standards recognized at the time of derivation, they may not meet in every detail the new, more rigorous standards set forth in the NIH draft guidelines. To prohibit their eligibility for federal funds under this new policy would do great harm to the field of stem cell research. Federally funded researchers would be forced to stop their work and wait for a yet unknown number of new embryonic stem cells that comply with the new NIH guidelines to be derived. Such a halt to research would be detrimental to the scientific community's progress and devastating to patients around the world who might benefit from this important research.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge the NIH to include a provision within Section II to allow human embryonic stem cell lines previously and ethically derived to be eligible for use in federally funded research under these guidelines. Instead of requiring previously derived cell lines to comply with either the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) guidelines or the guidelines by the International Society of Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), I ask the NIH to consider a different standard. I recommend that the final guidelines allow NIH funding for any lines derived prior to the implementation of the new policy that had been derived: a) with informed consent, b) without undue inducement, and c) with oversight by an ethics advisory committee, such as an Institutional Review Board.</p> <p>Second, I also urge the replacement of section II C, "Prior to the Use of NIH Funds". The requirement that each recipient of federal funds ensure the compliance of the cell lines to be used would be administratively burdensome and unnecessarily restrict research. Under the draft guidelines, each investigator who wishes to use a cell line in his or her research must provide assurances that the cell line complies with the NIH Guidelines. This repeated reauthorization of the same cell lines seems unnecessary. It is also possible that different institutions might judge the eligibility of the same cell line differently. This lack of uniformity threatens the free flow of scientific investigation.</p> <p>To avoid bureaucratic and legal confusion, I ask the NIH to establish an NIH registry of human embryonic stem cell lines available for federally funded research. When a cell line is first used in federally funded research, assurance documentation should be submitted to an NIH-run registry. The registry would allow researchers to review the cell lines that meet the NIH guidelines and then apply to use those stem cells lines.</p>

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41892		5/23/2009 10:31:20 AM	<p>Please consider making two critical changes to the current draft guidelines. First, I believe that a major flaw exists in section II. B, "Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem cells for Use in Research". While this section provides a reasonable standard for the eligibility of human embryonic stem cell lines derived in the future, it does not recognize the existence of hundreds of stem cell lines currently in use in research labs across the United States. While these existing lines were derived according to the most ethical standards recognized at the time of derivation, they may not meet in every detail the new, more rigorous standards set forth in the NIH draft guidelines. To prohibit their eligibility for federal funds under this new policy would do great harm to the field of stem cell research. Federally funded researchers would be forced to stop their work and wait for a yet unknown number of new embryonic stem cells that comply with the new NIH guidelines to be derived. Such a halt to research would be detrimental to the scientific community's progress and devastating to patients around the world who might benefit from this important research.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge the NIH to include a provision within Section II to allow human embryonic stem cell lines previously and ethically derived to be eligible for use in federally funded research under these guidelines. Instead of requiring previously derived cell lines to comply with either the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) guidelines or the guidelines by the International Society of Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), I ask the NIH to consider a different standard. I recommend that the final guidelines allow NIH funding for any lines derived prior to the implementation of the new policy that had been derived: a) with informed consent, b) without undue inducement, and c) with oversight by an ethics advisory committee, such as an Institutional Review Board.</p> <p>Second, I also urge the replacement of section II C, "Prior to the Use of NIH Funds". The requirement that each recipient of federal funds ensure the compliance of the cell lines to be used would be administratively burdensome and unnecessarily restrict research. Under the draft guidelines, each investigator who wishes to use a cell line in his or her research must provide assurances that the cell line complies with the NIH Guidelines. This repeated reauthorization of the same cell lines seems unnecessary. It is also possible that different institutions might judge the eligibility of the same cell line differently. This lack of uniformity threatens the free flow of scientific investigation.</p> <p>To avoid bureaucratic and legal confusion, I ask the NIH to establish an NIH registry of human embryonic stem cell lines available for federally funded research. When a cell line is first used in federally funded research, assurance documentation should be submitted to an NIH-run registry. The registry would allow researchers to review the cell lines that meet the NIH guidelines and then apply to use those stem cells lines.</p>
41893		5/23/2009 10:32:18 AM	<p>We are against this.</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>
41894	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:32:31 AM	<p>To whom it may concern there is a company called Advanced Cell Technology out of *****. I would ask that they be considered for funding due to there claims of non-destructive extracting of human embryos. Thank You for your time,</p>
41895		5/23/2009 10:33:57 AM	<p>I know that there are other ways to obtain stem cells from individuals, such as obtaining cells from deep within the nasal cavity. The destruction of human embroyos should never be an option. Without embroyos, there is no life, so how can you say you are not destroying a living being. I knew I was pregnant long before I missed my periods. My body was talking to me. My breasts were extra tender and could not tolerate the shower water to hit them and the nausea and vomitting made the embroyos existence known to me. DO NOT KILL HUMAN EMBROYOS.</p>

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41896		5/23/2009 10:35:05 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>
41897		5/23/2009 10:35:10 AM	<p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and will divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will only delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>

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41898	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:35:17 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>
41899		5/23/2009 10:37:03 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>
41900		5/23/2009 10:37:10 AM	<p>On March 9, 2009 President Obama issued an executive order that opened the floodgates for funding more human embryonic stem cell experiments. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has drafted guidelines for distributing these funds. These guidelines devote my tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Many patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>

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41901		5/23/2009 10:37:29 AM	I am strongly opposed on the use of embryos for stem cell research. It is wrong to use my tax dollars for such funding which is against my conscience.
41902		5/23/2009 10:37:39 AM	Stem cell research should only be conducted in a manner which does not destroy human life in order to do so. Using the unborn is NOT right. How would you have liked stem cell research to be performed on you prior to ever having the chance to live your life? I guess you would not have a say in it now, would you? Destroying life is NOT acceptable. Killing babies to "benefit" others is nothing but pure selfishness and murder.
41903		5/23/2009 10:37:40 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.
41904		5/23/2009 10:37:50 AM	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.
41905		5/23/2009 10:38:07 AM	Taxpayers should not be required by law to fund embryonic stem cell research. Such research destroys the life of the person in its embryonic stage of development and is unethical. It truly ought to be illegal in the US or any civilized society. If taxes would be allocated to research, they would be more effectively utilized for adult stem cell research which has already been proven rewarding and effective in treating dozens of conditions. Why are private donations not forthcoming to fund the embryo research? Because business people can see that the embryo research is worthless and, worse than that, it is dangerous and harmful. It has not only failed to successfully treat even one condition but has resulted in uncontrollable growths and tumors. US citizens should have the freedom not to be coerced into funding activities that they believe and know to be unethical and immoral.
41906		5/23/2009 10:38:10 AM	I am strongly opposed to the destruction of human embryos for stem cell research, and therefore am also strongly opposed to the use of my tax dollars for this purpose.
41907		5/23/2009 10:38:12 AM	-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. -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. 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.
41907		5/23/2009 10:38:12 AM	Embryonic stem cells have not been proven to cure or help anything. Adult stem cells have been what has shown the most promise. This unnecessary killing of human embryo's, fetus's and babies must stop.

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41908		5/23/2009 10:39:07 AM	we are opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force us, as a 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 good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.
41909		5/23/2009 10:39:12 AM	Please don't use embryonic stem cells for your research. Use adult stems cells.
41910		5/23/2009 10:41:38 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.</p> <p>No matter how promising this research may seem to be, it can never justify the destruction of embryos, which are human beings in their most vulnerable, innocent form.</p> <p>Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. 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.</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 do not force me to support this unethical, immoral research with my tax dollars.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
41911		5/23/2009 10:41:52 AM	<p>Please question the need for any embryonic stem cell research. A human embryo is a human being, no matter how small or how it came into existence. It had a unique, individual human DNA.</p> <p>Since adult stem cell research has already proven to be medically successfull.</p> <p>Please stop to ask who profits from the harvesting and destruction of the embryonic stem cells, and why the profiteers are so intent on using tax dollars to fund their research.</p>
41912		5/23/2009 10:42:43 AM	I oppose taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research as i believe this research is wrong. With all the success of adult stem cell research, there is no need to continue research that destroys human life. How many millions of dollars have been wasted on this already?
41913		5/23/2009 10:42:55 AM	I am strongly opposed to any further funding of embryonic stem cell research.
41914		5/23/2009 10:43:34 AM	Let's stop having so many babies and fix the folks that are already here with us.
41915		5/23/2009 10:43:34 AM	Embryonic stem cells are an unproven healing modality, with the potential for creating cancer and uncontrolled growth. Adult stem cells are already successful in healing many complaints and have potential for more applications. No need to destroy another life to enhance one's own.
41916	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:43:43 AM	<p>As someone who has been following – and, literally, mapping – world stem cell policy for six years at this website ***** I can say with assurance that President Obama’s Executive Order 13505 represents an ethically responsible and scientifically necessary policy position. More than 35 countries world wide representing some 3.5 billion people – more than half the earth’s population – have policies that permit public funds to be spent for stem cell research using embryos donated by fertility clinics with consent of the donors. The proposed NIH Guidelines will allow the U.S. to join these countries in the policy mainstream for human embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guidelines.</p>

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41917		5/23/2009 10:44:03 AM	When perfectly good stem cells can be taken so easily from people who are living, and these stem cells have been successfully used to treat and heal and cure people, why in the world would we need to keep trying to find even one success in using an innocent life that will now not have a chance to live? Why? Why not spend money following the successes and expanding on those using adult stem cells? This makes sense! A life by any other name is still a life!
41918		5/23/2009 10:44:13 AM	EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IS A GRAVE MORAL EVIL; IT KILLS A HUMAN PERSON. PLEASE DO NOT FUND THIS TYPE OF RESEARCH; RATHER FUFND THE ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH THAT HAS ALREADY PRODUCED MANY SUCCESSFUL THERAPIES.
41919		5/23/2009 10:45:07 AM	it is imperative that you move forward in as timely a basis as possible to begin stem cell research in an effort to cure chronic and progressive diseases such as parkinson's, ms, md, etc. now is the time. theis is yur opportunity
41920	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:47:26 AM	<p>I am a mother of two children with Type I diabetes. My children are my heros. They battle to control this frustrating opponent every day with amazing tenacity and courage. They used to ask me as I tucked them into bed at night, "Mom, did they find a cure today?" They have stopped asking regularly but I know that the fire of hope still burns brightly in their hearts and mine. I have believed for many years that stem cell research was our greatest hope for a future cure. I cried both times that President Bush vetoed legislation to remove federal funding restrictions and cried again when his veto was not overturned. I cried tears of joy on the day that President Obama lifted this ban by Executive Order.</p> <p>I am not alone; there are 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>Respectfully submitted,</p>

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41921		5/23/2009 10:47:59 AM	If this had happened to some of our political friends then we probably wouldn't be having this discussion right now! And you know who you are!!
41922		5/23/2009 10:48:21 AM	<p>The only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>
41923		5/23/2009 10:48:45 AM	only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue and other body tissues-thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy and would divert dollars away from real treatments. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put patients first and put federal funds toward the real treatment and real promise of adult stem cells.
41924		5/23/2009 10:49:01 AM	Please, do not fund stem cell research that destroys human embryos or human life in any form. It is morally wrong! There are so many other known alternatives like adult stem cells or umbilical cord stem cells. Even if there were not those alternatives, we are obligated to do what is right and find another way. The end does not justify the means. Thank you for hearing so many of us who feel so strongly about this subject.
41925		5/23/2009 10:50:15 AM	<p>I am opposed to your draft to use & force me to pay for the use of embryonic stem cells in research as it IS the destruction of human life. It is NOT a dog, cat guinea pig, snake or bird. It is a HUMAN child. It cannibalizes people. This will never result in a good thing.</p> <p>The use of adult stem cells has already resulted in treatments for more than 80 diseases without killing anyone or anything!</p> <p>If you are truly interested in curing disease that is the course you will take. This course can be supported. This course will be successful.</p> <p>There are also loopholes in your proposal which could be interpreted to permit cloning & trans-species research- this is NOT acceptable in any way.</p> <p>This policy will result in the loss of your very humanity. It would make Hitler & Mengele proud.</p> <p>I urge you to oppose the President's order.</p>
41926		5/23/2009 10:51:59 AM	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 I strongly oppose. 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 the human embryos for research purposes.

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41927		5/23/2009 10:52:11 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>
41928		5/23/2009 10:52:14 AM	<p>I am opposed to the government using taxpayer dollars to fund embryonic stem cell research which destroys a human life and has had NO proven success. Adult stem cells have made great strides in this area and yet you persist in wanting to destroy embryos. In addition, there is nothing in this legislation to keep cloning from becoming the next necessary medical procedure needed to help cure diseases. Please, hear the voices of the people! There is a little soul inside each embryo. It is a person waiting to happen. Don't destroy its life.</p>

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41929		5/23/2009 10:52:41 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>
41930		5/23/2009 10:52:42 AM	<p>I am appalled that educated individuals can still entertain the farce that embryonic stem cells are more conducive to the generation of life threatening disease cures than adult stem cells. The results stand for themselves, adult stem cells are producing helps and cures to many debilitating diseases while embryonic stem cells are not. This is just one more attempt on behalf of the pro-Death abortion groups to further singe the concious of America and beyond to the legitimacy of their death campaign. There is no scientific or health reasons to continue to pursue embryonic stem cells for some concocted panacea for the world. Adult stem cells are proven and do not cause more death from the donation. 'Embryonic stem cell research' is just code for ABORTION. When will researchers again return to their consciences and suspend these atrocities?</p>
41931		5/23/2009 10:53:08 AM	<p>If we want God's blessing on America, we must obey His commandments. He says, "You will not kill." By the simple fact that preborn have had inheritance rights, proves that we all know that life begins at conception.</p> <p>Proverbs 6: 16 - 19, cannot be clearer, "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."</p> <p>See God's judgment? Jer 12:17 "But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD."</p> <p>God had a limit of patience down through the ages. Why must we ask God to repeat His rage on us? 50 million babies are crying out to Him for justice. We keep adding over 3500 crying babies a day. Not ever Sodom and Gomorrah were that wicked.</p> <p>There is only one hope. Repent! Stop the killing with our taxes. and accept the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. Look how Ninevah was saved in the book of Jonah. Jer 18:8 "If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them."</p>
41932		5/23/2009 10:53:15 AM	<p>I am opposed to public funding of human embryo stem cell research on ethical and moral grounds. This procedure destroys human life. In addition embryo stem cell therapy has not been effective. I am angry that I will be forced to fund this research with my tax dollars.</p>

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41933	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:54:05 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>
41934		5/23/2009 10:55:21 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>

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41935		5/23/2009 10:55:52 AM	<p>ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH HAS PROVEN ITSELF TO THE ONLY VIABLE SOUCE OF PRODUCTIVE RESULTS. aMOST EVERY INSTANCE OF EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH RESULTS IN CANCER OR A DEFECT OF SOME TYPE.</p> <p>NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT A HUMAN BEING, AN EMBRYO WITH IT'S OWN UNIQUE DNA, IS BEING MUDERED IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT EXPERIMENTS. IT IS MUCH LIKE INVSTING, YOU PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE THERE IS PROVEN RESULTS(ADULT STEM CELS) ALST ALL EFFORTS IN THE EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS HAVE LED TO A FAILURE, WHY WOULD SOMEONE WANT TO INVEST IN A FAILURE. THE PRIVATE SECTOR DOES NOT WANT TO INVEST IN A LOSING PROPOSITION SO NOW THE ONLY SOURCE IS TO ASK FOR GOVERNMENT SPENDING IN A LOSING CAUSE.</p> <p>IN THE STATE OF TEXAS WE HAVE A SUNSET COMMISSION. IT'S PURPOSE IS TO REVIEW EACH AND EVERY COMMISSION FOR THE STATE AND TO TERMINATE THOSE THAT NO LONGER ARE NECESSARY AND THOSE THAT DO NOT DELIVER PROVEN RESULTS. THOSE THAT ARE DELIVERING AS EXPECTED AND SERVE A REASONABLE NEED ARE KEPT FUNDED AND INTACT.</p> <p>LOOK AT THE PAST RECORD OF RESULTS AND THEN DECIED IF FUNDING A LOSING EFFORT WITH VERY LIMITED RESULTS IS THE SMART WAY TO GO.</p> <p>THANK YOU.</p>
41936		5/23/2009 10:57:04 AM	<p>I WILL NOT pay for the destocion of human embryos. They will NOT be using my maony for the destruction of innocent lives.</p>
41937		5/23/2009 10:57:06 AM	<p>NIH drafted guidelines devote our tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>These new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>

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41938		5/23/2009 10:57:21 AM	<p>Two critical changes need to be made to the current draft guidelines. First, I believe that a major flaw exists in section II. B, "Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem cells for Use in Research". While this section provides a reasonable standard for the eligibility of human embryonic stem cell lines derived in the future, it does not recognize the existence of hundreds of stem cell lines currently in use in research labs across the United States. While these existing lines were derived according to the most ethical standards recognized at the time of derivation, they may not meet in every detail the new, more rigorous standards set forth in the NIH draft guidelines. To prohibit their eligibility for federal funds under this new policy would do great harm to the field of stem cell research. Federally funded researchers would be forced to stop their work and wait for a yet unknown number of new embryonic stem cells that comply with the new NIH guidelines to be derived. Such a halt to research would be detrimental to the scientific community's progress and devastating to patients around the world who might benefit from this important research.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge the NIH to include a provision within Section II to allow human embryonic stem cell lines previously and ethically derived to be eligible for use in federally funded research under these guidelines. Instead of requiring previously derived cell lines to comply with either the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) guidelines or the guidelines by the International Society of Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), I ask the NIH to consider a different standard. I recommend that the final guidelines allow NIH funding for any lines derived prior to the implementation of the new policy that had been derived: a) with informed consent, b) without undue inducement, and c) with oversight by an ethics advisory committee, such as an Institutional Review Board.</p> <p>Second, I also urge the replacement of section II C, "Prior to the Use of NIH Funds". The requirement that each recipient of federal funds ensure the compliance of the cell lines to be used would be administratively burdensome and unnecessarily restrict research. Under the draft guidelines, each investigator who wishes to use a cell line in his or her research must provide assurances that the cell line complies with the NIH Guidelines. This repeated reauthorization of the same cell lines seems unnecessary. It is also possible that different institutions might judge the eligibility of the same cell line differently. This lack of uniformity threatens the free flow of scientific investigation.</p> <p>To avoid bureaucratic and legal confusion, I ask the NIH to establish an NIH registry of human embryonic stem cell lines available for federally funded research. When a cell line is first used in federally funded research, assurance documentation should be submitted to an NIH-run registry. The registry would allow researchers to review the cell lines that meet the NIH guidelines and then apply to use those stem cells lines.</p>
41939		5/23/2009 10:57:36 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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41940		5/23/2009 10:57:45 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. Thank you.</p>
41941		5/23/2009 10:57:48 AM	<p>Funding for adult stem cells YES. No funding for embryonic research or development should be allowed.</p>
41942		5/23/2009 10:58:04 AM	<p>The funding of embryonic stem cell research is poor science. It is based on politic and wishful thinking, when there are many, many proven successes with adult stem cell research and zero (let me repeat, ZERO) successes in the forms of cures or medical treatments resulting from the harvesting and murder of unborn children. The federal government has no jurisdiction over life, who gets to live and who doesn't. If any jurisdiction does exist, it can be found in the Declaration of Independence when all are given the rights to life.</p>
41943		5/23/2009 10:58:35 AM	<p>As a patient suffering from RA, 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>

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41944		5/23/2009 10:59:00 AM	<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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
41945		5/23/2009 10:59:33 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>
41946		5/23/2009 11:00:10 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
41947		5/23/2009 11:00:22 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>
41948		5/23/2009 11:01:15 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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41949	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:02:37 AM	<p>We oppose the regulations on the Draft of the National Institute of Health for federal funding for research of embryonic stem cells. It is poor science. Patients should always come first..</p> <p>One more thing is killing tiny babies (embryonic stem cells) has not helped in curing or treatments of any diseases as of yet. Adult stem cells have either cured or treatments were available for cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.</p> <p>Please oppose these guidelines.</p>
41950		5/23/2009 11:04:08 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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41951		5/23/2009 11:04:57 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, have family members suffering from Parkinson's 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>
41952		5/23/2009 11:05:39 AM	<p>I strongly protest the use of any federal funds to support the killing of the unborn in the name of embryonic stem cell research. Respect for innocent human life precedes all other constitutionally guaranteed rights. It is never moral to kill one innocent to help another.</p>
41953		5/23/2009 11:06:01 AM	<p>Embryonic Stem cell research in itself is unethical when it results in the destruction of human embryos. The latest research shows that it is possible to make adult stem cells pluripotent or the equivalent of embryonic stem cell without destroying human embryos. Research is showing more promise there. With adult stem cells from the recipient's own body transformed into pluripotent ones, you stand a better chance of creating stem cell treatments without immune rejection problems. All in all, setting the ethical concerns aside, funding embryonic stem cell research would be a waste of money for political purposes.</p>

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41954		5/23/2009 11:06:10 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>
41955		5/23/2009 11:07:26 AM	<p>The destruction of human life goes against the very nature of our Creator, who created ALL life. You will have HIM to answer to in the end. Choose wisely.</p>
41956		5/23/2009 11:08:19 AM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am a biologist 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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41957		5/23/2009 11:08:51 AM	This may well be one of the most important decisions in our time dealing with health. The NIH must permit federal funding for stem cell lines derived from sources other than excess IVF embryos.
41958		5/23/2009 11:08:51 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> <p>We as human beings, whether born or unborn, come from the same place. Let us work to build a culture of life.</p>
41959		5/23/2009 11:08:54 AM	We are strongly opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force us as taxpayers to subsidize research requiring the destruction of human life. Absolutely no successful results have been obtained from embryonic stem cell research, and the "counseling" of parent donors of embryos from fertility clinics appears simply to allow justification for the destruction of their undeveloped and inconvenient "leftover" babies. Support should be directed to adult stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing documented results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.
41960		5/23/2009 11:09:38 AM	adult stem cell research has scored major wins evident just in the past few months. These advances involve human stem cells that are not derived from human embryos. In fact, adult stem cells, which occur in small quantities in organs throughout the body for natural growth and repair, have become stars despite great skepticism early on. A second kind of stem cell that has triumphed is an entirely new creation called iPS (short for induced pluripotent stem cell), a blockbuster discovery made in late 2007. These cells are created by reprogramming DNA from adult skin. The iPS cells are embryonic-like in that they can turn into any cell in the body—and so bypass the need for embryos or eggs. In late February, scientists reported on iPS cells that had been transformed into mature nerve cells.
41961		5/23/2009 11:09:54 AM	i am opposed to human stem cell research that relies on embryos
41962		5/23/2009 11:10:16 AM	<p>Please do not fund embryonic stem cell research. You are killing babies by doing this. Please consider adult stem cells, which are far more effective, as well as, umbilical cord blood, which is normally thrown away after a healthy baby is born after the baby is carried to full term.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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41963		5/23/2009 11:11:14 AM	<p>I personally believe that the methods surrounding the use of embryonic stem cells are immoral. I am loathe to be forced to pay for immoral activity through taxes. If the governmental laws support pro-choice mentality, then I should not be forced to pay for activity I believe to be immoral. I am a traditional American born citizen or Catholic/Christian persuasion.</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>
41964		5/23/2009 11:11:41 AM	<p>We do not need embryonic cells for research. If a woman is not going to bank her cord blood when she has a baby then it should be made a standard that it is donated to research and to those that need it for an illness. There is no need for senseless killing of embryos.</p>
41965		5/23/2009 11:11:51 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>
41966		5/23/2009 11:12:14 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. 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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41967		5/23/2009 11:12:23 AM	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 the human embryos for research purposes.
41968	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:12:32 AM	<p>Comments regarding Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines per Executive Order 13505 dated March 9, 2009.</p> <p>Dear NIH,</p> <p>Please accept my opposition to embryonic stem cell research funded by American taxpayers. Americans should not be forced to subsidize the destruction of innocent human life.</p> <p>If taxpayers must support stem cell research in addition to privately funded research, then taxpayer funds should only go towards research using adult stem cells. My request seems obvious and simple enough. Adult stem cells are already proving to be efficacious, whereas embryonic stem cells are only harmful, forming uncontrollable tumors, in addition to rejection issues.</p> <p>Our Judeo-Christian ethic teaches us to "choose life" in GOD's Holy Scripture, Deuteronomy 30:19.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
41969		5/23/2009 11:13:17 AM	I support Missouri Cures and stem cell research, Fund IT, expand it, and save some lives.
41970		5/23/2009 11:13:58 AM	<p>It is morally wrong to kill human embryos in order to preserve adult humans.</p> <p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force taxpayers to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life.</p> <p>On the other hand, adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and effective in treating patients. We should support research in this area.</p> <p>Finally, 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>
41971		5/23/2009 11:15:52 AM	Increase the budget for stem cell/gene therapies.
41972		5/23/2009 11:16:34 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>
41973		5/23/2009 11:17:42 AM	<p>Taxpayer funding of research which requires the killing of human embryos is unethical since it is taken of a human life at the earliest stage.</p> <p>I support research using adult stem cells. This research has already proven to provide real benefits.</p>

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41974		5/23/2009 11:18:01 AM	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 the human embryos for research purposes.
41975		5/23/2009 11:19:07 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>
41976	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:19:56 AM	70 - 0. That is an overwhelming score in sports. It is also a large disparity in any context. There have been 70-plus treatments and cures gained through adult stem cell research versus ZERO through embryonic stem cell research. Why are you even entertaining the idea of wasting OUR money on research that lags SO far behind such promising research! You should be taking that money and investing it in adult stem cell research; to do otherwise is incomprehensible and unconscionable.
41977		5/23/2009 11:20:42 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>DO NOT USE MY TAX DOLLARS TO DESTROY LIFE. WE MUST STOP THIS CULTURE OF DEATH AMONG THE MOST VULNERABLE.</p>

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41978		5/23/2009 11:21:21 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>
41979		5/23/2009 11:22:01 AM	<p>Tax dollars should not be spent on research that requires the destruction of the embryo, thus the destruction of human life, regardless of the potential benefit of such research. These dollars should be invested in adult stem cell research which is "ethically responsible" and "scientifically worthy" (phrases in the Federal Register Notice) rather than used for efforts that are less worthy and certainly ethically irresponsible.</p>
41980	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:22:11 AM	<p>STOP FUNDING THIS NONSENCE THERE IS NO VALUE IN THIS IF THERE IS LET PRIVATE INDUSTRIES FUND IT IF YOU DO THIS IT WILL GO AWAY LIKE ETHANOL IF IT CAN'T STAND ON IT'S OWN DON'T USE MY TAX DOLLARS FOR IT.....</p>
41981		5/23/2009 11:22:59 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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41982	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:23:00 AM	<p>NIH Stem Cell Guidelines, MSC 7997 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20892</p> <p>Dear Dr. Kington and Stem Cell Guidelines Committee:</p> <p>I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current and future research programs. I recommend that the criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo and oocyte donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>I also urge the NIH to develop a registry or data-base of NIH-approved stem cell lines. This registry would save tax payer dollars by eliminating the need for each research institution to conduct its own reviews of stem cell lines.</p> <p>Finally, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis and nuclear transfer as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation.</p> <p>Yours truly,</p>
41983		5/23/2009 11:24:00 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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41984		5/23/2009 11:25:15 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. 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>
41985		5/23/2009 11:26:22 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>
41986		5/23/2009 11:26:22 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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42014		5/23/2009 11:44:53 AM	<p>Their is NO evidence that embryonic stem cell research will cure anything but OVERWHELMING proof that adult stem cells do work. I don't want my tax money going for something that has no chance of helping. That is cruel to give people false hope. Instead I want my tax money going to help patients so they can continue to improve. CHECK THE FACTS!!!!</p>
42015	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:45:09 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.</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>
42016	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:45:34 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42017	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:47:16 AM	<p>I am ABSOLUTELY AGAINST MY TAX DOLLARS FUNDING EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH. The ends NEVER justify the means. ADULT stem cells are proven to help fight diseases. Please put the money into ADULT stem cell research and NOT embryonic. The only reason this is ongoing is because someone wants a Patent on the findings. It really boils down to the almighty dollar. Continue funding ADULT research and you will have my support and see great thing happen.</p> <p>Do the right thing,</p>

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42018	Redacted	5/23/2009 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>
42019		5/23/2009 11:47:25 AM	<p>I am completely opposed to stem cell research using embryo's. Currently, funding is continued using adult stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells. Using embryonic stem cells for the purpose of research is both unneeded and unethical. We as a nation need to stop this proposed research before we become like the Nazi's of World War 2 who likewise tested on humans.</p>
42020		5/23/2009 11:47:43 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>

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42021		5/23/2009 11:47:53 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42022	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:48:43 AM	<p>I don't have any fancy facts and figures about stem cell research and progress. I just know that I have MS and wish wholeheartedly for a cure or even a reversal of symptoms and would like to see progress made in that direction. I think stem cell advancements offer many opportunities that have not been tried, experimented with or maybe even considered. I am tired of being tired. Tired of weekly injections. Tired of fighting with access to handicapped parking, bathrooms, ramps... Tired of struggling with canes and walkers and wheelchairs and heavy doors that always seem to swing the wrong direction.</p> <p>I have no problem with using embryos that would be discarded anyway and would support the hope that opening up additional stem cell lines would be beneficial to medical research for MS as well as the many other neurological diseases.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
42023		5/23/2009 11:48:57 AM	<p>Please put NIH funding toward ADULT stem cell research, where many cures have already been found!</p> <p>Do NOT fund killing embryos. No success has come from the work on embryonic stem cell research to date. Morally, to kill an embryo that can become a healthy child is reprehensible.</p> <p>Taxpayer \$\$ fund the NIH. Use those funds responsibly and wisely.</p> <p>Thank You.</p>
42024		5/23/2009 11:50:35 AM	<p>I am opposed to embryonic stem cell research. It kills a human embryo in exchange of a supposed "hope" of a cure for someone else. Science has not shown any benefit thus far anyway from embryonic research. I am totally opposed to using my tax dollars for this barbaric practice. Do not use federal tax money for embryonic stem cell research.</p>

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42025		5/23/2009 11:51:14 AM	<p>I, Barbara, have multiple sclerosis which was finally diagnosed in 1990. I am also a registered nurse. I was forced to take an early disability retirement because of the fatigue and cognitive difficulties that I experience as a result of the MS. I was working for a county health department, where for some years I was in charge of the prenatal clinic, and also worked with the well-baby clinics. Throughout the 29 years that I was able to work as a nurse I saw many patients who could have benefitted from positive outcomes of research on stem cells. Not only could the patients benefit, but also their families. As my husband Joseph could attest; illnesses like MS, diabetes, and spinal cord injuries also have an impact on the lives of the family members: providing physical care and mental support, taking on more of the household responsibilities, altering family activities and outings, and sometimes even impacting their own work life.</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>
42026	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:51:48 AM	<p>The only successes in stem cell therapy have come from Adult cells and there have been many good results. Embryonic stem cell research is enormously expensive and has only shown failures. Why are we wasting valuable time and money on a failing technology and ignoring one that works? Only to continue to justify the abortion industry. Stop spending our money to further an ideology that destroys life instead of researching Adult stem cells to save lives. Thank you for your time.</p>
42027		5/23/2009 11:52:07 AM	<p>I am really "torn between," as they say, stem cell research. I don't have much of a problem with this being done on animals, but somewhat of a problem with its being done on people. While on the other hand, I can see the benefit of each. I just wish people knew where to draw the line, and would DRAW it! I am not a wishy-washy person, but I truly have mixed emotions about stem cell research.</p>
42028		5/23/2009 11:52:36 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes</p>
42029	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:52:54 AM	<p>Huntington's Disease is one of the neurological diseases that is inherited and research in stem cell would be important in finding a cure for this horrible disease. The fact that Huntington's Disease is a monogenic disease and research in the field of stem cells could be a tremendous breakthrough for us.</p>

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42030		5/23/2009 11:53:03 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>
42031		5/23/2009 11:53:07 AM	I urge you to consider the benefits of using adult stem cells rather than embryonic cells. Thank you.
42032		5/23/2009 11:53:20 AM	ESC is not only completely unethical, but completely unnecessary! IPS from a patients own tissue is infinitely superior as there are no issues with rejection, cancer etc. To date, adult stem cells have produced well over 100 highly successful treatments while decades of ESC research have produced nothing! In fact, in human trials, conducted outside the U.S., all have resulted in cancer and death!
42033		5/23/2009 11:53:37 AM	I do not want my tax dollars to fund research that uses stem cells derived from human embryos resulting in their death. The killing of one class of humans to benefit another class of humans is profoundly immoral. Instead, direct research toward adult and cord blood stem cells, which is ethical and has proven to be successful.
42034		5/23/2009 11:53:44 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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42035	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:54:35 AM	<p>I am participating in the democratic process and stating to the Obama Administration not to fund stem cell research that destroys human life!</p> <p>My other comments are as follows:</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>I am taking this opportunity to stand up against using tax dollar to be spent on the destruction of human life.</p>
42036		5/23/2009 11:54:42 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>
42037	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:54:55 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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42038		5/23/2009 11:55:08 AM	<p>Umbilical stem cells research to date has proved to be not only far more useful, promising, and cost-efficient, but also ethically unquestionable. It does not involve destruction of human embryos at any point in the proceedings and it holds vastly greater potential for cures for some truly horrible diseases.</p> <p>Dr. James Thompson and Dr. Ian Wilmut, the pioneers of stem cell research, have publicly stated that embryo-destructive treatments are very unlikely to cure diabetes and Alzheimer's. I don't appreciate the federal government misleading families of persons who do have these diseases by telling them that embryonic stem cell research will save their loved ones.</p> <p>If umbilical cord research is a) less costly and b) to date has yielded more advances and saved more lives (this even includes the extensive research in Europe and Southeast Asia, specifically South Korea, on embryonic stem cells), why isn't the government encouraging greater research in this field? Why the focus on a less promising approach?</p> <p>I am incredibly concerned that the focus on embryonic stem cell research is a veil for possible human cloning attempts and that this executive order lays the foundation for future efforts to do so.</p>
42039		5/23/2009 11:55:48 AM	<p>While the mainstream media may not inform the public about the research regarding embryonic stem cell use, the actual scientific evidence speaks volumes. Embryonic stem cells have had no success. Other than an organization such as Planned Parenthood seeing their profit disappear in the event that embryonic stem cells are no longer a source of research and development, there is no reason to use embryo cells. Adult stem cells, skin cells (recently highlighted by a physician on the Oprah Winfrey show in the presence of Michael J. Fox) have all had successful outcomes.</p> <p>I oppose the use of my hard earned tax dollars used for an overwhelmingly failed study. Please apply my dollars to the successful research of adult stem cell use.</p>

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42040		5/23/2009 11:56:51 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 and parkinson's. I am encouraged to see the field of human embryonic stem cell research expanded through issuance of these guidelines and change in federal policy concerning funding for this important scientific field. Progress has been made, and the final guidelines issued by NIH must build on this progress. Cures and new therapies must get to patients asap! Please, the final guidelines cannot create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress. Oour futures depend on this.</p> <p>I am pleased that the 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 use of new lines to be created 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. Thank you.</p>
42041		5/23/2009 11:57:08 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>Thank you!</p>
42042		5/23/2009 11:57:25 AM	<p>I do not want my tax dollars to fund research that uses stem cells derived from human embryos resulting in their death. The killing of one class of humans to benefit another class of humans is profoundly immoral. Instead, direct research toward adult and cord blood stem cells, which is ethical and has proven to be successful.</p>

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42043		5/23/2009 11:58:02 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>
42044	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:58:36 AM	<p>Do not undermine research by restricting embryonic stem cell research. Please, let us not go backward. Help keep every avenue open to find cures for some of life's most devastating conditions.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42045	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:58:41 AM	<p>Stem cell research gives my family a promise for the future of my Grandson. My Grandson, *****, was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes at the age of three. He must have 5 injections of insulin daily to keep him alive.</p> <p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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42046		5/23/2009 11:59:05 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>
42047		5/23/2009 12:00:51 PM	<p>I do not believe research in this area will any cures of any kind. Adult stem cells have begun to yield hope for some cures for some diseases, already so why not place 'good' money after a promising line of research. THANK-YOU!</p>
42048		5/23/2009 12:02:09 PM	<p>I oppose the use of embryonic stem cells, since they are obtained by killing human embryos, and human embryos are human beings. Much better to use adult stem cells.</p>
42049		5/23/2009 12:02:32 PM	<p>Extreme caution must be used with regard to stem cell research. It may be said that embryos will not be created for the express purpose of research, however, we know the extent of human nature and greed. There will be a market for selling embryos for research.</p> <p>In the 70s, the argument for abortion rights was "safe, but rare". Now, thanks to the US Supreme Court, abortion through birth is considered a constitutional right.</p> <p>I have a niece with several potentially fatal illnesses. Adult stem cell research hopefully will provide help for her. However, how can we as a civilized society, destroy innocent human live to save another?</p> <p>We must tread carefully on this issue.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
42050		5/23/2009 12:02:43 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>
42051		5/23/2009 12:03:02 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 adult 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>
42052		5/23/2009 12:03:03 PM	<p>I believe it is a despicable practice and one that as a nation we will bitterly regret.</p>

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42053	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:04:11 PM	<p>In spite of the enormous amount of "ineffective" research on embryonic stem cells there is still a push to move forward with this kind of research. Yet the evidence for adult stem cell research and its use seems to be overwhelmingly effective. Why are you beating this dead horse? Is it in order to justify the funding by the government at tax payer's expense? Is it because, like any other government funded projects if you don't receive the money in one particular year you loose it after that? Gee, what will all of those un-employed embryonic stem cell researchers do? This is a real cliff-hanger! Please. You're throwing our money way just for the sake of chasing a fallacy! Stop with the nonsense and get busy in the areas that are working! (Like adult stem cell research.)</p> <p>I read a comment in the "Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines" that says, "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>Isn't that typical of the liberal community? --- Worried about over-population (a myth), worried about what to do with the aged, worried about self - i.e. "We need the research in order to preserve OUR lives.", etc. At the end of the day that is what this is all about; selfish, inconsiderate toil all to keep a few in good health while discarding the weak. It is all convenience! What good are we as a people if we can't defend the weak among us? Where is the BASIC human decency here? "...embryos that were no longer needed." That is the mantra of the abortion industry (modify it to say "...it is for the mother's health", "we can't afford a child right now", "she was raped", blah, blah, blah) and it certainly seems that it is the mantra of the scientific community. "The needs of the few out-weigh the needs of the many." (To state this quote in a more accurate light.)</p> <p>Attached is a file with some additional comments by a couple of guys who are more eloquent than I am. I'm just sick of the justification of death for some supposed "research" or convenience that just doesn't work. Michael J. Fox is a great example of this: the Hollywood spokesman for Parkinson's elevating a dead experiment that will never cure that disease.</p> <p>Give me a break. Stop killing our children.</p>
42054		5/23/2009 12:04:50 PM	<p>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> <p>Please reconsider the impact of the proposed Guidelines on both current and future initiatives in this area.</p>

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42055		5/23/2009 12:04:53 PM	Although science may allow progress in many areas, it is imperative that research be conducted with a moral compass. I believe our Creator allows us to make advances to heal the body, but would not look down with favor on man playing God (especially creating life to destroy it).
42056	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:06:30 PM	<p>Pres. Obama said "science and ethics have been ignored" in his March decision to rescind both the policy preventing researchers from destroying live human embryos for federally funded research and the executive order instructing the NIH to thoroughly explore new avenues for obtaining pluripotent stem cells without destroying human embryos.</p> <p>As the president noted, we must not make 'a false choice between sound science and moral values.' In fact, these sources of guidance both point in the same direction, away from destructive embryonic stem cell research. His executive order and these guidelines nonetheless insist on a course of action that is both morally objectionable and, increasingly, scientifically obsolete.</p> <p>Zero positive results have come from embryonic stem cells. Many advances, and current cures in heart valves, etc., have derived from ADULT stem cells.</p> <p>We need to put our efforts and money toward ADULT stem cell research and cord-blood stem cells.</p> <p>We don't need to kill human embryos. They are our future as a society.</p>
42057		5/23/2009 12:06:39 PM	<p>I strongly urge that governmental funds NOT be used for embryonic stem cell research. As a healthcare professional, I very much want to see increased therapeutic benefits from stem cell research. Indeed, I work with patients on a regular basis who could benefit from proposed stem-cell based therapies. My desire to offer improved treatments, however, does not extend so far as to believing that the destruction of embryos (genetically unique individuals) can be justified.</p> <p>From both a practical and ethical standpoint, funds would be better spent on non-controversial stem cell research (stem cells from umbilical cord blood and from adult somatic cells). These non-embryonic stem cells have been far more predictable to work with. Indeed, these forms of stem cell research have already yielded practical and effective treatment options for a variety of diseases. This is a claim which embryonic stem cell research cannot make.</p> <p>Millions of tax-paying American citizens have profound moral objections to the destruction of embryos. While I grant that many of these embryos are fated to destruction regardless, this does not justify their being used for utilitarian ends. Neither were any "medical" experiments carried out on Nazi Holocaust victims justified in any way by the fact that those people were doomed to die anyway. Regardless of whether governmental policy makers agree with this analogy, the mere fact that millions of their employers (tax-paying Americans) do hold this moral view should be a strong reason to not use tax dollars for embryonic stem cell research. To do so would make citizens unwillingly complicit in something they find reprehensible. I am sure every reader of these comments can think of examples of activities which they find so deeply objectionable that they would never want any of their money given to support them. The idea that governmental officials feel they have the right to force this issue demonstrates an alarming dictatorial heavy-handedness.</p> <p>In summary, I urge that federal funding be given to non-embryonic stem cell research. This has the benefit of being non-divisive and far more practical in terms of likely outcomes.</p>

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42058		5/23/2009 12:07:52 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>
42059		5/23/2009 12:08:29 PM	<p>I'm just a young girl who's still learning about these things, but i completely disagree with going for embryonic stem cell resaerch. It harms the embryo that did nothing to hard us, so why should we do anything to them? Embryonic stem cell reasearch should not be used just for learning. That is like killing someone's life just so you can learn something new.</p>
42060	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:10:51 PM	<p>To whom it may concern: I am opposed to the use of embryonic stem cells. Adult stem cells and other means of obtaining these stem cells are readily available through other means, and have been, and are being used to successfully treat many conditions, alleviating the need to use the cells of dead babies. Thank you for your consideration,</p>
42061	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:11:15 PM	<p>I am firmly against embryonic stem cell research, and am against tax payer money being used to pay for research done which destroy embryos. Adult stem cell research has been very successful, and does not destroy human life. Please close the loop hole which may allow for future human cloning and/or the creation of human/animal hybrids.</p> <p>Sincerely Yours,</p>

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42062	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:13:01 PM	<p>i believe that no human embryos or fetuses -- regardless of source -- should be created, used or destroyed for research purposes. This is undeniably a form of cannibalism, as it involves the consumption and killing of genetic, living human individuals. such actions are beneath human dignity and erode attitudes about all human life. on the positive side, i support and encourage the use of stem cells from non-embryo sources, such as fetal cord blood and adult stem cells, as these do not cause the destruction of unique genetic human individuals. unfettered science, not supervised by strict ethical guidelines, can and certainly will be exploited by amoral economic (profit) motives of biotech pharmaceutical companies, and others. it is not hard to envision genetic human individuals (albeit in embryonic form or somewhat altered -- patent protected, no doubt!)bought and sold for profit. yes, it is possible that some "good" could come out of it also, but the ethical/moral pitfalls will be difficult to avoid if strong stands are not taken far back from the precipice. it's okay if we "fall behind other countries" in this area. it is ridiculous to insist that we must keep up with others as they rush headlong down ill-considered paths of science which diminish and threaten human life and dignity. respectfully,</p>
42063	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:13:02 PM	<p>NIH, Please stop research/experimentation involving destruction of human embryos, and taxpayer funding of that research. A human being is a human, no matter at what stage. A human embryo is just at a different stage from me as an adult. Adult stem cell research has seen much progress and good results in medical treatments, and I'd gladly fund such research. To allow and then fund embryo research, which kills human beings to try to save others, is reprehensible. Sincerely,</p>
42064		5/23/2009 12:13:11 PM	<p>The use of stem cells have made great progress and will continue to make progress. But to use Embryonic stem cells is morally wrong. God provides what we need. We don't have to kill or destroy inorder for us to progress medically. I am so totally against using embryonic stem cells for research nor do I wish to support it with my tax dollars.</p>
42065		5/23/2009 12:16:04 PM	<p>It is imperative to go ahead with stem cell research. I am a humanist, not a scientist, so I can defend my comments from knowledge of history and activity in other countries. It will be a terrible waste of resources of all kinds to refuse to allow this research.</p>
42066	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:16:25 PM	<p>I oppose the use of deliberately destroyed human life being used to seek gain. The use of adult stem cells in research has yielded tremendous results. We should continue with research using only adult stem cells. It is wrong to kill a baby with a beating heart, fingerprints, and feelings (all the identifications of a true human being) while it is helpless in the womb, where it is supposed to be protected.</p> <p>Please don't further the killing of innocent life and the cheapening of all of life. It will do great harm to our civilization as it has countless others.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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42067	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:16:46 PM	<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. This proposed regulation will force taxpayers like me to subsidize unethical research that destroys human embryos.</p> <p>Despite millions of dollars currently being spent on destructive embryonic stem cell research, 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. There are people already being helped with adult stem cells where no one is killed. 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 other unethical, horrific procedures, such as cloning and human/animal hybrids, which would send our country down a path to infamy.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research is destructive and outdated, and taxpayer monies should be used for ethical research that can actually treat patients. I strongly protest for any taxpayer money to be spent in this endeavor.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42068		5/23/2009 12:16:49 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>
42069		5/23/2009 12:17:05 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. Although there are restrictions on this in the current policy, they are based on receiving statements from donors, statements that could easily be falsified if the donors felt pressured internally or externally to do so.</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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42070		5/23/2009 12:17:19 PM	Let's focus on not killing but saving lives using adult stem cells, let's harvest every single umbilical cord that parents don't pay to freeze themselves, etc. Thousands of babies are born everyday and undoubtedly only a 5% of parents or less choose to freeze their babies stem cells and the rest go to waste - this is where your focus should be, recycling and using what we have! Get every hospital to harvest those umbilical cords - this is not rocket science and we don't have to kill life to get what you want!!!!!!
42071	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:17:52 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Please forward this important message to 5 other people and ask them to join you in writing before the May 26 deadline.</p> <p>For the Common Good,</p>
42072		5/23/2009 12:17:54 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, such as that already shown to be effective through the use of adult stem cells.</p> <p>Embryo stem cells have shown little promise and 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. Even in the absence of other options, the destruction of human life is unacceptable.</p>
42073		5/23/2009 12:18:13 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> <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>
42074		5/23/2009 12:18:32 PM	I urge you to protect human embryos from destruction. Please focus instead on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans. Why kill embryos when adult stem-cells have a proven record?

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42075	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:20:02 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 consider the points that I raised above,in making your decisions.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
42076		5/23/2009 12:20:13 PM	<p>Dear President Obama,</p> <p>I making a heartcrying plea for you to reconsider going ahead to allow stem cell research funding which will destroy human life. I do not want any of the hard earned tax dollar my family has to pay to go towards this type of research funding or anything even close. We do not want clones or animal that are partially human. This stands for everything I believe in and I am sick over it. I pray for you and your administration on a daily basis for a conversation of your heart, mind and soul.</p>
42077		5/23/2009 12:20:15 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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42078	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:20:50 PM	<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>I am pleased and proud that the previous restrictions on federal funding of human embryonic stem cell research are being lifted, and new guidelines are being drawn up to encourage such research. This research gives hope to millions of people who suffer from diseases and disorders such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, diabetes, spinal cord injuries or multiple sclerosis.</p> <p>The final guidelines issued by NIH must be carefully crafted so that new treatments can get to patients as quickly as possible. It would be counter-productive to create new bureaucratic hurdles for an area of research that has been hampered for so long. Specifically, section II B of the draft guidelines needs to be re-worded to ensure that all current and future stem cell lines that are created following ethical practices may be used in federally funded research, including those obtained from sources other than fertility clinics. Embryonic stem cell lines produced specifically for research should be allowed, as long as the donors give informed consent for the use of their gametes for research, and are not given any compensation for their donation.</p> <p>I am confident that our leaders will act responsibly and draft regulations that allow for this much-needed research to move forward without unnecessary delay.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42079		5/23/2009 12:21:09 PM	<p>I would ask you to please protect human embryos from destruction.</p> <p>It would be better for you to focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p> <p>God is not blind. He sees the pain & heartache abortions cause - why would we want to support the abortion industry, which promotes death - not life? Adult stem-cell research has already proven to be a working solution.</p> <p>Please support life - not death.</p>
42080		5/23/2009 12:22:57 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>
42081		5/23/2009 12:24:20 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Please forward this important message to 5 other people and ask them to join you in writing before the May 26 deadline.</p>

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42082		5/23/2009 12:24:36 PM	<p>The philosophy that the ends justify the means have caused untold harm. It is frightening that, when human life is involved, at whatever stage, it is even considered. Please admit that the growing embryo is human, and is alive.</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>Please understand that although science makes wonderful things possible, if does not have an ethical basis, it portends risks for all of us. Thank you</p>
42083		5/23/2009 12:24:56 PM	<p>Dr.Mehmet Oz, a regular on Oprah's TV show, stated that embryonic stem cells are very hard to control, thus they can become cancerous tumors, whereas, adult stem cells and new induced stem cells are converted into embryonic-like state w/o the destruction of human life. Oz said, The "stem cell debate is dead", in front of Michael J. Fox, embryonic stem cell advocate. Adult stem cells have already helped patients with over 100 diseases/conditions. Doctors in Texas successfully used adult stem cells to treat a patient's stroke. TPA couldn't be used beyond 3 hours; adult stem cells help up to 24-72 hours. Rejection is not an issue because the patient's own adult stem cells are used, whereas, rejection can occur with embryonic stem cells. Invest in a winner - adult stem cells, not with unsuccessful embryonic stem cells.</p>

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42084		5/23/2009 12:25:07 PM	<p>Two critical changes need to be made to the current draft guidelines. First, I believe that a major flaw exists in section II. B, "Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem cells for Use in Research". While this section provides a reasonable standard for the eligibility of human embryonic stem cell lines derived in the future, it does not recognize the existence of hundreds of stem cell lines currently in use in research labs across the United States. While these existing lines were derived according to the most ethical standards recognized at the time of derivation, they may not meet in every detail the new, more rigorous standards set forth in the NIH draft guidelines. To prohibit their eligibility for federal funds under this new policy would do great harm to the field of stem cell research. Federally funded researchers would be forced to stop their work and wait for a yet unknown number of new embryonic stem cells that comply with the new NIH guidelines to be derived. Such a halt to research would be detrimental to the scientific community's progress and devastating to patients around the world who might benefit from this important research.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge the NIH to include a provision within Section II to allow human embryonic stem cell lines previously and ethically derived to be eligible for use in federally funded research under these guidelines. Instead of requiring previously derived cell lines to comply with either the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) guidelines or the guidelines by the International Society of Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), I ask the NIH to consider a different standard. I recommend that the final guidelines allow NIH funding for any lines derived prior to the implementation of the new policy that had been derived: a) with informed consent, b) without undue inducement, and c) with oversight by an ethics advisory committee, such as an Institutional Review Board.</p> <p>Second, I also urge the replacement of section II C, "Prior to the Use of NIH Funds". The requirement that each recipient of federal funds ensure the compliance of the cell lines to be used would be administratively burdensome and unnecessarily restrict research. Under the draft guidelines, each investigator who wishes to use a cell line in his or her research must provide assurances that the cell line complies with the NIH Guidelines. This repeated reauthorization of the same cell lines seems unnecessary. It is also possible that different institutions might judge the eligibility of the same cell line differently. This lack of uniformity threatens the free flow of scientific investigation.</p> <p>To avoid bureaucratic and legal confusion, I ask the NIH to establish an NIH registry of human embryonic stem cell lines available for federally funded research. When a cell line is first used in federally funded research, assurance documentation should be submitted to an NIH-run registry. The registry would allow researchers to review the cell lines that meet the NIH guidelines and then apply to use those stem cells lines.</p>
42085		5/23/2009 12:26:18 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>

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42086		5/23/2009 12:28:21 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>
42087		5/23/2009 12:29:07 PM	<p>Quite opposed to stem cell research that uses embryonic stem cells. Research has not produced any useful or meaningful findings. However, the use of adult embryonic stem cell research has already produced meaningful results. This is the area that should receive additional research monies .</p>
42088		5/23/2009 12:30:28 PM	<p>My 14-year old son was diagnosed with JD when he was 20-months old. I am very aware of the dramatic changes in family life and the path for the youngster.</p> <p>Due to this I am in strong support of any procedures to cure the terrible chronic illness.</p>
42089		5/23/2009 12:31:50 PM	<p>must increase NIH budget by 30% for stem cell therapies and gene therapies.</p>
42090		5/23/2009 12:34:27 PM	<p>I have watched three dear friends suffer and die from the effects of Parkinson's Disease. Please support these guidelines.</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 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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42091	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:35:02 PM	<p>As far as I know no disease has ever been cured with embryonic stem cells. Why explore this avenue that includes destruction of human life? The use of adult stem cells or cord blood stem cells should more than cover the research necessary.</p> <p>Why doesn't the public know about the cord blood stem cells thousands wasted each day?</p>
42092		5/23/2009 12:36:06 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>
42093		5/23/2009 12:36:55 PM	<p>I am totally against President Obama's proposed expansion of the NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines to allow the funding of research using "left over" human embryos donated from reproductive clinics. Donation and destruction of human embryos for the purpose of scientific research amounts to "Mad Science". It is immoral and unethical. I am opposed to having my tax dollars used for embryonic stem cell research! America was established as a nation under God with a constitution that protects human rights and life. If human embryos were merely tissue, they would not gestate into a full-term baby when placed in the womb. When the stem cells are removed from a human embryo, the embryo "dies"; therefore, it has to be killed to harvest the stem cells which become "foreign tissue" to the donor recipient (from the embryonic human donor!).</p>
42094		5/23/2009 12:36:59 PM	<p>I oppose the use of my taxpayer dollars for failed research requiring the destruction of human embryos. Instead, I urge you to support adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p>
42095		5/23/2009 12:37:04 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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42096		5/23/2009 12:38:48 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>
42097		5/23/2009 12:39:52 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which will force 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. 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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42098	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:41:23 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 *****</p>

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42099		5/23/2009 12:46:03 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of seriously ill Americans. My son-in-law and also several close friends suffer from Parkinsons, so I have been following progress in the field with great interest. It is clear that during the past decade significant progress has been made. It would be a terrible thing -- a tragedy -- if the final guidelines issued by NIH failed to build on this progress, and thus reduced the chance that cures and new therapies will get to patients in time. The final guidelines must not erect new bureaucratic hurdles that would 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 also for new lines created in the future from surplus embryos at fertility clinics. But 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. The final guidelines should allow the use of 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 take advantage of the 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>
42100		5/23/2009 12:46:21 PM	<p>For those wanting the Human Stem Cell to benefit themselves or others; in my opinion, it's all being hypocritical as the aborted babies are not worthy of existence, of life. The Human Embryo's are considered more of value for another person's life....SICKENING!</p>
42101		5/23/2009 12:47:13 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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42102		5/23/2009 12:47:21 PM	<p>I am a member of the Center for Inquiry, a non-profit organization devoted to promoting science and reason as the basis of public policy. I have read the NIH guidelines for federal funding of stem cell research and urge the NIH to promote the widest range possible of research in this field because of its potential for improving health and curing diseases.</p> <p>Your present guidelines are admirable in expanding the number of embryonic stem cell lines eligible for federal funding and maintaining research using adult stem cells. At a minimum, these guidelines should be maintained, especially because a large majority of Americans polled report that they support federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The present guidelines, however, do not go far enough. I would like to see the guidelines expanded to allow federal funding of all avenues of stem cell research. Research on human embryonic stem cells, somatic cell nuclear transfer and adult stem cells needs to continue in parallel. All are part of a research effort that seeks to expand our knowledge of how cells function, what fails in the disease process, and how the first stages of human development occur. It is this combined knowledge that will ultimately generate safe and effective therapies. This research should be funded with federal money in order to promote the development of innovative and potentially lifesaving medical treatments as quickly as possible.</p> <p>While approving the present guidelines is an excellent first step, I urge you to continue to monitor developments in the field and update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p>
42103		5/23/2009 12:48:16 PM	<p>Please protect human embryos from destruction. Would you instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans?</p>
42104		5/23/2009 12:48:32 PM	<p>Adult stem cells are the ones with real promise for healing. Embryonic stem cells are not. They are likely cause tumors or other serious problems. In addition, they are obtained by killing a human child at the earliest stage of development. That is a brave new world we do not want or need.</p>
42105		5/23/2009 12:50:27 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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42106		5/23/2009 12:50:33 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.</p> <p>Adult stem cells are more ethical, and effective in treating patients. There is no need in embryo-destructive stem cell research which can form uncontrollable tumors and cause rejection problems. There should be no destruction of human life when we have other options, such as the adult stem cell research which has already proven successful.</p> <p>I am also OPPOSED to any proposed regulations that would allow future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could create clones and human-animal hybrids.</p>
42107		5/23/2009 12:51:17 PM	<p>GOD is opposed to killing babies and so am I. No matter the reason or the why. I do not think even the ones that die of natural causes should be used for research of any kind. They should be allowed to be buried and to be received by THE LORD, as HE intended.</p>
42108	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:52:20 PM	<p>Why are you people so intent on destroying human embryos when there is no significant evidence that anything good has come from it. The adult stem cell has proven much more effective. I do not want my tax dollars going for embryonic stem cell research. Thank you,</p>
42109		5/23/2009 12:52:25 PM	<p>I AM AGAINST THIS BILL. IF GOD HAD WANTED ANIMALS AND HUMANS TOGETHER IN ONE BODY HE WOULD HAVE MADE IT SO. WE HUMANS ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE, NOT IN MAN'S IMAGE.</p>
42110		5/23/2009 12:53:41 PM	<p>I am against embryonic stem-cell research because it involves the destruction of human embryos. Embryonic stem-cell research is related to abortion, euthanasia and other attacks on innocent life. It now seems undeniable that once we cross the fundamental moral line that prevents us from treating any fellow human being as a mere object of research, there is no stopping point. The only moral stance that affirms the human dignity of all of us is to reject the first step down this path.</p>

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42111	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:54:24 PM	<p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>I am against the practice and funding of embryonic stem cell research. Funding for embryonic stem cell research will force me as a taxpayer to acknowledge that I agree with this practice. Embryonic stem cell research is destroying millions of unborn,innocent life. The definition of an embryo is a life form that was produced from conception, from implantation, through the eighth week of development. Life beginning at conception is not only a theological, but also a scientific one. "The Moment of Conception:If a sperm cell meets and penetrates an egg, it will fertilize the egg. The fertilization process takes about 24 hours. When fertilization happens, changes occur on the surface of the egg to prevent other sperm from penetrating it. At the moment of fertilization, the genetic makeup is complete, including the sex of the infant." http://www.webmd.com/baby/slideshow-conception</p> <p>Therefore an embryo is life and should be treated as such!</p> <p>Also adult stem cell research has proven to be more effective than embryonic stem cell research. Many cases that were treated with adult stem research have worked, while cases that were treated with embryonic stem cell research have not worked and have only caused more health problems, such as tumors. Also According to Dr.Pia de Solenni, women who have donated eggs for embryonic stem research have been shown to have serious health problem or have died from this procedure. I have received this information from the above paragraph from the testimony of Dr. Pia de Solenni here is the link: http://www.stemcellresearchfacts.com/articles/PiaDeSolenniTestimony.pdf. Also I have received information from: http://www.stemcellresearchfacts.com/index.html that listed information about embryonic and adult stem cell research and the different testimonies of how adult stem cell research worked on these people.</p> <p>Therefore embryonic stem research is ethically wrong because it is murdering unborn life that God created. Embryonic stem cell research is also wasteful because there are no medical cases that found it to be effective therefore it is wasting human life. Embryonic stem cell research is dangerous and unhealthy because of tumors developing on patients who were being treated for it. Embryonic stem cell research is finally unpractical since the cases treated with adult stem research have proven to be more effective.</p> <p>Thank you for taking your time to read this. I hope that this will influence your decision on considering whether embryonic stem research should be practiced or not.</p>
42112		5/23/2009 12:54:26 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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42113		5/23/2009 12:55:18 PM	<p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>I am against the practice and funding of embryonic stem cell research. Funding for embryonic stem cell research will force me as a taxpayer to acknowledge that I agree with this practice. Embryonic stem cell research is destroying millions of unborn, innocent life. The definition of an embryo is a life form that was produced from conception, from implantation, through the eighth week of development. Life beginning at conception is not only a theological, but also a scientific one. "The Moment of Conception: If a sperm cell meets and penetrates an egg, it will fertilize the egg. The fertilization process takes about 24 hours. When fertilization happens, changes occur on the surface of the egg to prevent other sperm from penetrating it. At the moment of fertilization, the genetic makeup is complete, including the sex of the infant." http://www.webmd.com/baby/slideshow-conception</p> <p>Therefore an embryo is life and should be treated as such!</p> <p>Also adult stem cell research has proven to be more effective than embryonic stem cell research. Many cases that were treated with adult stem research have worked, while cases that were treated with embryonic stem cell research have not worked and have only caused more health problems, such as tumors. Also According to Dr. Pia de Solenni, women who have donated eggs for embryonic stem research have been shown to have serious health problem or have died from this procedure. I have received this information from the above paragraph from the testimony of Dr. Pia de Solenni which is attached and if it cannot open here is the link: http://www.stemcellresearchfacts.com/articles/PiaDeSolenniTestimony.pdf. Also I have received information from: http://www.stemcellresearchfacts.com/index.html that listed information about embryonic and adult stem cell research and the different testimonies of how adult stem cell research worked on these people.</p> <p>Therefore embryonic stem research is ethically wrong because it is murdering unborn life that God created. Embryonic stem cell research is also wasteful because there are no medical cases that found it to be effective therefore it is wasting human life. Embryonic stem cell research is dangerous and unhealthy because of tumors developing on patients who were being treated for it. Embryonic stem cell research is finally unpractical since the cases treated with adult stem research have proven to be more effective.</p> <p>Thank you for taking your time to read this. I hope that this will influence your decision on considering whether embryonic stem research should be practiced or not.</p>
42114		5/23/2009 12:55:21 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>

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42115		5/23/2009 12:55:52 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>
42116		5/23/2009 12:55:59 PM	<p>I have been waiting 10 year now for the stem cell therapy to take shape for non invasive procedures rather than these primitive carving unsuccessful knee procedures where surgeons do not provide patients with the real success or outcome, knowing that surgery is the money making profit center. NO MORE. Stem cell therapies opens the door for safe non invasive procedures resembling your own bodies natural healing rather than carving, cutting or implanting material toxic. The politics needs to stay out of it, what ever happen to the patient's mental and physical care. Decisions are between patient and doctor and they are private. People need to look out for themselves. Really, who can be trust?</p>
42117		5/23/2009 12:56:12 PM	<p>It is regrettable that the current administration is endeavoring to fund embryonic stem cell research when it is known that the use of adult stem cells to treat patients is safe and effective. Since it is known that the use of embryonic stem cells has resulted in tumors and rejection problems, it is doubly regrettable that not only is new human life being destroyed, but patients are being treated with unsafe measures. I sincerely hope that the promulgation of this new regulation will be courageously reconsidered and rejected.</p>
42118	Redacted	5/23/2009 12:56:51 PM	<p>To President Obama: Please do not use embryonic stem cells for research to "save lives". You think you are saving lives, but what about the lives of the embryo's/babies/lives taken and sacrificed for your research? What would Jesus do? Think about that! Thank you, ***** May God bless America and her Leaders.</p>
42119		5/23/2009 12:56:59 PM	<p>Embryonic Stem Cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans.</p>
42120		5/23/2009 12:57:59 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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42122		5/23/2009 12:58:50 PM	<p>6The 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>
42123		5/23/2009 12:59:56 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>
42124		5/23/2009 1:00:30 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>

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42125		5/23/2009 1:00:45 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 (70 plus diseases for adult stem cells, 25 years of research and 0 for embryonic). 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>I don't care for Oprah, but this little interview (http://www.cc.org/blog/oprah_and_michael_fox_shocked_dr_oz039s_truth) on stem cell research backfired on her and Michael J. Fox in a very big way. Let's see how this administration reacts to the facts. Or will they continue to waste tax payer dollars like bankrupt California?</p> <p>Let's not forget the "create and kill" mentality that will be adopted. 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>Sound science and responsible ethics can co-exist, but only with respectful guidelines and accountable leadership which this administration lacks. Make no mistake about it, the attack on the dignity of human life and the culture of death has just gotten worse.</p>
42126	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:01:07 PM	<p>Dear NIH:</p> <p>I submit to you that it is fundamentally irresponsible to use human embryonic stem cells for any research purposes. I object to the issuance of ANY guidelines that would fund such research. There are other promising areas of research that do not involve the destruction of human life. Please fund those activities instead.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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42127		5/23/2009 1:01:38 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 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>
42128		5/23/2009 1:01:46 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>
42129		5/23/2009 1:02:03 PM	<p>Derivation of stem cells from human embryos devalues human life. Destruction of a living human, regardless of the stage or size, because of the hope of possibly finding cures for disease is immoral and should be outlawed. Research should be done only on adult stem cells.</p>
42130		5/23/2009 1:02:31 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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42131		5/23/2009 1:04:58 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>
42132		5/23/2009 1:06:19 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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42134		5/23/2009 1:06:52 PM	<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. Thank you.</p>
42135		5/23/2009 1:07:45 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>

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42136		5/23/2009 1:08:03 PM	<p>This I believe, and I pray that you will read these comments and from your living beating heart, make the RIGHT CHOICE.</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>May God Bless You and The United States of America!</p>
42137	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:09:24 PM	<p>I am opposed to having my tax dollars support embryonic stem cell experiments. I am not opposed to adult stem cell research where treatments and cures come from adult stem cells.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p>
42138		5/23/2009 1:10:02 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>

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42140		5/23/2009 1:11:21 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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42142		5/23/2009 1:11:42 PM	<p>I support two critical changes that must be made to the current draft guidelines. First, the guidelines must allow human embryonic stem cell lines previously and ethically derived to be eligible for use in federally funded research under these guidelines. For instance, the guidelines must allow NIH funding for any lines derived prior to the implementation of the new policy that had been derived: a) with informed consent, b) without undue inducement, and c) with oversight by an ethics advisory committee, such as an Institutional Review Board.</p> <p>Second, repeated reauthorization of the same cell lines is unnecessary. Instead, when a cell line is first used in federally funded research, assurance documentation should be submitted to an NIH-run registry. The registry would allow researchers to review the cell lines that meet the NIH guidelines and then apply to use those stem cells lines.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
42143		5/23/2009 1:11:56 PM	<p>Your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life therefore I OPPOSE THEM. 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>-Embryonic 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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42144		5/23/2009 1:12:06 PM	<p>I am not in favor of research on human cells which result in destruction of human embryos. There are other alternatives, successful ones, for treating human disease. If experimenting on adult humans is considered barbaric, why would we experiment on or purposely destroy smaller humans? Their identity as tiny humans is not in question. They have no voice to protest their own destruction, however. Those who approve the removal of human embryos from their proper context by production and use of them for the unnatural purpose of research will one day find themselves before the Divine Judge. Now is the time to decide whether it is worth participating in actions which were not part of the Creator's original plan, and are clearly in opposition to His intent. While the idea of sacrifice on behalf of others is centuries old, the embryos in question cannot voice either approval or disapproval of their own disposal, for the possible benefit of others. Abuse of principles which our Creator set in motion is not without its consequences. I plead with those involved to reconsider, and to focus their efforts and funds into other, more promising areas of research.</p>
42145		5/23/2009 1:13:37 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>
42146		5/23/2009 1:13:41 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>
42147		5/23/2009 1:13:55 PM	<p>We are 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>
42148		5/23/2009 1:14:47 PM	<p>Please allow any cell lines developed through ethically screened programs to be used in federally funded research and programs.</p>

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42149		5/23/2009 1:15:28 PM	<p>I received a letter from a group that is against embryonic stem cell research. They stated that adult stem cell research was already being successfully used to treat various illnesses. From what I've read, the research is promising but is not at the stage to treat illnesses. They also suggested that people like me, with diseases potentially treatable with stem cells write to oppose this funding. With these kinds of distortions being sent to people to encourage them to oppose stem cell research, I believe you will be getting thousands of responses opposing public funds for research. I don't see the difference between letting a embryo that is not wanted die because it is unfrozen and dying because it is used to form stem cells. In either case, a human child is not being killed, rather, a small group of cells with the potential to grow into a child in utero. It seems far fetched to think that this group of cells already has a soul, which is what makes a human a human, according to most religious teachings. I have read that most scientists in this field think the embryonic stem cell produces the best results. I have a chronic disease, lupus, which potentially could be cured with stem cells. Perhaps we should be funding both types of research, just in case. i want my government to financially support stem cell research! I don't believe the government should be hindered from taking care of the welfare of the majority because a minority of religious persons believe it is wrong!</p>
42150		5/23/2009 1:16:22 PM	<p>No killing of babies -- when they can use adult stem cells PERIOD!! It is because there is more money for them!!!!!!</p>
42151		5/23/2009 1:16:58 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.</p> <p>Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that DO NOT destroy human life and are already proven successful. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients.</p>
42152		5/23/2009 1:17:44 PM	<p>I feel we have no right to take the life of a baby even if it is an embryo to further scientific work. There has to be a better way than what the President is proposing.</p>
42153		5/23/2009 1:17:46 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>
42154		5/23/2009 1:18:44 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>

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42155	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:19:12 PM	<p>It has been requested of me to suggest guidelines under which human stem cell research should be conducted.</p> <p>I stongly encourage that the first and foremost rule should be that no human being, whether born, or unborn, be aborted or euthenized during experiments and/or procedures.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
42156		5/23/2009 1:20:36 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>
42157		5/23/2009 1:21:23 PM	<p>please hear me as a person with parkinson's diagnosed very young, i support EMBRYONIC stem cell research. with thess cells, we have a good chance at finding the cause not only solutuion as opposed to just using adult cells.</p> <p>if i did not have a personal agenda, i would support equal dollars and time to STEM CELL and SPACE TRAVEL.</p> <p>depechez-vous !</p>
42158		5/23/2009 1:21:48 PM	<p>As long as extra embryos weren't created during the initial IVF process to allow for research, the use of embryos that were created for reproductive purposes and not used is the only embryonic stem cells I would consider using for this purpose. These embryos were created for the purpose of creating life and the use of them for stem cell research before they are destroyed gives their short life a meaning that only their implantation and birth would have more meaning.</p> <p>The use of stem cells to develop treatments and possibly cures for genetic disorders like Huntington's Disease will help hundreds of thousands of people. It could also potentially help those with mental illnesses by creating genetically specific drugs for those with mental illness. Children with learning disabilities could also be helped if a genetic component is found.</p>

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42159		5/23/2009 1:22:27 PM	<p>I. Scope of Guidelines: "Although human embryonic stem cells are derived from embryos, such stem cells are not themselves human embryos." The fact remains that human embryos are being destroyed by this research. More than 50% of the American people believe that abortion is wrong--how is this any different with respect to the fate of the embryos?</p> <p>II. Guidelines for Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem Cells for Use in Research A. The Executive Order: "...support and conduct responsible, scientifically worthy human stem cell research, including human embryonic stem cell research, to the extent permitted by law." Since when has research that fails to produce any cures been "scientifically worthy"? On the other hand, adult stem cells have been found to provide cures for over 70 ailments. The government should pursue this, less controversial and morally acceptable option. Scientific inquiry has not previously been in the habit of looking in the least likely places for cures; why should it now? The motivation, therefore, cannot be merely scientific. If such is the case, it is dishonest for the government to call it stem cell "research"; rather, it seems to be an assault on the next generation of [unborn] Americans; it is merely a poorly crafted and poorly cloaked deception intended to justify the marketing and manipulating of unborn persons. There is no justification in our great Constitution for this tinkering and playing with the lives of others that this executive order permits!</p> <p>As for the restrictions on funding (given in section II. B. Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem Cells Derived from Human Embryos:) which may or may not be sincerely intended in certain cases, be assured that this legislation would open the door and call into question, by its very nature, these restrictions. The argument will go something like this: if one case is allowable, why not others. But even if the restrictions are not removed, how can anyone be so naive as to not see that they can (and will) be circumvented? Planned Parenthood and organizations like it that discount the value of human life are not to be trusted in light of their long-standing record of contempt for laws restricting their questionable and morally objectionable activities.</p> <p>Tony Perkins was very insightful when he stated that "[t]he new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments." I demand, as a citizen of this country and a constituent, that my voice be heard on behalf of those who cannot yet speak for themselves! Do not enact this legislation! I will not be complicit, by payment of taxes, in their fate!</p>
42160	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:22:47 PM	<p>We are opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force us 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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42161		5/23/2009 1:24:49 PM	<p>Science has proven without a doubt that each unique human life begins at conception and continues on an unbroken spectrum from embryo to newborn to adult. Therefore it concerns me greatly that the National Institutes of Health is 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>The NIH should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. 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>
42162		5/23/2009 1:24:52 PM	<p>This is an outrage. I invoke the memory of George Washington, who in his farewell address emphatically stated that "religion and morality are two great pillars" upon which society must rest. Scientifically, there is no doubt that life begins at conception. If one is not sure about this, ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION--IN THIS CASE, LIFE.</p>
42163		5/23/2009 1:25:37 PM	<p>I oppose killing human embryos.</p>
42164	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:26:09 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.</p> <p>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>That's the official version. From a very personal standpoint my spouse is a Huntington's patient in the late stages of the disease and we have two sons who are at risk. ***** and I have been married since 1984 and have dealt with the devastating physical and psychological effects of this disease almost our entire marriage. Our sons have not really known a time their father did not show symptoms and have missed out on too many of the "normal" father/son adventures they would have otherwise shared because of ***** diminished self. ***** is now wheelchair bound, unable to speak intelligibly and has to be fed through a PEG tube. He is only 47. I would like to think that, under this new administration, hope is returned to families such as ours and all our sons and daughters can live full productive lives free from the specter of such catastrophic neurological diseases and injuries. Please move forward with care, compassion and empathy and give all of us reason to look forward to the future without dread and uncertainty.</p>

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42165	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:27:43 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 always followed progress in this field with great interest. The final guidelines issued by NIH should build on this progress so that cures and new therapies can get to patients as quickly as possible. Please do not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</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. 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>
42166		5/23/2009 1:27:59 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>
42167		5/23/2009 1:28:00 PM	<p>THE END DOES NOT JUSTIFY THE MEANS. MURDER OF AN INNOCENT IS NOT JUSTIFIED NO MATTER HOW LAUDABLE THE GOAL.</p>

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42168		5/23/2009 1:28:11 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 the human embryos for research purposes.
42169		5/23/2009 1:28:16 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>
42170		5/23/2009 1:28:23 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>
42171		5/23/2009 1:28:31 PM	My husband has Parkinson's disease, and any help that stem cell research can give him would be so wonderful. Why is it that so many oppose research that would help people with all sorts of diseases.
42172		5/23/2009 1:29:29 PM	<p>-We are opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force us as a 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. 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>
42173		5/23/2009 1:29:41 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. This is unethical and immoral. 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.

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42174	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:30:43 PM	I strongly oppose embryonic stem cell research and oppose my tax dollars being spent in such a manner. Much better use of these dollars would be to spend them on adult stem cell research. I suffer from macular degeneration and know that much is being done in the field of vision using adult stem cell research. Please see that our tax dollars are spent wisely. Thank You,
42175		5/23/2009 1:31:12 PM	<p>I have serious issues with my taxes funding the furtherance of a science that has shown to cause serious health issues with uncontrollable tumors and cancers and many rejection problems.</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.</p> <p>I also have serious moral and ethical issues about using the cells of babies who are grown to be murdered for the dubious and unproven benefit of people who can be better served with adult stem cells, which have been proven effective.</p> <p>I do not believe that this research should be continued at all, and certainly not with taxpayer monies. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42176		5/23/2009 1:31:21 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>
42177		5/23/2009 1:31:36 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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42178	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:32:35 PM	<p>We are strictly opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, or any guidelines which force us or any taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. This human experimentation is unconscionable and the so-called benefits of easing another person's symptoms can never justify the taking of human life.</p> <p>Financial and political support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results, such as adult stem cell / induced pluripotent stem cell research. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning and/or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Parents should not be counseled that they may donate their living embryonic children for scientific research. This is an ethical slippery slope that we as a society must avoid at any cost.</p>
42179		5/23/2009 1:33:15 PM	Please do NOT fund embryonic stem cell research!!
42180		5/23/2009 1:35:03 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 the human embryos for research purposes.
42181		5/23/2009 1:35:35 PM	Research now KNOWS THERE IS A BETTER WAY in Stem Cell Research. It is in human skin cells, not human embryos. What a great solution to a polarizing situation!!!
42182		5/23/2009 1:38:24 PM	I support Embryonic stem cell research. Why should we allow such a wonderful opportunity to fall by the way and not be put to the best use in helping mankind. So many good uses may still be found if we continue to allow this research. Please do all you can to continue with this research.

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42183		5/23/2009 1:38:49 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>
42184		5/23/2009 1:38:52 PM	<p>I have been very disturbed by the speed at which legislation has been pushed through and changes made regarding the funding of and use of embryonic stem cells. It is my understanding that the use of adult stem cells has actually been shown to have better results than that of embryonic stem cells and does not require the death of another human child. Therefore, 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. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>Likewise, 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 think through all the long term ramifications of your proposals prior to voting not after the fact of law.</p>
42185	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:39:53 PM	<p>I am opposed to tax-payer funding of embryonic stem cell research. To date there have been no therapeutic benefits discovered from embryonic stem cell research while over seventy different therapeutic benefits have been discovered and are being used successfully deriving from adult stem cell and induced pluripotent stem cell research. The government should not be squandering tax-payer dollars on fruitless research when it could be funding research that already has a long record of success. It should be enlightening that no private investors are willing to risk their funds on the fruitless research involving embryonic stem cells. Tax-payers should not be expected to bear risks that private investors will not bear.</p> <p>I must also express my concern that an administration which is so invested in Civil Rights is willing to ignore the Civil Rights of those among us who are the least able to defend themselves, embryonic human beings in the earliest stages of their lives. Our civilization and culture is judged by how we treat the most defenseless among us.</p>

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42186		5/23/2009 1:41:19 PM	<p>I sincerely believe that using Human embryo stem cells is wrong and besides unsupported in theory and in scientific tests.</p> <p>Cures and promise come from using actual cells from healthy people's tissue and this is already proven to work.</p> <p>Messing around with nature is like attempting to sire a fertile and reproductive mule!</p>
42187		5/23/2009 1:42:35 PM	<p>I am an obstetrician-gynecologist. I am very much opposed to the use of human embryonic stem cell research and use. Over 70 human diseases are already being successfully treated with ADULT stem cells. NO RESEARCH so far has shown ANY benefit from embryonic stem cell usage. Such cells will always be rejected by the recipient--so immunosuppressive drugs must be given to the recipient. Their usage has resulted in considerable tumor formation and other abnormal growth. MOST IMPORTANTLY, SUCH RESEARCH RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF AN EMBRYO--A HUMAN BEING. THIS IS MURDER AND NOTHING LESS.</p>
42188		5/23/2009 1:43:59 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. This sounds like Germany not too many years ago. Using humans to experiment on.</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>We are opposed to any use of our hard earned tax money to murder a living human which began at conception. To use our monies to abort the unborn is also an offense to us. Shame on those of you in Washington D.C. who claim to represent Americans. Because you don't!</p>
42189		5/23/2009 1:44:06 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.</p> <p>Make sure also that the language includes funding for alzheimers, MS, spinal injuries and cancer</p> <p>Thank you</p>

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42190	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:44:23 PM	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would like to make a comment regarding / stem-cell research</p> <p>I'm firmly opposed to this coming bill regarding spending our tax-dollars for this type of research / This type of research is cruel and it seems like there is no regard for human life or any thing that is natural or sacred. the money should not be spent in this type of manner or even thought of being spent in this way. thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion,</p> <p>Have a blessed day "Shalom"</p>
42191	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:45:25 PM	<p>I am completely against the new proposed guidelines to use embryonic stem cells from no longer needed embryos for research. I am asking that these suggested guidelines be cancelled and not enacted because I believe this would be the murder of innocent human beings.</p> <p>sincerely,</p>
42192		5/23/2009 1:47:08 PM	<p>I oppose embryonic stem cell research that uses human embryos to harvest stem cells. It is morally and ethically wrong to create a life just to destroy it so you can use its stem cells. There are much better methods and creative ways to get stem cells without destroying an embryo. For instance, why don't our lawmakers pass a law that all hospitals must freeze umbilical chords and provide these umbilical chords to the research centers? The stem cells that can be harvested from newborns umbilical chords provide a bank of stem cells without destroying a life. I don't understand why President Obama doesn't bring about this change when it is such a win-win solution! Please don't let the scientists and researches convince you that convenience outweighs moral responsibility. Umbilical chords are an excellent source of stem cells and can be frozen until ready to use and using umbilical chords for stem cell research saves a life twice! Once in the fact that it doesn't destroy a life to get stem cells and twice because of the life-saving research that is being done. Please stop killing the innocent who have no voice to defend themselves. It is sickening and it is wrong!</p>
42193	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:47:19 PM	<p>I'm fully in favor of stem cell research and agree with the bill being proposed.</p>
42194		5/23/2009 1:47:42 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42195		5/23/2009 1:47:56 PM	<p>Dear President Obama</p> <p>I am asking you to please vote against embryonic stem cells. Don't adult stems cells work better? It is my understanding that they do. Also, it is very unfair to use the tax dollars of those opposed to pay for it.</p>

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42196		5/23/2009 1:48:23 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and has proven to be successful. The US government should not be creating human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has been ineffective and dangerous causing tumors and rejection problems. Adult stem cells have been effective in treating patients. We should not fund research that destroys human life.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not state that funding cannot be used for the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. The wording must be changed to prevent unethical practices.</p>
42197	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:48:29 PM	<p>I am opposed to my tax dollars being used to perform experiments with embryonic stem cell from destroyed human embryos. The only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue and other body tissues."</p> <p>I ask that you protect human embryos from destruction. I request that we instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p> <p>(NOTE: Referral to Web sites not produced by Focus on the Family Action is for informational purposes only and does not necessarily constitute an endorsement of the sites' content.)</p>
42198	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:48:37 PM	<p>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. This is completely unacceptable to me as a human being that we would even consider any treatment that destroys human life even in the earliest form. 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 the human embryos for research purposes. To destroy life in the earliest and most vulnerable stage is wrong and can never be justified.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42199		5/23/2009 1:48:41 PM	<p>I am asking that the human stem cell be protected and not used for study of any kind. There are so many cases and stories that adult stem cell is more productive and is working faster than using embryos. Please consider the adult stem cell.</p>
42200		5/23/2009 1:50:20 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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42202		5/23/2009 1:51:00 PM	<p>Here in San DLiego we have found a way to use stem cells without damaging them. Or is the idea of destroying human embryos your real goal?</p>
42203		5/23/2009 1:51:41 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>
42204		5/23/2009 1:52:07 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42205		5/23/2009 1:52:28 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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42206		5/23/2009 1:53:01 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>
42207		5/23/2009 1:54:38 PM	<p>I am personally opposed to embryonic stem cell research and/or use. It is my understanding that adult stem cells and umbilical cord stem cells are much more available and can be obtained without destroying human life, no matter what the stage. It is also my understanding that embryonic stem cells have never been used to successfully treat any condition, while adult stem cells have. I'm not aware of the situation with the umbilical cord stem cells, since I only recently became aware of the availability of those. While I understand the need to find cures for many health conditions, it seems better to use the stem cells which do not destroy human life, especially when there is more success with stem cells from other sources.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
42208		5/23/2009 1:55:51 PM	<p>I do not think that my taxes should support research that has not shown the success that adult stem cells have proved effective. The economic recession calls for prudent oversight of tax payer money being spent to the best benefit of all Americans, not the desires of a few. It is time that politicians wake up and truly consider the desire of their constituents. Those of your kind will get their due if they do not make wise decisions to benefit all Americans. God be with you, if you choose to follow the pathetic few!</p>

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42209		5/23/2009 1:56:01 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 tetraplegic following a spinal cord injury 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>
42210	Redacted	5/23/2009 1:57:11 PM	<p>I am very strongly opposed to the use of human embryos for stem cell research for several reasons.</p> <p>First, it is a fact that there has been NO successful treatment developed from human embryo/fetal stem cells after more than 20 years of research in both the private and government sectors.</p> <p>Second, there have been multiple successful treatments developed from adult human stem cells. There is also research showing that fetal stem cells derived from the amniotic fluid and cord blood hold potential as treatments. These options do not result in the destruction of HUMAN embryos.</p> <p>Finally, these are HUMAN BEINGS that are being destroyed. There was a country, Nazi Germany, that experimented with human beings. The free world went to war to destroy the political machine that created the Holocaust. The killing of HUMAN embryos is beneath the dignity and moral stature of the United States of America. This is an ethical and moral travesty for the government to fund the killing of these HUMAN BEINGS.</p> <p>I demand that federal tax dollars be withheld from the wanton destruction of human life now and in any future deliberations to do this research.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42211		5/23/2009 1:57:34 PM	<p>I believe that giving the NIH to access additional human stem cells beyond those currently available from pre_August 2001 is the responsible thing to do. The benefits to all of society could be immeasurable.</p>
42212		5/23/2009 1:58:59 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. With all the progress on morally uncontroversial adult stem cell technology, cord stem cells, ..., the practical arguments for embryonic stem cell research are severely undercut. The moral lessons of the dangers of turning humans from ends into means shown by the horrid medical experiments of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan should also make us very reticent to march to a "Brave New World". Given both the practical and ethical realities, it is wrong to make these modifications to the regulations.</p>

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42213		5/23/2009 1:59:00 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>
42214		5/23/2009 1:59:33 PM	<p>We are 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 the human embryos for research purposes!</p> <p>Common Sense...</p>
42215		5/23/2009 2:01:32 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>
42216		5/23/2009 2:01:48 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>

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42217		5/23/2009 2:02:17 PM	<p>I am concerned that the National Institutes of Health plans to use federal funds for stem cell research that require destroying human embryos and may support forms of human cloning. I would like to respectfully remind decision-makers that years of research have proven the fruitlessness of these efforts, while stem cell research that does not involve the destruction of human embryos has resulted in a multitude of treatments and even cures. Moreover, the recent discovery of induced pluripotent stem cell research is already showing that the destruction of nascent human life is not necessary. From a practical standpoint, funding embryonic stem cell research does not make sense.</p> <p>Funding embryonic stem cell research does not make good use of the tax dollars of US citizens, dollars that are already stretched to the breaking point and becoming more scarce in a setting of high unemployment. To use tax dollars for failed human embryonic stem cell research in the hope that someday some cure may be found is reckless and irresponsible use of tax payer money. Diverting funds to failed research rather than to proven research stymies efforts that have a proven track record of effective treatments and cures.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you to oppose any use of tax dollars to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. It is does not make sense to put scarce resources into research that has proven fruitless after decades of trying. This is especially irresponsible and a detriment to society when other research that deserves funding is curing patients as we speak.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>
42218		5/23/2009 2:04:14 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cellresearch, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the distruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not distroy human life and are already proven successful. There si no case underwhich government support should be extended to human cloning or thee 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 andmost 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>
42219		5/23/2009 2:04:30 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>

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42220		5/23/2009 2:05:18 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42221		5/23/2009 2:07:22 PM	<p>I do not support embryonic stem cell research. However, I do support adult stem cell research. I support life, and not death.</p>
42222		5/23/2009 2:08:21 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42223		5/23/2009 2:08:29 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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42224		5/23/2009 2:08:37 PM	<p>I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria for the acceptable derivation of stem cell lines that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the alternative criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent for stem cell lines created before 2009. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>Also, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation. These lines are a valuable research tool.</p>
42225		5/23/2009 2:09:37 PM	<p>I very strongly object to the use of tax funds for the purpose of embryonic stem cell research. This research is unethical and dangerous. It is unacceptable to take the life of one person to try to cure another person. Once we begin this process the door will be open for increasingly unethical reserach. Adult stem cells have proven to be extmely effective in developing cures for many injuries. Please spend our money on methods that are effective, ethical, and safe.</p>
42226	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:09:37 PM	<p>Do not kill a living embryo to study or to pretend to save another life! That is awfully terrible! Just keep with the adult stem research wich has given many , many positive results. Thanks,</p>
42227	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:10:05 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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42228		5/23/2009 2:10:14 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>
42229		5/23/2009 2:11:26 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> <p>To separate Ethics from science is immoral/unnatural. People need ethics to guide them in the proper use of science. They cannot be separated.</p>
42230		5/23/2009 2:11:28 PM	Tax payers should NOT be FORCED to fund stem cell research.
42231		5/23/2009 2:11:40 PM	We do not support any killing of embryo stem cells. We should never have come to the point we are at now with excess embryo stem cells. DO NOT regard these as research specimens because they are potential human beings. The number of embryos should be regulated as they are in Europe. You do not further the science of research by killing these embryos. Use the stem cells that have shown profitable in research and adult stem cells should be used.

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42232		5/23/2009 2:12:13 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 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 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>
42233		5/23/2009 2:14:03 PM	<p>I personally believe the proponents of embryonic stem cell research must have another agenda (money?) other than research since it is well documented that adult stem cell research is successful and readily available even to the degree of being able to use an individual's own stem cells. It has also been documented that adult stem cells are actually better in that they do not mature as rapidly as a baby and would therefore benefit the research projects.</p> <p>To approve embryonic stem cell research will also add to the emotional dilemma that many couples already experience in using alternative methods to have a baby related to decisions about unused embryos (babies). To kill a baby to POSSIBLY help someone else to live when there are alternatives is not a plausible option for those who believe embryos are babies.</p>

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42234		5/23/2009 2:15:08 PM	<p>The guidelines as currently written are a significant step backward for federally funded stem cell research. It is doubtful if any of the existing lines in the NIH register would qualify and parthenote and SCNT derived cell lines remain excluded. As currently written, these guidelines will severely impede research in the U.S., making us second-rate in important medical research, and putting our biotechnology companies at a competitive disadvantage internationally.</p> <p>As a person of faith, I recognize the importance of respecting life. But as a person of faith, I also recognize our mutual and collective responsibility to work for healing the sick and for understanding the complexities of Creation.</p> <p>I urge the NIH to comply with President Obama’s Executive Order #13505: Removing Barriers to Responsible Scientific Research Involving Human Stem Cells, by amending the proposed Guidelines posted in the Federal Register April 23, 2009, as follows:</p> <p>I. no suggested changes. I. A. no suggested changes II.B. should read: “Eligibility of human pluripotent stem cells: Human pluripotent stem cells may be used in research using NIH funds if the cells were derived from human embryos or oocytes donated for research purposes for which documentation for the following can be assured: II.B.(1) and (2) no suggested changes II.B. (3) “...where the embryos or oocytes were donated...” II.B. (4) delete II.B. (5) should read: “At the time of donation, donors were informed that they retained the right to withdraw consent until the embryos or oocytes were actually used for research. II.B. (6) should read: “The attending physician responsible for clinical care and the researcher proposing to utilize human pluripotent stem cells should not have been the same person. II. B. (7) should read: “Informed consent was obtained from individual(s) who elected to donate human embryos or oocytes for research purposes. Such informed consent should comply with human subjects research guidelines such as those proposed by the National Academy of Science or other bodies who have carefully considered human pluripotent stem cell research such as the International Society for Stem Cell Research, or recognized human subjects review committees.” II. B. (7. a. - i) delete II. C. no suggested changes II. A. and B. no suggested changes IV. A. no suggested changes, could be combined with III. IV.B. delete</p>
42235		5/23/2009 2:15:38 PM	<p>I am opposed to the draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. This forces me, a taxpayer to subsidize research that require the destruction of innocent human life. It has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous. Funds and research should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and already proven successful. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos. 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 now! Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical and effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when others options are available.</p>

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42236		5/23/2009 2:17:50 PM	<p>I am opposed to federal funds being used for research on human embryonic stem cell research. If such research were at all promising, private companies would already be pursuing it. In reality, adult stem cell research has proven to be effective already whereas embryonic stem cell research has not; in fact it has been a failure compared to adult stem cell research's successes.</p> <p>It makes no sense to pursue a line of research in light of these facts.</p> <p>I would oppose embryonic stem cell research anyway because I believe that it is wrong to kill a human life in the name of research. That is no better than Josef Mengele's experiments.</p> <p>Please do not use my tax money to fund such immoral and unproductive research.</p>
42237		5/23/2009 2:18:24 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>
42238		5/23/2009 2:18:52 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>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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42239		5/23/2009 2:19:20 PM	<p>Let's use adult stem cells for research and curing diseases. It seems that it works extremely well and we don't need to destroyed human embryo's. Followng is information on Adult and Embryonic Stem Cell Research:</p> <p>Pros and Cons of Embryonic and Adult Stem Cells</p> <p>There are significant medical and scientific differences between embryonic and adult stem cell research and therapy. Here is a comparison between the two types, including some of the advantages and disadvantages of each.</p> <p>Embryonic Stem Cell Advantages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flexible—appear to have the potential to make any cell 2. Immortal—one ES cell line can potentially provide an endless supply of cells with defined characteristics 3. Availability—embryos from in vitro fertilization clinics <p>Embryonic Stem Cell Disadvantages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Difficult to differentiate uniformly and homogeneously into a target tissue 2. Immunogenic—ES cells from a random embryo donor are likely to be rejected after transplantation 3. Tumorigenic—Capable of forming tumors or promoting tumor formation 4. Destruction of developing human life <p>Adult Stem Cell Advantages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special adult-type stem cells from bone marrow and from umbilical cord have been isolated recently which appear to be as flexible as the embryonic type 2. Already somewhat specialized—inducement may be simpler 3. Not immunogenic—recipients who receive the products of their own stem cells will not experience immune rejection 4. Relative ease of procurement—some adult stem cells are easy to harvest (skin, muscle, marrow, fat), while others may be more difficult to obtain (brain stem cells). Umbilical and placental stem cells are likely to be readily available 5. Non-tumorigenic—tend not to form tumors 6. No harm done to the donor <p>Adult Stem Cell Disadvantages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Limited quantity—can sometimes be difficult to obtain in large numbers 2. Finite—may not live as long as ES cells in culture 3. Less flexible (with the exception of #1 above)—may be more difficult to reprogram to form other tissue types
42240	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:21:02 PM	<p>I object to the use of federal funds for embryonic stem cell research as I consider such destruction of human embryos to be murder. Let those who would pursue such research do so at their own expense or compete for private funding. I am a tax payer and I strongly object to the use of tax money for embryonic stem cell research. Thankyou,</p>
42241		5/23/2009 2:21:12 PM	<p>I am asking the National Institutes of Health to protect human embryos from destruction. When quality of one life becomes more important than the life of another it is time to reexamine our morals and values.</p> <p>Could you please explain to me why embryonic stem cells research continues to seek funding when as yet there have been no definitive successes; any why the many successes of adult stem cells are not noted. I am asking the agency to instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p>

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42242		5/23/2009 2:21:50 PM	<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. Thank you.</p>
42243		5/23/2009 2:22:02 PM	<p>I don't think that embryonic stem cell research should be allowed at all. It is unethical. Think about this: if embryonic research did prove to be effective, which it won't, then what are you going to do, start embryo farms? That's disgusting. It also unnecessary as ADULT stem cell research is already proved to be both ethical and effective. Instead of wasting taxpayer money, expecially in these hard financial times, why don't use it where it will do the most good.</p>
42244		5/23/2009 2:22:31 PM	<p>Adult stem cells are successful. Embryonic stem cells are not successful. Please go with logic as well as conscience. Thjank you.</p>

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42245		5/23/2009 2:22:33 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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42246		5/23/2009 2:23:42 PM	<p>Two critical changes need to be made to the current draft guidelines. First, I believe that a major flaw exists in section II. B, "Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem cells for Use in Research". While this section provides a reasonable standard for the eligibility of human embryonic stem cell lines derived in the future, it does not recognize the existence of hundreds of stem cell lines currently in use in research labs across the United States. While these existing lines were derived according to the most ethical standards recognized at the time of derivation, they may not meet in every detail the new, more rigorous standards set forth in the NIH draft guidelines. To prohibit their eligibility for federal funds under this new policy would do great harm to the field of stem cell research. Federally funded researchers would be forced to stop their work and wait for a yet unknown number of new embryonic stem cells that comply with the new NIH guidelines to be derived. Such a halt to research would be detrimental to the scientific community's progress and devastating to patients around the world who might benefit from this important research.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge the NIH to include a provision within Section II to allow human embryonic stem cell lines previously and ethically derived to be eligible for use in federally funded research under these guidelines. Instead of requiring previously derived cell lines to comply with either the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) guidelines or the guidelines by the International Society of Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), I ask the NIH to consider a different standard. I recommend that the final guidelines allow NIH funding for any lines derived prior to the implementation of the new policy that had been derived: a) with informed consent, b) without undue inducement, and c) with oversight by an ethics advisory committee, such as an Institutional Review Board.</p> <p>Second, I also urge the replacement of section II C, "Prior to the Use of NIH Funds". The requirement that each recipient of federal funds ensure the compliance of the cell lines to be used would be administratively burdensome and unnecessarily restrict research. Under the draft guidelines, each investigator who wishes to use a cell line in his or her research must provide assurances that the cell line complies with the NIH Guidelines. This repeated reauthorization of the same cell lines seems unnecessary. It is also possible that different institutions might judge the eligibility of the same cell line differently. This lack of uniformity threatens the free flow of scientific investigation.</p> <p>To avoid bureaucratic and legal confusion, I ask the NIH to establish an NIH registry of human embryonic stem cell lines available for federally funded research. When a cell line is first used in federally funded research, assurance documentation should be submitted to an NIH-run registry. The registry would allow researchers to review the cell lines that meet the NIH guidelines and then apply to use those stem cells lines.</p>

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42247		5/23/2009 2:26:11 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> <p>Again, I am for stem cell research using ADULT cells. Along with many other well informed citizens, I am totally opposed to EMBRYONIC stem cell research. Unfortunately politicians are now politicizing the issue and distorting or even deliberately lying to the public regarding the huge differences between the two. We know that there is also a deliberate attempt on the part of proponents of ESCR especially the media to hide the tremendous progress and definitive cures that have resulted from adult stem cell research versus zero and in fact harmful results from ESCR. I am urging you to uphold the truth regarding this issue.</p>
42248		5/23/2009 2:26:44 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>
42249		5/23/2009 2:29:28 PM	<p>As someone who obtained a degree in biology during the second Bush administration and as someone who has faith that our advances in medical technology and technique will expand our ability to reduce the suffering of our citizens, I have followed the political handling of stem cell research with interest.</p> <p>It is a relief that Section II B would permit federal funding of stem cell lines that have been ineligible, and it is promising that new lines could be created, as this increase in variety can only strengthen the potentials and results of research. I am concerned that the current draft doesn't specify that any of the existing stem cell lines actually meet its criteria for federal funding, though. I would like to see ethically created, pre-existing stem cell lines incorporated so as to retain progress that has already been made working with these lines.</p> <p>Additionally, I find it important to point out that, ethically, we should not limit our funding and thereby our research to IVF embryos alone. I would like to see a draft including somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT). Funding will not apply to SCNT as currently drafted in Sections II B and IV and I think it is important to at least provision for future inclusion of sources other than IVF excess.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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42250		5/23/2009 2:29:43 PM	<p>I am against embryonic stem cell research. There are untold problems with this research and it has not worked that well in the past. There are too many loop holes in this form of research such as mixing human and animals.</p> <p>I do not want my tax dollars spent on this wasteful and dangerous research.</p> <p>I am for adult stem cell research which has proven to work well.</p>
42251		5/23/2009 2:30:42 PM	<p>As a medical student, I frequently study thousands of diseases that can be cured with continued stem cell research. If we have been given the ability to cure these, we should USE it!</p>
42252		5/23/2009 2:31:18 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>
42253	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:31:51 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>Below, are attached articles, that I used notes for to write a paper for my college class.</p> <p>I pray that President Obama will consider the life of his own daughters when make God-like decisions, to take another woman's child via abortion (murder). If he as leader of the United States takes a negative stand in this matter, he has the blood of each of the abortions that are committed, on his hands.</p> <p>All children belong to God and are left in our care before and after birth to rear as law abiding citizens, with good morals and values and an education.</p>
42254		5/23/2009 2:31:54 PM	<p>I am opposed to using my tax money to payfor embryonic stem cell research because we are destroying innocent tiny babies in that process. Murder can never be condoned. We can use umbilical cord cells or mature stem cells that will not destroy life. I do not want to subsidize any research that destroys innocent human life.</p>

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42255		5/23/2009 2:32:47 PM	<p>Two critical changes need to be made to the current draft guidelines. First, I believe that a major flaw exists in section II. B, "Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem cells for Use in Research". While this section provides a reasonable standard for the eligibility of human embryonic stem cell lines derived in the future, it does not recognize the existence of hundreds of stem cell lines currently in use in research labs across the United States. While these existing lines were derived according to the most ethical standards recognized at the time of derivation, they may not meet in every detail the new, more rigorous standards set forth in the NIH draft guidelines. To prohibit their eligibility for federal funds under this new policy would do great harm to the field of stem cell research. Federally funded researchers would be forced to stop their work and wait for a yet unknown number of new embryonic stem cells that comply with the new NIH guidelines to be derived. Such a halt to research would be detrimental to the scientific community's progress and devastating to patients around the world who might benefit from this important research.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge the NIH to include a provision within Section II to allow human embryonic stem cell lines previously and ethically derived to be eligible for use in federally funded research under these guidelines. Instead of requiring previously derived cell lines to comply with either the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) guidelines or the guidelines by the International Society of Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), I ask the NIH to consider a different standard. I recommend that the final guidelines allow NIH funding for any lines derived prior to the implementation of the new policy that had been derived: a) with informed consent, b) without undue inducement, and c) with oversight by an ethics advisory committee, such as an Institutional Review Board.</p> <p>Second, I also urge the replacement of section II C, "Prior to the Use of NIH Funds". The requirement that each recipient of federal funds ensure the compliance of the cell lines to be used would be administratively burdensome and unnecessarily restrict research. Under the draft guidelines, each investigator who wishes to use a cell line in his or her research must provide assurances that the cell line complies with the NIH Guidelines. This repeated reauthorization of the same cell lines seems unnecessary. It is also possible that different institutions might judge the eligibility of the same cell line differently. This lack of uniformity threatens the free flow of scientific investigation.</p> <p>To avoid bureaucratic and legal confusion, I ask the NIH to establish an NIH registry of human embryonic stem cell lines available for federally funded research. When a cell line is first used in federally funded research, assurance documentation should be submitted to an NIH-run registry. The registry would allow researchers to review the cell lines that meet the NIH guidelines and then apply to use those stem cells lines.</p>
42256		5/23/2009 2:34:10 PM	<p>I approve of this bill noted exception with the Dickey-Wicker Amendment which still limits the funding of research.</p> <p>Stem cell research is perhaps the most important medical research going on in the 21st century. President Obama has removed some of the restrictions on the research but much more needs to be done. Please make sure that funding and research continues using stem cell research-I would like to see cures for Alzheimer, MS, Parkinson, and other illnesses that stem cell research can profit from.</p>

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42257		5/23/2009 2:34:59 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>
42258		5/23/2009 2:35:18 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>The new results with stem cells from non embryonic sources is clearly where the future is heading. Only political partisanship is driving the unnecessary plan to spend federal dollars on killing embryos, something that is repugnant to most people of faith.</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>
42259		5/23/2009 2:35:44 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>

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42260		5/23/2009 2:36:14 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>
42261		5/23/2009 2:36:50 PM	<p>Destroying one human being to help another violates every moral principle known outside the third world and violates the moral & religious sensibilities of millions of taxpayers.</p> <p>Despite years of research & 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 there are many documented cures using adult stem cells for thousands of patients with over 70 diseases. NO TAX FUNDS FOR SOMETHING THAT YIELDED NO CURES.</p>
42262		5/23/2009 2:37:19 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> <p>It is striking (and certainly hypocritical) of the administration and its party to be opposed to so-called torture, but have no problem destroying human life in its embryonic stage. It is truly an embarrassment and a tragedy that nearly 50 million lives have been destroyed through abortion and that countless numbers more human embryos will also be destroyed.</p>
42263		5/23/2009 2:37:22 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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42264		5/23/2009 2:38:26 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>
42265		5/23/2009 2:38:44 PM	Embryonic stem cell research is wrong and unconstitutional.
42266		5/23/2009 2:39:16 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>
42267		5/23/2009 2:40:03 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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42269		5/23/2009 2:41:02 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42270	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:41:06 PM	<p>Hi!</p> <p>My name is *****.</p> <p>I am ***** years old and have had type one diabetes for over six years.</p> <p>My family and I were very disappointed to hear about president Bush's ban on the use federal money for embryonic stem cell research. I am very pleased with the work President Obama has already done toward stem cell research because that is the best bet to bring us diabetics back into the peace of mind that we had before we were diagnosed.</p> <p>Therefore, I am in support of the NIH's guidelines for embryonic stem cell research and am praying they will get through.</p> <p>Thank you very much,</p>

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42271		5/23/2009 2:43:42 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>In March, the President issued an Executive Order that ended the blanket ban on federal funding of research using embryonic stem cell lines developed after August 2001. NIH was then instructed to develop guidelines for federal funding of this research.</p> <p>The purpose of the guidelines is to establish a policy and procedures under which the federal government will fund research in this area, and to ensure that such research is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law. You can view the NIH's draft guidelines online by clicking here.</p> <p>The 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. The guidelines also describe the conditions and informed consent procedures that would be required when obtaining embryonic stem cells for research that could be funded by the federal government.</p> <p>The American Diabetes Association strongly supports the draft guidelines but is concerned that, as written, they may prevent stem cell lines in existence before the guidelines go into effect, from being eligible for federal research funding. The Association is urging NIH to consider amending the guidelines to allow current stem cell lines derived using prevailing ethical practices to be considered for federal funding and that NIH be open to review other sources of stem cell lines (excluding reproductive cloning) in the future.</p>

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42272		5/23/2009 2:44:03 PM	I oppose embryonic stem cell research on moral grounds. this is human life. Killing one human to benefit another human is morally wrong. Specially if the human sacrificed has NO CHOICE in the matter. Additionally, embryonic stem cells already used have shown uncontrolled cell division leading to cancer. However, adult stem cells have shown great success in treating several neurological conditions, are not rejected by the body.
42273		5/23/2009 2:44:44 PM	We are vehemently opposed to stem cell research on embryos, humans in their most vulnerable form. It is inconscienceable to experiment and destroy human life for the sake of research. We must be an ethical people; otherwise we are no better than Nazi Germany. Embryonic stem cell research is a moot point with the new breakthrough with adult stem cells. What makes a human being human is our capacity to love and care for the most weak and vulnerable in our society, otherwise what have we become? Plain Evil.
42274	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:45:21 PM	President Obama and all members of House and Senate, If you wish to represent me and other fellow citizens of this nation, it is essential that you vote NO on stem cell research. Instead, use stem cells from the afterbirth of babies born healthy and strong. Life is too precious and it is a gift from God above. Do not destroy what God is creating. Thank you,
42275	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:47:42 PM	I would like to see some type of 'cease research'clause when embryonic stem cell research becomes obvious that it has no value in effecting cures for desease rather than continuing to fund something that only destroys life rather than save lives. Also is there protection against the abuse of cloning? I dont see any.Thank You,Respectfully,
42276		5/23/2009 2:48:16 PM	you do not have the right to take human life, only GOD does.
42277		5/23/2009 2:49:21 PM	Embryonic stem cell research is immoral, unproductive and a waste of money and scientific talent. A political agenda is its driving force. Adult and other ethical stem cell research does not harm human life and is resulting in cures. Our tax money should be used to support only this kind of stem cell research .
42278		5/23/2009 2:49:28 PM	I support embryonic stem cell research, and am glad some of the restrictions are being loosened
42279		5/23/2009 2:49:51 PM	I do not want the government to fund Stem cell research that uses fetuses or stored embryos. There has been no success reported using this type of research. The only success is with adult stem cells.

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42280		5/23/2009 2:50:14 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is requesting public comment on draft guidelines entitled ``National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research" (Guidelines).</p> <p>The purpose of these draft Guidelines is to implement Executive Order 13505, issued on March 9, 2009, as it pertains to extramural NIH-funded research, to establish policy and procedures under which NIH will fund research in this area, and to help ensure that NIH-funded research in this area is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law. 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>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. Funding will continue to be allowed for human stem cell research using adult stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells. Specifically, these Guidelines describe the conditions and informed consent procedures that would have been required during the derivation of human embryonic stem cells for research using these cells to be funded by the NIH. NIH funding for research using human embryonic stem cells derived from other sources, including somatic cell nuclear transfer, parthenogenesis, and/or IVF embryos created for research purposes, is not allowed under these Guidelines.</p> <p>NIH funding of the derivation of stem cells from human embryos is prohibited by the annual appropriations ban on funding of human embryo research (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2009, Pub. L. 110-161, 3/11/09), otherwise known as the Dickey-Wicker Amendment.</p> <p>According to these Guidelines, there are some uses of human embryonic stem cells and human induced pluripotent stem cells that, although those cells may come from allowable sources, are nevertheless ineligible for NIH funding.</p> <p>For questions regarding ongoing NIH-funded research involving human embryonic stem cells, as well as pending applications and those submitted prior to the issuance of Final Guidelines, see the NIH Guide</p>

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42281		5/23/2009 2:50:20 PM	<p>The NIH's guidelines are objectionable because:</p> <p>They completely disregard the fact that embryonic stem cell research is old technology and yields tumors. It has yet to produce ANY success.</p> <p>They go beyond just forcing taxpayers to fund the destruction of human lives for dubious research.</p> <p>They divert funds from promising adult stem cell research. Adult stem cells are currently SUCCESSFULLY treating over 100 diseases/conditions.</p> <p>They create a financial incentive for killing more human embryos, through abortion, to harvest embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>They MIGHT lead Obama to sign a bill which will permit fetal farming; the use of human cloning to create embryos destined for destruction for research.</p>
42282		5/23/2009 2:51:40 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>
42283	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:53:20 PM	<p>I am asking that you not support ANY embryonic stem cell research from old or new embryos. It is proven that adult stem cells produce results, not embryos of any age. These are lives, please consider that even though we have been told differently.</p>
42284	Redacted	5/23/2009 2:54:21 PM	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>There is no need to use embryonic stem cells in research because of the development of pluripotent cells which act exactly like embryonic stem cells without the problems of tumors and rejection.</p> <p>Taxpayer money should never be used on something so controversial. Private money is already being used on embryonic cells with no good results.</p> <p>Creating embryos to then destroy them for research should never be allowed and the same goes for cloning.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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42285		5/23/2009 2:54:32 PM	<p>We are opposed to President Obama's decision to overturn President Bush's limits prohibiting taxpayer financing of new embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The NIH's guidelines are objectionable because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * completely disregard the fact that embryonic stem cell research is old technology, yields tumors and has yet to produce ANY success * go beyond forcing taxpayers to fund the destruction of human for dubious research * divert funds from promising adult stem cell research, currently SUCCESSFULLY treating over 100 diseases/conditions * create a financial incentive for creating more human embryos so they can be destroyed to harvest embryonic stem cells * MIGHT lead Preident Obama to sign a bill which will permit fetal farming; the use of human cloning to create embryos destined for destruction for research
42286		5/23/2009 2:54:41 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell usage is a disgusting exploitation of women and degrades innocent life. Adult stem cell usage is the only sane method in a country gone very wrong in its thinking.</p> <p>PLEASE DO NOT FUND EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH.</p>
42287		5/23/2009 2:55:00 PM	<p>I am in support of the use of stem cell research.</p>
42288		5/23/2009 2:56:57 PM	<p>Human embryos are precious life. I keep hearing people in the public eye, especially in politics say that the information they have is not enough to be able to prove that life starts at conception. This shows me that we are risking doing experimental procedures on a human being who is helpless and who, if their life is preserved, could go on to be an amazing human being and contributor to our society.</p> <p>As a follower of Jesus Christ and a person who reads and trusts the bible, I do believe that life starts at conception. I don't think their is a scientist yet who has figured out a formula for life... the only one who does know is our God the creator. Preservation of human life is of the most importance. I don't believe that just because a human being does not have a voice or is unable to live on its own that they should be treated as prisoners of war and be unwilling victims of society. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS!!!</p> <p>Thank you for your time and I pray you will consider the issue wisely.</p>

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42289		5/23/2009 2:57:32 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>Continued research in this area, and government funding for the research, should be very high on our list of national priorities.</p>
42290		5/23/2009 2:58:25 PM	<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. Thank you.</p>
42291		5/23/2009 3:00:02 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.</p>

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42292	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:00:30 PM	<p>I am writing to vehemently oppose embryonic stem cell research and government funding for it. Not only is ESCR totally immoral and unnecessary, decades of research have already proven it to be a total medical and financial failure.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research has resulted in absolutely ZERO cures or treatments. In addition, ESCR causes tumors and other harmful side effects in its test subjects, as well as the death of the preborn human beings from which the stem cells are obtained.</p> <p>The ONLY cures and effective therapies have been achieved through use of adult stem cells. In addition, we have a virtually unlimited supply of adult stem cells from a variety of ethically-derived sources (adult skin and bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, placentas, amniotic fluid, etc.). This research is already providing cures and/or effective treatments for thousands of human patients suffering from over 70 different conditions, including heart disease, spinal cord injuries, juvenile diabetes, and 26 different cancers.</p> <p>Also, the argument that embryonic stem cells are pluripotent is now moot, due to the development of induced pluripotency in adult stem cells. In fact, to quote Dr. Mehmet Oz, Oprah Winfrey's medical expert, "the stem cell debate is dead."</p> <p>WHY, then, is it necessary for me to write this letter to stop my hard-earned tax dollars from being WASTED on TOTALLY WORTHLESS AND UNNECESSARY embryonic stem cell research???!?!?</p> <p>WHY, also, are millions of our tax dollars being sent overseas, AGAINST THE WILL OF U.S. TAXPAYERS, to fund forced abortions in other countries???!?!? WHY is President Obama so hell bent on passing the Freedom of Choice Act, ALSO AGAINST THE WILL OF AMERICAN CITIZENS???!?!?</p> <p>President Obama has made it blatantly clear that he is owned by Planned Parenthood and other special interest groups. His first 100 days as president have already proven that he will use all means necessary to force the butchering and burning of preborn infants in the womb, and now the destruction of embryonic human beings outside of the womb as well.</p> <p>No, I am NOT some crazy religious zealot. I am simply a decent, moral American citizen who is fed up with our government pushing our country ever further into the sewer of depravity. We are all called to protect and defend life – ALL LIFE, no matter how young or old. The fact that frozen embryos in fertility clinics have been abandoned and will eventually die doesn't change this, for we all will eventually die. Disregarding the dignity and respect for human life has already led to such atrocities as slavery, the Tuskegee experiments, and the unethical human experimentation and torture inflicted by Nazi Germany and Communism.</p> <p>Only adult stem cell research has resulted in cures and effective treatments. For the United States government to waste our money on embryonic stem cell research is totally unethical, unproductive, and unwarranted. To quote French statesman Alexis de Tocqueville, "America is great because America is good . . . but if America ever ceases to be good, it will cease to be great." Do the right thing, and ban government funding of embryonic stem cell research. Help begin to restore our country to the goodness and greatness God intended for us.</p> <p>Submitted by,</p> <p>***** *****</p>

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42292		5/23/2009 3:00:30 PM	<p>*****</p> <p>cc: Rep. Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin Sen. John Thune Sen. Tim Johnson</p>
42293		5/23/2009 3:01:03 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>
42294		5/23/2009 3:02:35 PM	<p>I am opposed to this. We should be supporting adult and cord stem cell research, which is safe, noncontroversial, and has already proven successful. Use of embryonic stem cells can be dangerous (possibly tumor-forming) and if ineffective (as far as I know it has yet to provide a single treatment). In addition these guidelines do nothing to prevent human cloning or other bizarre experimentation.</p>

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42295	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:02:52 PM	<p>I will list my objections in two sections; each with an alternate point of view. First, I will address perceived problems with the document from the point of view that it's drafters were designing it with valid base assumptions: Mainly that a human embryo is not a human. This is not my point of view at all, but as I perceive it, this will be the only section of my response that will be up for consideration:</p> <p>1 Section IIA: A main requirement is for the research to be Scientifically worthy. Worldwide research has gone on in embryonic stem cell testing for much longer than it has for adult stem cell research. Despite the vast disparity in man hours, there are currently no successful therapies derived from stem cell research. There is, however, well in excess of 70 therapies resulting from adult stem cell research being used to successfully treat patients right now! The researchers are saying it is because of two main things. These are the patients own cells, therefore no tissue rejection issues. They do not form uncontrollable cancer as inevitably continues to happen with embryonic stem cells. Responsible funding will completely pull funding from the unsuccessful research and increase funding to the successful research. In professional circles, the debate is nearly dead. We need to go where the results take us.</p> <p>2 IIB6 The fertility doctor should not be the referring doctor for the donation of the embryos he created "WHENEVER PRACTICAL"? This should be changed to NEVER allowable. Although there are no legal monetary gains to be had in exchange for a donation as this document makes clear, one need only to think about the perceived value the embryos represent to know this is a major oversight. Human nature dictates that this will eventually erupt into a major conflict of interest issue.</p> <p>3 IIB7g A statement is necessary stating the donor expects no personal benefit to result as a result of the donation. Everyone would sign such a statement. At least some form of short investigation should be made to determine there is not some obvious conflict of interest issue at play here also.</p> <p>4 III Add a section C which would include research relating to human cloning as unallowable.</p> <p>5 I do believe that there should be no restrictions on induced pluripotent stem cells that are derieve from adult cells. This research is on fire right now: Over 70 therapies in use and promising results with multiple sclerosis and spinal cord injuries too.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The next section is from the viewpoint that the entire document was drafted under flawed base assumptions: Mainly that a human embryo is not a human at all. The only differece between them and us is a nurturing environment a some time.</p> <p>1 B Will only use embryos that are no longer needed. This logic would have to be extended to orphans and all unwanted children. Both groups are human and unwanted. We could hypothesize that it would be OK to harvest unwanted children's organs. This is not the reasoning of a fanatic: It is sound logic. It appears your worth, as determined by whether anyone will speak up for you to affirm it, is the only thing that makes your life an actual life. I am saddened by the thought of one single tax dollar supporting such a doctrine.</p> <p>It is mentioned that only embryos created by in-vitro fertilization would be eligible. While this is better than no restrictions at all, it still devalues the lives of one segment of our population. This is a country where ALL inhabitants are supposed to have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In addition, I fully suspect this verbage to be among the first to be targeted for ammendment to make additional groups of embryos usable.</p> <p>II7b All options pertaining to possible uses of unwanted embryos will be explained to all donors. While informed consent</p>

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42295		5/23/2009 3:02:52 PM	<p>is always a good thing, this falls short. Again I see no difference if a mother wanted to donate her unwanted child to science for organ harvesting. Giving her alternate options to the decision yet still allowing her to go through with it is not ethically responsible.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>
42296		5/23/2009 3:03:21 PM	<p>support stem cell research</p>
42297	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:04:11 PM	<p>I do not want my tax dollars used to support embryonic stem cell research which requires the destruction of human life (embryos). 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>
42298	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:04:21 PM	<p>I'M IN FAVOUR FOR EXPANDING THE FUNDS FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH AS IT CARRIES THE ONLY HOPE FOR FINDIING A CURE FOR A LOT OF INCURABLE DISEASESES LIKE PARKINSONISM.</p>
42299		5/23/2009 3:04:21 PM	<p>To Whom it may concern, Please do not spent one single cent on embryonic stem cell research. Adult stem cells work and we do not have to kill more babies to such a horrendous thing. Stop spending our granchildrens money. Thou shalt not kill..</p>
42300		5/23/2009 3:05:15 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>
42301		5/23/2009 3:05:23 PM	<p>I am writing to urge support for the scientific use of "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." Such cells are routinely destroyed now, or simply frozen. Their potential to make a significant difference in the lives of real, not just potential, children and adults today is great. After so long being held hostage to religion, let us now, at last, be guided in science BY science.</p>

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42302		5/23/2009 3:05:51 PM	no embryonic stem cell research, which destroys new human life go with adult stem cell research, which is ethical and doesn't cause harm to the donor
42303		5/23/2009 3:06:24 PM	Please do not use embryonic stem cells for experimentation. It desroys precious human life. The "science" indicates only adult stem cells are useful and that embryonic stem cells are actually harmful.

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42304	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:07:04 PM	<p>I am writing to vehemently oppose embryonic stem cell research and government funding for it. Not only is ESCR totally immoral and unnecessary, decades of research have already proven it to be a total medical and financial failure.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research has resulted in absolutely ZERO cures or treatments. In addition, ESCR causes tumors and other harmful side effects in its test subjects, as well as the death of the preborn human beings from which the stem cells are obtained.</p> <p>The ONLY cures and effective therapies have been achieved through use of adult stem cells. In addition, we have a virtually unlimited supply of adult stem cells from a variety of ethically-derived sources (adult skin and bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, placentas, amniotic fluid, etc.). This research is already providing cures and/or effective treatments for thousands of human patients suffering from over 70 different conditions, including heart disease, spinal cord injuries, juvenile diabetes, and 26 different cancers.</p> <p>Also, the argument that embryonic stem cells are pluripotent is now moot, due to the development of induced pluripotency in adult stem cells. In fact, to quote Dr. Mehmet Oz, Oprah Winfrey's medical expert, "the stem cell debate is dead."</p> <p>WHY, then, is it necessary for me to write this letter to stop my hard-earned tax dollars from being WASTED on TOTALLY WORTHLESS AND UNNECESSARY embryonic stem cell research???!?!?</p> <p>WHY, also, are millions of our tax dollars being sent overseas, AGAINST THE WILL OF U.S. TAXPAYERS, to fund forced abortions in other countries???!?!? WHY is President Obama so hell bent on passing the Freedom of Choice Act, ALSO AGAINST THE WILL OF AMERICAN CITIZENS???!?!?</p> <p>President Obama has made it blatantly clear that he is owned by Planned Parenthood and other special interest groups. His first 100 days as president have already proven that he will use all means necessary to force the butchering and burning of preborn infants in the womb, and now the destruction of embryonic human beings outside of the womb as well.</p> <p>No, I am NOT some crazy religious zealot. I am simply a decent, moral American citizen who is fed up with our government pushing our country ever further into the sewer of depravity. We are all called to protect and defend life – ALL LIFE, no matter how young or old. The fact that frozen embryos in fertility clinics have been abandoned and will eventually die doesn't change this, for we all will eventually die. Disregarding the dignity and respect for human life has already led to such atrocities as slavery, the Tuskegee experiments, and the unethical human experimentation and torture inflicted by Nazi Germany and Communism.</p> <p>Only adult stem cell research has resulted in cures and effective treatments. For the United States government to waste our money on embryonic stem cell research is totally unethical, unproductive, and unwarranted. To quote French statesman Alexis de Tocqueville, "America is great because America is good . . . but if America ever ceases to be good, it will cease to be great." Do the right thing, and ban government funding of embryonic stem cell research. Help begin to restore our country to the goodness and greatness God intended for us.</p> <p>Submitted by,</p> <p>***** ***** *****</p>

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42304		5/23/2009 3:07:04 PM	cc: Rep. Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin Sen. John Thune Sen. Tim Johnson
42305		5/23/2009 3:09:17 PM	My sister in law is 40 years old and suffers from HD. I know that stem cell research is her best hope. If a cure is not found for her, at least there will be hope for her two young sons.
42306	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:09:20 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 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.
42307	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:10:12 PM	<p>Hello, I am a 35 yo Type 1 Diabetic since age 9. I deal with the problems of this disease everyday and will have to for the rest of my life. It has not been easy, but I am healthy and positive. There are many (and have been many) studies and trials for this disease, and many answers have been answered.</p> <p>I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS are going to make any new results.</p> <p>Any results possible are only speculative. This is placing limited funding on one type of research. This is not science, but business.</p> <p>I did not come to this answer easily, but can not condone these studies at the result of losing funding for other trials.</p> <p>Thank You for taking the time to read my testimonial,</p>
42308		5/23/2009 3:12:03 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. Our national financial situation is in terrible enough shape without giving any more money to any cause. The private sector is working on stem cell issues. Let them handle things.</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>
42309	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:12:52 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>As a healthcare professional, I am, by oath, to care for human life, not destroy it. The physicians oath is to "...first do no harm...". There are ways to help the living without killing other, helpless humans.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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42310		5/23/2009 3:13:54 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>
42311		5/23/2009 3:14:53 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning and other morally reprehensible creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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42312		5/23/2009 3:15:18 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>
42313		5/23/2009 3:15:19 PM	<p>Leave the babies alone. Use adult stem cells.</p>
42314		5/23/2009 3:16:28 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>-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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42315		5/23/2009 3:18:06 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>
42316		5/23/2009 3:18:32 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42317		5/23/2009 3:18:36 PM	<p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42318		5/23/2009 3:19:34 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>
42319		5/23/2009 3:19:43 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42320	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:19:59 PM	<p>I believe Human Stem Cell Research is vitally important for many of us and our loved ones. Please help this to continue. My granddaughter is 16 and is a juvenile diabetic patient. She is very active and is a great soccer player. With this research maybe there can be a cure found for her and other diseases that our country is experiencing.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your help.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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42321		5/23/2009 3:20:04 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 the human embryos for research purposes.
42322		5/23/2009 3:20:39 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 the human embryos for research purposes.
42323		5/23/2009 3:22:28 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>

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42325		5/23/2009 3:22:46 PM	<p>I feel VERY STRONGLY about the stem cell issue.</p> <p>The only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p> <p>Dr. Oz, as seen on Oprah, agreed on national television that adult stem cells are where it is at! He said that the stem cell issue or debate was dead. It was clear that only adult stem cells were truly working and more research and money needed to go to this ONLY!</p>
42326		5/23/2009 3:23:21 PM	<p>It seems unnecessary to use stem cells from fetuses when many people, including myself, see the process as immoral and arbitrary. The following quote, just in, is helpful to me:</p> <p>"But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells and more treatments are being developed."</p>

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42327		5/23/2009 3:23:45 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>
42328		5/23/2009 3:23:57 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>
42329		5/23/2009 3:24:09 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42330		5/23/2009 3:25:33 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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42331		5/23/2009 3:26:28 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>
42332		5/23/2009 3:28:03 PM	<p>On March 9, 2009 President Obama issued an executive order that opened the floodgates for funding more human embryonic stem cell experiments. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has drafted guidelines for distributing these funds. These guidelines devote your tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>
42333		5/23/2009 3:28:40 PM	<p>I want funding of stem-cell research stopped. Adult stem cells are not unethical,nor controversial. They are more effective in treating illnesses. The current stem-cell research needs to have all loop holes closed so it doesn't open the way for even more unethical practices such as clones or human-animal hybrids.I think we need to get back to the business of doing what is right, regardless of what is easier. Whatever happened to common sense?</p>
42334		5/23/2009 3:28:50 PM	<p>I prefer to speak for myself, not copy a prepared letter. After 8 years of luddite unwillingness to allow life-saving research that may well help offer more tolerable lives to the millions who are the victims of diabetes, it plainly is time to allow stem cell research to proceed with all deliberate sped.</p>

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42335		5/23/2009 3:29:21 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 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>
42336		5/23/2009 3:30:11 PM	<p>I strongly oppose the use of tax dollars for embryonic stem cell research. To date, no diseases have been cured by the use of embryonic stem cells. On the other hand, adult stem cells have been successfully used to treat a number of serious diseases such as cancer, juvenile diabetes, spinal cord injuries, MS, and Parkinson's disease. Those suffering from these diseases need a successful cure. Use our tax money wisely and put it into continued research using adult stem cells.</p>
42337		5/23/2009 3:30:59 PM	<p>Our nation guarantees and protects the Right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happniess. But this is no longer true. We are killing the unborn babies in the womb for whatever reason. We no longer value LIFE. We have lost our ethical anchor and are not floundering on the seas of greed and power.</p> <p>Adult Stem Cells do cure diseases and there is no loss of life. Let us use them to help those who are suffering with a debilitaing or chronic or terminal illness.</p> <p>I am praying that as a nation we will come to our senses and CHOOSE LIFE FOR ALL.</p> <p>GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</p>
42338		5/23/2009 3:31:00 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>
42339	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:31:12 PM	<p>I was patient ***** of a Autologous stem cell transplant for Crohn's Disease. Back it *****. At ***** in ***** , ***** .</p> <p>We would like to declare my opposition to embryonic cell research. Please spend this proposed money on proven techniques like Adult Cell Research.</p> <p>Very Sincerely,</p>

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42340		5/23/2009 3:31:59 PM	I oppose killing human embryos. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to fund research I believe is unethical - and immoral! - because it requires the destruction of human embryos.
42341		5/23/2009 3:32:10 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>
42342		5/23/2009 3:33:14 PM	As a newly diagnosed Parkinson's Disease patient (December 2008), I am pleased the ban on stem cell research has been modified to allow more comprehensive research. While I cannot hold much hope for useful treatment in my lifetime (just turned 72), there are generations of patients and caregivers to come who cannot help but benefit from the advancements that are sure to come. As a long time blood and platelet donor at the NIH campus in Bethesda, it is rewarding to think I could now get a little back from new research centering on Parkinson's Disease. Thank you!
42343		5/23/2009 3:34:06 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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42344	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:34:19 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42345		5/23/2009 3:34:44 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>
42346		5/23/2009 3:35:33 PM	<p>Please do not use our tax dollars for the destruction of embryonic stem cells for the purpose of stem cell research.</p>

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42347		5/23/2009 3:37:13 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which force me, as a taxpayer, to subsidize research which requires the destruction of human life.</p> <p>I would prefer to support adult stem cell research which does not destroy human life and has been proven more effective in treating disease. Embryo-destroying stem cell research is ineffective and can be dangerous.</p> <p>Additionally, I ask that you do not support the proposed regulations which provide future funding for embryonic stem cell research; this loophole must be closed.</p> <p>Please take a stand against Obama's Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines so that American taxpayer dollars to be spent on the destruction of human life!</p>
42348		5/23/2009 3:37:53 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions. I have lived with Type 1 diabetes for over 40 years. I have waited for a cure and I hope that kids getting Type 1 will not have to wait much longer.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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42349		5/23/2009 3:38:08 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42350		5/23/2009 3:38:46 PM	<p>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 the human embryos for research purposes. please listen to the conscience of these silent individuals who will be sacrificed for scientific advancement that promotes elimination of life for the sake of scientific advancement. we can not promote the Machivelian principle that the means justify the ends. so please regard this action of embryonic stem research as intrinsically horrifically evil. Life is sacred and we should not misuse it for the sake of technological advancement.</p>
42351		5/23/2009 3:39:12 PM	<p>I oppose killing human embryos. I oppose being forced to fund research that is unethical because it requires the destruction of human embryos - which is what the proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to do. Expanding the funding of embryonic stem cell lines will take away from the funding of adult stem cell research which has proved promising while embryonic stem cell research has not. 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 infertile couples who want children.</p>

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42352		5/23/2009 3:41:10 PM	<p>The guidelines do not go far enough. They fail to support several forms of stem cell research that could be crucial to the successful development of groundbreaking treatments and therapies.</p> <p>Funding should be available for the creation of human embryos—clearly, creation of embryos is routine in private fertility clinics.</p> <p>Funding should be available for somatic cell nuclear transfer, a technique that could overcome rejection of implanted tissue.</p> <p>This research should be funded with federal money in order to promote the development of innovative and potentially lifesaving medical treatments as quickly as possible.</p> <p>While approving the present guidelines is an excellent first step, I urge you to continue to monitor developments in the field and update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p>
42353	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:41:27 PM	<p>Dear President Obama,</p> <p>We are opposed to your guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, the taxpayer should not be the one to fund this bad decision.</p> <p>We support preserving human life and nothing has ever been proven that this works. Adult stem cells have been proven to work and it is only ethical and RIGHT to use them.</p> <p>I believe using embryonic cells could lead to something morally wrong, like cloning, and it needs to be stopped now.</p> <p>Please listen to what Christian America is asking.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42354		5/23/2009 3:42:08 PM	<p>The NIH's guidelines are objectionable because they:</p> <p>completely disregard the fact that embryonic stem cell research is old technology, yields tumors and has yet to produce ANY success</p> <p>go beyond forcing taxpayers to fund the destruction of human for dubious research</p> <p>divert funds from promising adult stem cell research, currently SUCCESSFULLY treating over 100 diseases/conditions</p> <p>create a financial incentive for creating more human embryos so they can be destroyed to harvest embryonic stem cells</p> <p>MIGHT lead Obama to sign a bill which will permit fetal farming; the use of human cloning to create embryos destined for destruction for research</p>

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42355		5/23/2009 3:42:12 PM	Please do not use taxpayer money to fund stem cell research...just the fact that there is so much objection to it, should be enough to halt the use of taxpayer money for life destruction issues...think about it...what if we are correct, and it does indeed constitute the destruction of human life...those who say otherwise (even in the face of evidence to the contrary) will have to answer for their votes and deeds...please think about this long and hard...thank you.
42356	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:42:38 PM	<p>The fact that I believe that life begins at conception is not the primary reason that I am writing to you.</p> <p>It is the fact that Almighty God tells us in His Word, the Holy Bible, that life begins when He creates it----upon that joining of the egg with the sperm.</p> <p>That is the ONLY authority on which we must rely.</p> <p>Let's always stay on the side of our Creator and our Lord.</p>
42357		5/23/2009 3:43:03 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for some friends of mine and millions of other Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. Major progress has been made in recent years. The final guidelines issued by NIH should accelerate this progress to get new therapies to patients as soon as possible. The final guidelines should not create new bureaucratic hurdles that will slow the pace of progress.</p> <p>I am glad that these draft guidelines -- in Section II B -- seem 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>
42358	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:43:14 PM	<p>I do not want my tax dollars to fund the use of embryonic stem cell research. I believe that all life is precious and we should protect those unable to protect themselves. We need to cherish all life. It sickens me to think of how our nation has gone to a nation that considers life disposable. We stand in shock when a parent murders their own children that have been born to them, as we should, but out of the other sides of our mouths...we say, "go ahead and murder them before they are born." How does the value of a child change in our eyes by a few weeks and 6 inches of birth canal? God help us all for allowing such tragedy to our own offspring.</p>

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42359		5/23/2009 3:43:33 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>
42360		5/23/2009 3:43:39 PM	<p>The NIH's guidelines are objectionable because they:</p> <p>completely disregard the fact that embryonic stem cell research is old technology, yields tumors and has yet to produce ANY successgo beyond forcing taxpayers to fund the destruction of human for dubious research</p> <p>divert funds from promising adult stem cell research, currently SUCCESSFULLY treating over 100 diseases/conditions</p> <p>create a financial incentive for creating more human embryos so they can be destroyed to harvest embryonic stem cells</p> <p>MIGHT lead Obama to sign a bill which will permit fetal farming; the use of human cloning to create embryos destined for destruction for research</p>
42361		5/23/2009 3:45:45 PM	<p>i am totally for stem cell research. i feel that millions of people will benefit from it</p>
42362		5/23/2009 3:45:58 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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42363		5/23/2009 3:48:08 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 adult stem cell research and treatments, because those methods do not destroy human life and have already been 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>
42364		5/23/2009 3:49:32 PM	<p>So much has been done with adult stem cells that we no longer need to look for treatments and cures from embryos. As a taxpayer, I resent my tax dollars being used to destroy little pre-born babies. There is no private funding available for embryonic stem cell research because the treatments they've devised are dangerous to human life and they don't work. That's why they want federal funds. DON'T DO IT! Soon, they'll be cloning with federal funds...they're already trying this with private funds. Please stop this now!</p>
42365	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:49:47 PM	<p>I believe that the proposed regulatins are too restrictive and do not comport with President Obama's direction to make responsible stem cell research easier to qualify for Fderal Funding. Funding of research should be allowed liberally where the embryos, etc. were voluntarily donated after informed consent was obtained from the donors.</p>
42366		5/23/2009 3:49:48 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>
42367		5/23/2009 3:50:20 PM	<p>I strongly support the NIH Stem Cell Guidelines for research. It would be a blessing if people in the future can be spared the heartbreak some of my family and friends are enduring with medical problems for which there may be a cure.</p>

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42368	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:51:01 PM	<p>Mr. President, Please do not sign a bill that will use human embryos for stem cell research. I do not want my tax dollars used to support this immoral action. Adult stem cell research is the viable alternative to embryonic stem cell research. It is safer and more effective. Please pray to God before you sign this bill.</p> <p>Respectfully, *****</p> <p>P.S. I pray daily for your conversion.</p>
42369	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:52:12 PM	<p>Greetings,</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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>A concerned Mom,</p>
42370		5/23/2009 3:52:37 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42371	Redacted	5/23/2009 3:53:51 PM	<p>We oppose our tax dollars being used to experiments with embryonic stem cells from destroyed human embryos.</p> <p>Lets put the patients first and put federal funds toward the real treatments & real promise of ADULT STEM CELLS.</p> <p>Thanks:</p>
42372		5/23/2009 3:54:11 PM	<p>Please do not use human embryos in the name of research or any other project.</p>

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42373		5/23/2009 3:54:46 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>
42374		5/23/2009 3:55:46 PM	<p>I am Catholic and as a Christian I am appalled at the use of my tax dollars being used so unethically. This is not just a matter of Christianity, but for all religious and nonreligious moral standing in respect of human life. Even an atheist can see the moral implications that human life must be respected and that a human embryo, is "human" and not a dog or cat or thing embryo. The dangers far out way the possible usefulness that human embryonic stem cell research can hope to accomplish. If this subject was not so political and judged only on it's merits, it would have been abandoned long ago. Think about that!</p>
42375		5/23/2009 3:56:15 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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42376		5/23/2009 3:56:22 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>
42377		5/23/2009 3:56:54 PM	<p>copy and paste into Comment section of NIH comment form and edit as appropriate for you):</p> <p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42378		5/23/2009 3:58:51 PM	<p>We oppose embryonic stem cell research. It wastes human life, and it is not productive research.</p>
42379		5/23/2009 3:59:10 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring or taking advantage of 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, more 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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42380		5/23/2009 3:59:13 PM	I strongly oppose the proposed regulations regarding stem cell research. I do not want my tax payer money being used to destroy life by destroying human embryos for research. Adult stem cells have shown great promise but that is not the case with embryonic stem cells. You are putting money in the wrong area of research and destroying life at the same time.
42381		5/23/2009 3:59:47 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>
42382		5/23/2009 4:01:15 PM	Please consider the published (news) that adult stem cells have been used for a large number of successful treatments in the state of Texas. As far as reported embrionic stem cells being used for treatments, NONE have been successful. Seems like a big waste of resources to continue to "beat a dead horse" trying to develop something that has shown no positive outcome except to destroy a living human embrio. Any responsible leader should, in my opinion, push for a proven procedure instead of one less viable. Don't let politics over rule common sense.
42383		5/23/2009 4:02:41 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>

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42384		5/23/2009 4:03:02 PM	<p>I am a member of the Center for Inquiry, a non-profit organization devoted to promoting science and reason as the basis of public policy. I have read the NIH guidelines for federal funding of stem cell research and urge the NIH to promote the widest range possible of research in this field because of its potential for improving health and curing diseases.</p> <p>Your present guidelines are admirable in expanding the number of embryonic stem cell lines eligible for federal funding and maintaining research using adult stem cells. At a minimum, these guidelines should be maintained, especially because a large majority of Americans polled report that they support federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The present guidelines, however, do not go far enough. I would like to see the guidelines expanded to allow federal funding of all avenues of stem cell research. Research on human embryonic stem cells, somatic cell nuclear transfer and adult stem cells needs to continue in parallel. All are part of a research effort that seeks to expand our knowledge of how cells function, what fails in the disease process, and how the first stages of human development occur. It is this combined knowledge that will ultimately generate safe and effective therapies. This research should be funded with federal money in order to promote the development of innovative and potentially lifesaving medical treatments as quickly as possible.</p> <p>While approving the present guidelines is an excellent first step, I urge you to continue to monitor developments in the field and update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p>
42385		5/23/2009 4:03:15 PM	<p>I fail to understand why it is necessary to use embryonic stem cells for research when the use of adult stem cells has already been shown to have a higher success rate when it comes to improving peoples' lives. If I don't support embryonic stem cell research, why should my tax dollars be used to further it?</p>
42386		5/23/2009 4:03:25 PM	<p>I believe the National Institutes of Health should rescind its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos.</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>
42387		5/23/2009 4:03:28 PM	<p>It is wrong to ask taxpayers to finance the use of human embryos in medical experimentation. These are human beings--"A person's a person, no matter how small!" We have a moral objection to this, and it is worth considering. PLEASE USE OTHER STEM CELLS, NOT EMBRYONIC ONES.</p>

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42388	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:05:01 PM	<p>The use of Embryonic Stem Cell is nothing less an extension of the experiments of Josef Mengele on human subjects at the Nazi Concentration Camp at Auschwitz. The human embryo is life. To relegate its value as if it were simply a chemistry experiment is inhumane and cruel and unusual punishment. It also denies the uniqueness of its purpose, which is to create human life. Human Embryos will not create a plant, or produce oxygen nor will it make the sunshine, its purpose is so much more incredible, it forms a human life.</p> <p>Dr. Mengele's experiments caused the world to tremble and enraged a generation, among those who understood the evils of his arrogant and willful disregard for value of life. His atrocities resulted in tribunals to form, conventions to write laws forbidding such practices and ultimately result in him being the most wanted Nazi Criminal alive following World War 2.</p> <p>One of the most appalling claims made by the experimenters, are their denial of viability of adult stem cells in these experiments. This is motivated purely due to the cost required in obtaining Adult Stem Cells. Many of these individuals took the Hippocratic Oath to protect all life, to deny that the Embryonic Stem Cell is not life is an oxymoron. They are experimenting on the cells for the very reason that it produces life it is the key to life! This twisting of the facts for greedy enrichment is a symbol of the ethical issues plaguing our nation.</p> <p>The argument that other countries have already achieved great strides in medical research using Embryonic Stems Cells and the United States will loose a competitive edge. First, the U.S. has already lost its competitive edge according to the many corporations that do business here. Companies have made no bones about shipping our jobs abroad for cheaper labor, why do we fail to consider that they aren't already doing that now? Moreover, is this argument logical? Research is shared among countries constantly, do not physicians attend symposiums? Are there not journals that publish medical information? Furthermore, companies buy a their competitor's products to improve and increase value all the time, is this information not going to be available? To think that we will loose jobs or corporations to other countries is the risk we will have to take.</p> <p>No, this but another smoke screen since we know the Adult Stem Cells are comparable. The bigger issue is for the sake of financial gain and notoriety, our corporations and researchers have put aside the values we as a country have embraced for centuries, the value of individual rights of those least among us. Did we not reject Britain's rule for tyranny in its taxation without representation? Will our nation decide certain life has no value? Making the break from protecting those who have no voice or representation, is to deny all morality. Once we do this, whose rights will next be impacted for sake of research? History shows once you take the moral low rode, the next choice because easier, and thereafter each choice requires little or no ethical consideration.</p> <p>Our society has surely lost its way, when life has so little value!</p> <p>The practice of using Embryonic Stem Cells in any way, should be illegal on U.S. soil, in space or underwater by any U.S. citizen.</p> <p>Additionally, any U.S. company that participates in Embryonic Stem Cell research abroad should be required to disclose this on every product they produce so that the citizens may opt not to purchase their products. I KNOW AS A NURSE AND CHRISTIAN THIS IS NOT RIGHT.</p> <p>Most Respectfully,</p>

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42389		5/23/2009 4:05:06 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>
42390		5/23/2009 4:05:08 PM	<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. Thank you.</p>
42391		5/23/2009 4:06:02 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>

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42392		5/23/2009 4:07:20 PM	<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 must 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 research area and to update these guidelines as the research progresses. Thank you.</p>
42393		5/23/2009 4:07:53 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.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and effective in treating patients.</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>
42394		5/23/2009 4:11:05 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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42395		5/23/2009 4:11:20 PM	<p>The use of human embryonic stem cells derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization should be prohibited on both scientific and ethical grounds. Embryonic stem cell research has been shown to be a total failure and in fact demonstrates that it actually creates deformed and defective therapies while adult stem cells are the only hopeful signs scientifically to justify the development of effective therapy. Embryonic stem cell research is ethically unjustifiable because it destroys the life of a Human Embryo. In vitro fertilization (IVF) reproduces human life. The only result of (IVF) is to reproduce human life and once accomplished that human life morally and ethically is entitled to the the Right to Life.</p>
42396		5/23/2009 4:11:54 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>
42397		5/23/2009 4:13:21 PM	<p>Please stop this crazy pro death operation you people in the Democratic Party are trying to enact with the ESCr.</p>
42398		5/23/2009 4:14:53 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 and no taxpayer money should be allocated to these practices.</p>

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42399		5/23/2009 4:15:40 PM	<p>We are poosed to the entirety of your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force us, as taxpayers, to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human embryo life. Our taxes should be use to support all forms of adult stem cell research, which have yielded effective treatments for illnesses, accidents and disease (you already KNOW this is true).</p> <p>You are the NIH- National Institute of Health...NOT the NID..National Institue of death (in the case of destroying human embryos for the sake of "scientific advance")!</p> <p>In NO case should government directives be extended to human cloning or the morally wrong creation of human embryos for research purposes. Never before has the presidency had so much power as to jerk around the NIH to his own agenda.</p>
42400		5/23/2009 4:16:02 PM	<p>Embryos are human beings please don't destroy them for experiments. Put our valuable dollars into adult stem cell research which has a proven success record. Please stop wasting our money and destroying human life. Please respect life</p>
42401	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:16:34 PM	<p>We are definitely opposed to any research using any of the embryonic stem cells left over from IVF. It is unfortunate that these stem cells exist. These stem cells should not be destroyed, as they contain everything necessary to form human life. Continue to use the adult stem cells and stem cells obtained from placental blood, which have proven success.</p>
42402	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:18:19 PM	<p>We strongly oppose the expanded use of embryonic stem cells for research.</p> <p>The Federal Government should have no part in funding embryonic stem cell research because human embryos are human beings at the beginning of their lives as attested by the science of embryology according to every human embryologist. So to kill them is homicide. We do support funding of adult stem cell research,of which there are now 73 successful therapies as opposed to zero embryonic ones. We support cord blood,uncilical cord, placenta,amniotic fluid therapies all of which show great promise and the recent iPSC research. To fund ESC research is not only unethical but a tremendous waste of taxpayers scarce resources. It makes absolutely no sense!</p>
42403		5/23/2009 4:19:50 PM	<p>I oppose the possibility that taxpayers will be required to fund embryonic stem cell research. If our country was founded on the principle that all humans are created equal, what right does anyone have to destroy life, especially unborn innocent life. Any argument to defend such action is further weakened by the existence of the effective alternative of adult stem cell research.</p>
42404		5/23/2009 4:21:26 PM	<p>Parents do not own their children. They bear primary responsibility for their welfare. God made us all equal and endowed us all with rights, which governments may violate but can never take away.</p> <p>No parent has a right to give consent to harm their child that good may come of it.</p> <p>We oppose the Draft NIH Stem Cell Guidelines insofar as they fail to respect the humanity and the human rights of the embryonic human.</p>

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42406		5/23/2009 4:22:39 PM	<p>Do not use tax money to destroy human life (in the form of an unborn human embryo) in order to do any kind of research.</p>
42407		5/23/2009 4:22:51 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>
42408		5/23/2009 4:23:05 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>I repeat: my tax money should not be spent on something I find reprehensible ie., the destruction of human life.</p> <p>Please vote against this travesty. America was founded on LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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42409		5/23/2009 4:23:17 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>
42410		5/23/2009 4:23:34 PM	<p>While I am all in favor of stem cell research, I do not believe this is a legitimate use of taxpayers' dollars. This is better left to the private sector. Thank you.</p>
42411		5/23/2009 4:24:16 PM	<p>I oppose the use of embryonic stem cell for research and any money from America citizens for such purpose as well.</p> <p>Embryos are "little ones" - little human beings - how we all started.</p>
42412		5/23/2009 4:25:29 PM	<p>I believe that the draft is done correctly and I agree with allowing these invitro embryos to be used for research under these guide lines and the partiesd involved in credeating these embryos agree to donate them.</p>
42413	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:26:15 PM	<p>Dear Senators and NIH (National Institutes of Health)</p> <p>Please do not use my tax dollars for any Embryonic Stem Cell Research. I believe this research is immoral and completely unfruitful. Please use Adult Stem Cells for your studies, which hurt no one, are morally acceptable to everyone and don't have rejection problems. Also, I believe it is terribly wrong to create new embryos using IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) for experiments on human life. Please do not pursue these things or vote for such legislation.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>

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42414	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:27:25 PM	<p>I am a member of the Center for Inquiry, a non-profit organization devoted to promoting science and reason as the basis of public policy. I am also a Type-1 diabetic. I have read the NIH guidelines for federal funding of stem cell research and urge the NIH to promote the widest range possible of research in this field because of its potential for improving health and curing diseases.</p> <p>Your present guidelines are admirable in expanding the number of embryonic stem cell lines eligible for federal funding and maintaining research using adult stem cells. At a minimum, these guidelines should be maintained, especially because a large majority of Americans polled report that they support federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The present guidelines, however, do not go far enough. I would like to see the guidelines expanded to allow federal funding of all avenues of stem cell research. Research on human embryonic stem cells, somatic cell nuclear transfer and adult stem cells needs to continue in parallel. All are part of a research effort that seeks to expand our knowledge of how cells function, what fails in the disease process, and how the first stages of human development occur. It is this combined knowledge that will ultimately generate safe and effective therapies. This research should be funded with federal money in order to promote the development of innovative and potentially lifesaving medical treatments as quickly as possible.</p> <p>While approving the present guidelines is an excellent first step, I urge you to continue to monitor developments in the field and update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p>
42415		5/23/2009 4:27:55 PM	<p>The use and/or destruction of human embryos in research is morally and ethically unacceptable. Human embryos are human life and should not be destroyed. A little boy in my church was once one of those "discarded embryos" spoken of in the current proposal presented by President Obama. His embryo could have very easily been destroyed in the name of "responsible research" had President Obama's proposed policy been in place. However, thankfully, his embryo was not sacrificed for research. A family adopted his embryo and carried him to term. He is now a happy, healthy, little boy. One has to wonder why, if these embryos can be adopted, anyone could consider them medical waste or a medical by-product. NIH and the Federal Government must retain the policies established by the Bush Administration. President Obama's policy should NOT be implemented.</p>

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42416		5/23/2009 4:29:03 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>
42417		5/23/2009 4:29:57 PM	<p>It is not my responsibility to pay for this research - NOT WITH MY TAX MONEY. I am a citizen, who should be allowed to SELECT who I choose to support. My pay has been CUT, my property taxes INCREASED (appeals do no good on appraisals), my tax burden INCREASED, my health insurance INCREASED (with more out of pocket).</p>
42418		5/23/2009 4:30:03 PM	<p>In reference to embryonic stem cell research, I would like to remind you that adult stem cell research has been the successful approach, resulting in quite a few most promising treatments, and does not carry with it the ethical concerns that destroying embryos does, or, further down the road, creating embryos simply for resarech purposes, and allowing them to grow to increasing later stages in the name of cures. Sure, science can deal with endless possibilities, but ethical concerns must put rightful boundaries around those possibilities. We cannot look just at what happens today, but what can happen when we don't pay attention to tomorrow.</p>

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42419		5/23/2009 4:30:21 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I am not a medical scientist, but I am a member of the Alzheimer's & Parkinson's community and have been following progress in these 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>
42420		5/23/2009 4:30:28 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>
42421		5/23/2009 4:31:51 PM	<p>Please do not allow funding for human embryonic stem cell research or give permission to carry out this research. It is absolutely unnecessary with the new ability to reprogram adult stem cells. Furthermore, it destroys innocent human life in the process. I, though having multiple chronic medical conditions, would never want to destroy another human being for my own personal gain. That is not far from what the Nazi's encouraged. I would like to care for my fellow human beings more lovingly than we care for the Florida panther, the sea turtle, blue whales or bald eagle. Please protect the human race from barbaric policy making. Even Germany has enacted more meaningful protections to its youngest and weakest human beings.</p>
42422	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:33:17 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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42423		5/23/2009 4:33:28 PM	<p>Why are my tax dollars to be spent to experiment with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human beings, instead of being used to build on the the successful research of adult stem cells, which hurt no one?</p> <p>The NIH should be preventing embryos from destruction, not leading to their death for no good cause. Adult stem-cell research has already provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans, without taking a life to help a life.</p>
42424	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:38:03 PM	<p>Please be aware, sir, that the ONLY true success in stem cell research has occurred with ADULT stem cells, and umbilical cord and placental stem cells, not embryonic stem cells. Adult, placental, and umbilical cord stems cells are all producing extremely positive results . The achievements embryonic researchers hope to achieve have ALREADY been accomplished with adult stem cells. Examples of these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adult stem cell surgery repairs spinal cord injury-patient is WALKING - patient grows a complete new trachea using her own ADULT stem cells - 7 yr old girl grows skull bone from adult stem cells from fat - new bone grown from adult bone marrow stem cells - multiple sclerosis, lupus and systemic sclerosis successfully treated - ***** receives a new functional bladder from her own adult cells <p>The results that have already been achieved through the use of viable stem cells, i.e., adult, placental and umbilical cord, are truly amazing. There is absolutely no purpose in destroying embryos just for their stem cells when use of other sources of stem cells—where no life is destroyed—have already proven so incredibly beneficial. Embryonic stem cell research destroys human life. These frozen embryos could be implanted for adoption by parents who want them. They must not be “targeted for disposal.” They are human beings!</p>
42425		5/23/2009 4:38:59 PM	<p>Please for the sake of mankind, stop trying to play God. All life is precious in His eyes and in mine too!</p>
42426		5/23/2009 4:41:12 PM	<p>I am staunchly opposed to any stem cell research which utilizes embryonic stem cells, given the moral dilemma before a Creator God and given the enormous proven potential, largely untapped, of adult stem cells. As a taxpayer, I object in the strongest possible terms to any tax money being used to fund the ending of human life (i.e., abortion, embryonic stem cell research, and euthanasia) outside of 'just war' and capital punishment conducted to administer justice and protect innocent people.</p>
42427		5/23/2009 4:41:54 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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42428		5/23/2009 4:42:25 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>
42429		5/23/2009 4:42:37 PM	<p>Think about this..those of you who are alive and breathing today, have you thanked your mothers for not having aborted you. What is your life worth? How many of you would say "it's worth a lot? Think about the millions of abortions that are taking place today as I am sending you this message. Why don't you ask them? Oh! that's right, they cannot answer you because they have no voice, they have been eliminated from this earth. I'll bet you my life that if you could bring them all back to life and ask them, "do you want to live? How many of them do you think would say "NO" ???</p> <p>"LIFE IS A GIFT FROM GOD" AND WHO ARE YOU TO DENY THAT GIFT?</p> <p>Think hard and put yourself in their bodies and give them every available means to survive. Respectfully,</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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42430		5/23/2009 4:43:07 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>
42431		5/23/2009 4:43:57 PM	<p>I am against taking a life to try to save one.</p>
42432		5/23/2009 4:44:23 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>
42433		5/23/2009 4:44:27 PM	<p>I request that the National Institutes of Health please rescind the guideline which proposes the use of federal funds for stem cell research. a method which requires the destruction of live human embryos. It is especially troubling that some supporters of this research are urging the NIH to endorse an even broader policy, which encourages 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 desire my tax dollars 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 patients who are suffering with a multitude of conditions.</p>

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42434		5/23/2009 4:44:47 PM	Please protect human embryos from destruction. Instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.
42435		5/23/2009 4:44:48 PM	I ask that you protect human embryos from destruction, and instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.
42436		5/23/2009 4:44:55 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>
42437		5/23/2009 4:45:14 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 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>
42438	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:45:46 PM	<p>Putting more taxpayer monies into research that has not been successful to date is an act of irresponsibility. The research companies will profit from any success and should be paid for by them not the citizens. There are too many individuals today with their hands in our tax monies and we don't need profit making companies collecting citizen tax money too aid them in their business.</p> <p>We need to continue with proven research where no unborn babies need to be killed.</p>
42439		5/23/2009 4:47:00 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>

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42440		5/23/2009 4:47:38 PM	<p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>
42441		5/23/2009 4:47:50 PM	<p>Since adult stem cells are proving to help patients why not continue to put our resources towards that and not to embryonic stem cells which means death for a baby? I am against the killing of babies for such research.</p>
42442		5/23/2009 4:47:55 PM	<p>Using embryonic stem cells for research is against the law of God. Also, there are no cures from them. Only adult stem cells will work. Anyone with any morals and intelligence ought to be able to figure this out!</p>
42443		5/23/2009 4:47:57 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>
42444		5/23/2009 4:47:59 PM	<p>I oppose the use of my tax dollars for embryonic stem cell research. I encourage research using adult stem cells.</p>
42445		5/23/2009 4:48:07 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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42446		5/23/2009 4:48:18 PM	<p>The funding should be directed toward adult stem cell research instead, since it is much more promising. There is also no controversy involved because the person donating the material used for research can consent. When the choice is available, why should the U.S. spend time and money on the alternative that is less apt to produce the very cure for which people are hoping?</p> <p>The section below must stay as is. A parent must have the opportunity to change their mind, especially as new information becomes available or they understand more fully the life that is in an embryo.</p> <p>Section II.B 5 Donor(s) were informed that they retained the right to withdraw consent until the embryos were actually used for research.</p> <p>The section below should be changed so that the attending physician and the researcher ARE NOT the same person, and the attending physician has no monetary, political or other potential benefit from the transaction.</p> <p>6. Decisions related to the creation of human embryos for reproductive purposes were made free from the influence of researchers proposing to derive or utilize human embryonic stem cells in research. Whenever it was practicable, the attending physician responsible for reproductive clinical care and the researcher deriving and/or proposing to utilize human embryonic stem cells should not have been the same person.</p>
42447		5/23/2009 4:48:38 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>
42448		5/23/2009 4:48:52 PM	<p>The NIH's guidelines are objectionable because they:</p> <p>completely disregard the fact that embryonic stem cell research is old technology, yields tumors and has yet to produce ANY success</p> <p>go beyond forcing taxpayers to fund the destruction of human for dubious research</p> <p>divert funds from promising adult stem cell research, currently SUCCESSFULLY treating over 100 diseases/conditions</p> <p>create a financial incentive for creating more human embryos so they can be destroyed to harvest embryonic stem cells</p> <p>MIGHT lead Obama to sign a bill which will permit fetal farming; the use of human cloning to create embryos destined for destruction for research</p>

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42449	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:48:54 PM	<p>Adult stem cell research is providing promise of far more benefit for a number of illnesses/conditions than embryonic stem cell research. Also, a person receiving his/her own stem cells does not experience the possibility of rejection/problems as he/she would with stem cells from an embryo. Many millions of us feel that the taking of life under the guise of helping another is immoral, and we strongly object to this practice. We implore you to direct the money available for this research toward a more beneficial, moral endeavor. ***** is a Parkinson's patient who would never submit to embryonic stem cell therapy. It is simply wrong.</p>
42450		5/23/2009 4:49:08 PM	<p>I am deeply concerned and angry that you would waste my taxpayer dollars on the destruction of innocent life. As an RN, I understand the medical field and the need to progress in the name of science and for the benefit of mankind. Unfortunately, you are headed down the wrong path, a path that leads only to failure and to the detriment of mankind. I beg you to stop this evil madness.</p>
42451		5/23/2009 4:49:29 PM	<p>I am totally opposed to using embryonic stem cells for the treatment of any disease. I was diagnosed with cancer 3 1/2 years ago and I would NEVER submit to using embryonic stem cells for the treatment of this disease or any other disease that I may be diagnosed with. Embryonic stem cells have been shown to have many side effects of their own so I support using adult stem cells or stem cells taken from the umbilical cord.</p>
42452		5/23/2009 4:50:27 PM	<p>NIH,</p> <p>I strongly disagree with taxpayer money being used for embryonic stem cell (esc)research as well as taxpayer monies being used to support abortions whether here in the U.S. or overseas. It's been proven that esc has not been beneficial as well it destroys human cells. As you pointed out the research is not ethically responsible, scientifically responsible or lawful. To continue to destroy human life is against God's law. It takes a deprived mind to approve or initiate approval of destroying human life.</p>
42453		5/23/2009 4:50:56 PM	<p>The medical community has already had significant success using adult stem cells in the treatment of various ailments, and the successes continue to grow. There are no known advantages in using embryonic stem cells -- only the grave possibility of increased moral depravity in harvesting the cells of those embryos.</p>

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42454		5/23/2009 4:51:01 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>-There have been no successful treatments using embryonic stem cells. However, there are at least 73 known diseases that have been successfully treated with adult stem cells. Why should taxpayer money be used to fund embryonic stem cell research when there is really no need for it?</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>-In summary, embryonic stem cell research is unethical and has been shown to be unsuccessful, and taxpayer money should not be used for it. Funding should instead be directed to adult stem cell research which is ethical and has been shown to be successful.</p>
42455		5/23/2009 4:51:04 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cells have NOT been anywhere near as successful as procedures done with adult stem cells! PLEASE put money where it will do the most good and give the success we're looking for - Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injuries, diabetes, and many more - we've ALREADY seen!</p>
42456	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:53:01 PM	<p>Pl. read story of *****, a semi-pro football player. The Loyola Blood and Marrow Transplant Program developed a treatment plan for his rare blood cancer and is a survivor. Nothing else worked except a cord blood transplant.</p> <p>So please let the babies live and use their umbilical cords for treatments. Pl. respect their lives as we would like our lives to be respected by other humans.</p> <p>For more info., call ***-***-**** and ask for the CAN-Help Cancer Info. Services. Respectfully,</p>
42457	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:53:19 PM	<p>I am in favor of funding and development of stem cell research, under the old guidelines, or under new legal guidelines.</p>
42458		5/23/2009 4:53:37 PM	<p>WHY??????? Why are we throwing money on a place that has not proven to be viable??? The adult stem cell is already being used for this purpose!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>
42459		5/23/2009 4:53:50 PM	<p>It seems to us that it only makes sense to use other sources of stem cells to help in the cure for diseases like Parkinson's than destroy human embryos. As even Dr. Oz has confirmed, these are the stem cells that are going to be used to find the cure.</p> <p>We hope and pray that you consider these other forms of stem cells and stop using our money to destroy the embryos. Thank you</p>

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42460		5/23/2009 4:54:21 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>
42461		5/23/2009 4:54:34 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>
42462		5/23/2009 4:54:56 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>
42463		5/23/2009 4:55:02 PM	<p>I am requesting that NIH concentrate their research on Adult Stem Cells, where there has been many studies showing their benefit in treating disease. There has been no success with Embryonic Stem Cells.</p>
42464	Redacted	5/23/2009 4:58:01 PM	<p>I have ms and can no longer walk. I am in a wheelchair most of the time. I am all for stem cell treatments. Any thing that will help me and others with ms and similar diseases.</p>

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42465	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:01:03 PM	<p>Unfortunately, I dont have the time to write an original email, but I fully support CFIs position on this matter.</p> <p>I am a member of the Center for Inquiry, a non-profit organization devoted to promoting science and reason as the basis of public policy. I have read the NIH guidelines for federal funding of stem cell research and urge the NIH to promote the widest range possible of research in this field because of its potential for improving health and curing diseases.</p> <p>Your present guidelines are admirable in expanding the number of embryonic stem cell lines eligible for federal funding and maintaining research using adult stem cells. At a minimum, these guidelines should be maintained, especially because a large majority of Americans polled report that they support federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The present guidelines, however, do not go far enough. I would like to see the guidelines expanded to allow federal funding of all avenues of stem cell research. Research on human embryonic stem cells, somatic cell nuclear transfer and adult stem cells needs to continue in parallel. All are part of a research effort that seeks to expand our knowledge of how cells function, what fails in the disease process, and how the first stages of human development occur. It is this combined knowledge that will ultimately generate safe and effective therapies. This research should be funded with federal money in order to promote the development of innovative and potentially lifesaving medical treatments as quickly as possible.</p> <p>While approving the present guidelines is an excellent first step, I urge you to continue to monitor developments in the field and update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention. *****</p>
42466		5/23/2009 5:01:17 PM	<p>Unfortunately, I dont have the time to write an original email, but I fully support CFIs position on this matter.</p> <p>We oppose the use of our tax dollars to fund embryonic stem cell experientation when the use of adult stem cells is a proven approach. Needed funds will be taken from the proven method to fund the experientation of embryonic stem cells to cure diseases. NIH human stem cell guidelines need to focus on the techniques that work, not those which are not.</p>
42467		5/23/2009 5:03:06 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>
42468		5/23/2009 5:03:24 PM	<p>I have a friend who was treated with adult stem cell transplant therapy for multiple myeloma. His treatment was successful, and has been repeated by others countless times. I am concerned that tax money would be diverted from researching additional uses of a successful, proven therapy, to be used for to research a type of therapy that so far has been proven fruitless, as well as morally questionable. Please reconsider the diversion of these Federal taxpayer funds from adult stem cell research to embryonic stem cell research.</p>

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42469	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:04:49 PM	Human stem cell research will take our world into the next century. *****>
42470	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:06:37 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>
42471	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:07:53 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.
42472	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:07:55 PM	I oppose the opening of any more lines of stem cells for research and experimentation. The available lines are quite adequate and the scientific results are being obtained with adult cells, not embryos. The current Administration's view of the embryo cells it proposes using speaks volumes for its disregard of human life in practical terms. Obviously, embryos don't vote so they receive no protection while those who practice abominations do and receive acceptance and justification.
42473	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:07:57 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 the human embryos for research purposes.
42474	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:08:04 PM	I do not want my tax dollars to fund research that uses stem cells derived from human embryos resulting in their death. The killing of one class of humans to benefit another class of humans is profoundly immoral. Instead, direct research toward adult and cord blood stem cells, which is ethical and has proven to be successful.
42475	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:08:36 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 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 case under which government funding should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Adult stem cells have been proven effective in treating and curing patients. Embryo-destructive stem cell research has been shown to be ineffective and dangerous, causing tumors and rejection problems. Adult stem cells are ethical, non-controversial, and most importantly effective. We have no reason to destroy human life in the name of medicine.</p> <p>Please close the loophole that may allow future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. Science must not rule without ethics.</p>

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42476		5/23/2009 5:09:18 PM	<p>I am writing to comment on the Draft NIH Stem Cell Guidelines, as announced in the 4/23/09 Federal Register Notice. It is my understanding that the Dickey-Wicker Amendment bans NIH funding for certain embryonic stem cells. I hope this ban will be closely followed.</p> <p>It is also my understanding that there have been many more promising advances and far fewer problems using adult stem cells or cord-blood stem cells than from the use of embryonic stem cells. I certainly hope you will take this into account as you seek to establish guidelines to implement the President's Executive Order 13505. The taking of a potential life cannot be acceptable when other more viable alternatives are available.</p>

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42477	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:10:34 PM	<p>Dr. Kington:</p> <p>I write in opposition to the Draft Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research. The draft guidelines are poorly researched and ill conceived.</p> <p>Poorly Researched</p> <p>The draft guidelines are based on false premises. For example, the summary to the draft guidelines states that "studies of human embryonic stem cells may yield information about the complex events that occur during human development... A better understanding ... of these processes could provide information about how such diseases arise and suggest new strategies for therapy." As Acting Director of the NIH, one of your roles is to advise policy makers. You now have a duty to conduct independent analysis of such claims as the preamble makes and advise the President and Congress that which you and I know already: after two decades of privately funded human embryonic stem cell research, not one "new strategy for therapy" has been developed. Nor is any likely to be developed, with or without taxpayer dollars. Meanwhile, new strategies for therapy have been developed from adult stem cell and umbilical cord -sourced stem cell research and these are presently providing real time treatment to real time patients.</p> <p>Dr. Jerome Lejuene, the researcher who discovered the chromosomal basis of trisomy 21, or Down's Syndrome, without the kind of research contemplated in the draft guidelines, was adamantly opposed to killing human embryos to extract their stem cells. Simply put, funding such research with tax dollars is not necessary.</p> <p>The NIH also failed to properly analyze the real world practices of fertility clinics and their linked researchers. For example, Section II.B.7 states that the "following information, ..., was in the written consent form for donation and discussed with potential donor(s) in the informed consent process." I emphasize the word "discussed." How will NIH enforce this vague requirement? You cannot possibly believe that fertility clinics, who will be paid money by other taxpayer-funded researchers to obtain donations of human embryos (a kind of traffic in human slaves), are going to spend adequate time with potential donor(s) - in reality, the embryo is the donor of the stem cells; the parents are merely abusing their parental rights by consenting to the death and destruction of their child -"discussing" the philosophical, moral, ethical, and practical issues raised by this evil development in medical research.</p> <p>Ill Conceived</p> <p>The draft guidelines are merely another step confirming the utilitarian philosophy that has taken hold of the medical research field for decades. For example, the draft guidelines suggest that tax dollars may be used for human embryonic stem cell research if certain documentation is assured. Specifically, Section II.B.7.d. states that the written informed consent must contain information about what would happen to the human embryos in the derivation process. You and I know that the human embryos are killed. You and I know that the derivation process simply treats these humans no better than lab mice. Will this type of information be presented to the donor(s) under these draft guidelines? No, it will not.</p> <p>This lack of information means that individual donor(s) will be misled into violating the fundamental moral principle of these United States of America. Here is what I wrote, in part, to President George W. Bush on July 3, 2001 in opposition to his opening the door to taxpayer-funded embryonic stem cell research:</p> <p>"What is a man? From 1776 to 1868, federal courts did not consider a Black man to be a man. This was remedied by the fourteenth amendment. The drafters of the 14th Amendment, however, had an even higher principle in mind than</p>

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42477		5/23/2009 5:10:34 PM	<p>extending constitutional protections to former slaves when they wrote that "nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Rep. John A. Bingham, drafter of section one of the amendment, declared that its provision applied to "any human being." He said that it would protect the rights of "common humanity." Senator Jacob M. Howard, a sponsor of the amendment, intended for it to apply to any member of the human "race."</p> <p>Most of the embryos used for experimentation reportedly come from "specimens" left over from fertility clinics. However, let us not forget that a large number also come from abortion clinics. Regardless, each embryo is a human being. Each is a member of the human race. (No rational person denies these two propositions.) Our Declaration of Independence does not say that all men are created equal, except those created in fertility clinics. Or except those created in wombs of women who forgot that one of the purposes of sexual intercourse is to create another human being. It brooks no exceptions.</p> <p>Moreover, Thomas Jefferson spelled out that governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, to secure certain unalienable rights, the Right to Life being the first mentioned. Embryos, whether created in a woman's womb or in a clinical lab, are endowed with a Right to Life that government must secure."</p> <p>Dr. Kington, if you are a patriot, you will not approve these draft guidelines and instead you will condemn any appropriation of taxpayer dollars for the destruction of human beings for research and profit. And you will condemn any appropriation of taxpayer dollars that are used to give incentive to others to destroy human beings for research and profit, such as these draft guidelines do.</p> <p>As a taxpayer, I have many other objections to the draft guidelines, but the above captures the essence of my opposition. First, they create a financial incentive to unnaturally create more human embryos destined for death and destruction. Second, they create no enforcement mechanism other than vague and cursory requirement for "documentation." (Any lawyer and researcher worth his salt knows that "documentation" can be manipulated - the draft guidelines are based on an unwarranted trust of fertility clinics and researchers who by their very participation in this field suggest they cannot be trusted to act in an ethical and moral manner).</p> <p>Thank you for considering my opposition to the draft guidelines for human stem cell research. I look forward to a day when the U.S. government promotes life rather than death.</p> <p>Yours for Life,</p>
42478	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:11:28 PM	<p>I am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to fund research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Support should be directed to adult stem cell research and treatments that harm no one and are already producing good results. Government should NEVER support human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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42479		5/23/2009 5:11:54 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>
42480	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:12:58 PM	<p>The ease of accessibility, the proven profitability, and the successful track record of utilizing Adult Stem Cells as opposed to Embryonic Stem Cells is sufficient argument for choosing the former rather than the later as the only authorized source research. In addition, research into and utilization of Adult Stem Cells does no harm, which should be a compelling argument for any medical researcher who adheres to the Hippocratic Oath. Whereas, research into and use of Embryonic Stem Cells destroys what for many is a human life. That alone should forbid government sanction and funding of Embryonic Stem Cell research. The inconvenience of continuing to preserve Embryonic Stem Cells, that should never have been produced in the first place, should not even be a consideration. The profit motive should be excluded from a question of such importance. While sincere people on both sides of this issue might disagree as to whether the Embryo is a human being, deserving of the full protections of the law given to all human beings, our very disagreement should impel us to err on the side of caution and life.</p>
42481		5/23/2009 5:13:11 PM	<p>Taxpayer money should not be used that goes against a Christian's belief regarding pro life-I oppose your draft 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. These have already been proven. There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes. It is immoral in my eyes</p> <p>What about the tumors and rejection issues that have already presented in embryo destructive experiences. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. Pursue this... We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life when we have other options that do not destroy human life. Why is it okay for our government to place more value on the rights of detainees of Guantanamo Bay than the life of our own citizens...our own unborn children, our own law abiding citizens</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. Morality must be preserved.</p>

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42482		5/23/2009 5:13:18 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 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>
42483		5/23/2009 5:14:02 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>
42484		5/23/2009 5:14:06 PM	<p>I am vehemently opposed to the new embryonic stem cell research.</p>
42485		5/23/2009 5:15:25 PM	<p>It is a known fact that the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells.</p> <p>Thousands have had health improved and lives saved with adult stem cells.</p> <p>I oppose more federal funds for human embryonic stem cell experiments which will delay cures.</p>

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42486	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:15:37 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>
42487		5/23/2009 5:17:06 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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42488		5/23/2009 5:17:13 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42489		5/23/2009 5:17:25 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>
42490		5/23/2009 5:17:34 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42491		5/23/2009 5:17:57 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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42493		5/23/2009 5:22:00 PM	<p>Please protect human life at every stage of development. As an expectant mother I knew the life inside me was real and already had rights of personhood separate from my own. Set you policy to reflect the will of the people and stop embryonic stem cell research. Instead use funds and opportunities to further research and CURES using adult stem cells. Don't throw these peoples' lives away no matter how small they are!</p>
42494		5/23/2009 5:22:25 PM	<p>Dear Dr. Kington and Stem Cell Guidelines Committee:</p> <p>I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo and oocyte donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>I also urge the NIH to develop a registry or data-base of NIH-approved stem cell lines. This registry would save tax payer dollars by eliminating the need for each research institution to conduct its own reviews of stem cell lines.</p> <p>Finally, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis and nuclear transfer as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation</p>
42495		5/23/2009 5:23:40 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>

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42496		5/23/2009 5:24:55 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>
42497		5/23/2009 5:24:57 PM	<p>It is a known fact that the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells.</p> <p>Thousands have had health improved and lives saved with adult stem cells.</p> <p>I oppose more federal funds for human embryonic stem cell experiments which will delay cures.</p>
42498	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:25:03 PM	<p>I support the position of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) to improve the new federal stem cell research funding guidelines.</p> <p>This is extremely important to me as I have a spinal cord injury from a car accident nearly 16 years ago. My spinal cord injury left me paralyzed from the chest down, a quadriplegic. The spinal cord injury also causes severe nerve pain (hot and cold burning pain with needles) from my chest down to my feet and that is not diminished by any type of pain medication, which is currently the only option to cure nerve pain. Stem cell research working on finding a cure for spinal cord injuries, chronic pain, and other related debilitating disorders and diseases is extremely important to me on a personal level and on a human level.</p> <p>Please make sure these new guidelines are 100% accurate so there may be no more political delays. I have already been suffering for 16 years, must I continue to suffer another 16 or more years. I am only 38 years old and would love to be able to live a better quality of life for the next 30 plus years and to be able to help care for my children with use of my hands and to walk and play with them as every mother should be able to do with their child.</p> <p>Thank you, Sincerely, ***** (C 4-5 incomplete spinal cord injury for past 16 years, mother of two children, daughter of a wonderful mother who suffers from type 2 diabetes that could be cured with the help of stem cell research, and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist who is out working in my community despite my disability and severe pain)</p>

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42499		5/23/2009 5:25:42 PM	<p>Please thoughtfully consider the article entitled, "The potential of umbilical cord blood multipotent stem cells for nonhematopoietic tissue and cell regeneration", van de Ven, C et al. "Experimental Hematology", 2007 Dec;35(12):1753-65. The article summarizes the studies examining the uses of umbilical stem cells for therapeutic application including tissue and cell regeneration.</p> <p>With the annual global birth rate of over 100 million/year, umbilical cord blood is a large underutilized stem cell source with many innate advantages including a primitive ontogeny that have not been exposed to immunologic challenge, a higher frequency of transplantable stem cells with higher proliferative potential and the ability to carefully control the growth and differentiation of the cells which provides an added safety feature not easily achieved with embryonic stem cells.</p> <p>In short while embryonic stem cells are limited and present significant practical and moral/ethical problems, umbilical cord blood cells can provide a vast supply of cells capable of achieving the goals of providing cells for tissue replacement and repair.</p> <p>Please consider funding research that has a higher potential for effective healing without moral and ethical problems.</p>
42500		5/23/2009 5:28:45 PM	<p>We are writing to oppose our tax dollars funding embryonic stem cells for medical research or treatment.</p>
42501	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:28:57 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 family members with Type I diabetes. 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>
42502		5/23/2009 5:30:08 PM	<p>On The Draft of NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines, I do not want my taxpayer money going for it.</p>

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42503		5/23/2009 5:31:06 PM	<p>I am writing to comment on the guidelines being developed by NIH for Human Stem Cell Research related to Executive Order 13505 issued March 9, 2009, which allows funding for embryonic stem cells. These guidelines devote our tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>
42504		5/23/2009 5:31:07 PM	<p>On Sunday, March 1, 2009, researchers from Britain and Canada found a safer way transform ordinary skin cells into powerful stem cells in a move that could eventually remove the need to use human embryos.</p> <p>It is the first time that scientists have turned skin cells into induced pluripotent stem cells or iPS cells -- which look and act like embryonic stem cells -- without having to use viruses in the process.</p> <p>The researchers harnessed a little piece of DNA called a transposon -- sometimes known as a "jumping gene" because of its ability to move around inside the genetic code -- to carry four genes.</p> <p>The version used is dubbed "piggyBac" and has been used by researchers to genetically modify a range of organisms.</p> <p>I encourage you to please oppose the use of tax dollars for unethical and clinically dubious experiments that require the destruction of human embryos.</p> <p>These experiments endanger women's health and will likely delay therapies by diverting resources from other well-proven stem cell research.</p> <p>I urge the United States Department of Health and Human Services to keep cures on the fast track while maintaining the highest ethical standards.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
42505		5/23/2009 5:31:27 PM	<p>So much has been done with adult stem cells, that we no longer need to look for cures and treatments from embryos. As a taxpayer, I resent my tax dollars being used to destroy little pre-born babies. There is no private funding available for embryonic stem cell research because the treatments they've devised are dangerous to human life and they don't work. That's why they want federal funds. DON'T DO IT! The next thing we know, they'll be cloning with federal funds...they're already trying to with private funds. Please stop this!</p>

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42506		5/23/2009 5:33:00 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>
42507	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:34:48 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> <p>I am confident that the capable scientists and researchers at NIH can find ethical means to solve the medical problems facing many in the United States and the world, and achieve the same ends as those sought by embryonic stem cell research through other means. I, along with other members of my family, have had the opportunity in recent years to participate in some of NIH's studies previously, and would prefer not to have to stop relations with NIH.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>

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42508	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:35:54 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>Respectfully yours,</p>
42509		5/23/2009 5:36:09 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>
42510		5/23/2009 5:37:43 PM	<p>Each human person has freedom. We all have reason which enables us to grasp the order behind things and act accordingly. The conceptus (formed by the union of a sperm and an egg) is a human being. He/She has the complete (46 chromosome) human genome. Left in the freedom of his/her natural course he/she develops to birth and further develops as infant, child, to adult. It is arbitrary without logical recourse to declare a human at any other point. Two weeks? Four months? Seven months? The lives of many millions are on our individual consciences.</p>
42511		5/23/2009 5:38:48 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>

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42512		5/23/2009 5:39:01 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>
42513		5/23/2009 5:39:23 PM	<p>A baby does not look like the adult who she or he will become. neither does the embryo or fetus, but they are still the same person, regardless of age. Please respect human life at all stages of development. Embryos are people who are just beginning to live!</p>
42514		5/23/2009 5:40:56 PM	<p>Both as a citizen and as a registered nurse, I am very discouraged by the current administration's choice to allocate tax dollars toward embryonic stem cell destruction which destroys human life and has failed to show significant usefulness rather than embrace adult stem cell research which has shown legitimate promise.</p>
42515		5/23/2009 5:41:12 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>
42516		5/23/2009 5:41:38 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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42517	Redacted	5/23/2009 5:41:47 PM	<p>Dear Sirs,</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 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>Thank you,</p>
42518		5/23/2009 5:44:31 PM	<p>Although I am morally against the destruction of human life in a weak attempt to save another, I write today as a taxpayer who stands against the use of my hard-earned dollars being put towards a non-proven, ineffective form of therapy.</p> <p>The government would like to have the public think this is an untapped resource but that is a lie! Much research has gone on in the private sector with a ZERO success rate. There haven't been any positive results to this destructive waste of my dollars.</p> <p>However, there have been many positive findings with adult stem cells.</p> <p>STOP wasting my money on a worthless cause!</p>
42519		5/23/2009 5:45:20 PM	<p>I am against embryonic stem cell research</p>
42520		5/23/2009 5:46:35 PM	<p>I support stem cell research because it has great potential for those who suffer brain injuries as I did. I have many friends who are paralyzed from the Brain Injury Group.</p> <p>My grandmother and her sister both died of Parkinson's disease. They may have had the hereditary version of it. People with brain injuries are more prone to get it. I do not want to die of Parkinson's disease simply because scientists here are kept from that research.</p> <p>Also, my dad had diabetes when he died from an eruption in his illeum. He had IBD. My sister has diabetes and my maternal grandfather had it. My maternal grandfather also had crohn's disease (a form of IBD). I have severe ulcerative colitis, another form of IBD. I get polyps. I do not want to die of cancer, diabetes or complications from IBD.</p>

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42521		5/23/2009 5:47:54 PM	<p>Noted researchers have said potential cures from embryonic stem cells are many years away, if indeed they even occur, unlike from adult and umbilical cord stem cells, which have already shown promising results in humans. Please do not use our money on questionable research that is ethically repugnant to many. I would support financing for stem cells obtained from adults and umbilical cords as a WISER use of taxpayer money.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
42522		5/23/2009 5:48:54 PM	<p>It's a travesty that our hard earned tax dollars will now go to experiments with embryonic stem cells, (those from human embryos that have been destroyed). If you simply look at the scientific research on this, the ONLY treatments and cures that have been a success have come from ADULT stem cells (those taken from fat tissue, umbilical cord blood, bone marrow, and other body tissues). Heart disease, cancer, juvenile diabetes, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and many other diseases and injuries have all been EFFECTIVELY treated with ADULT stem cells. The Draft NIH Stem Cell Guidelines are a wasteful way to spend our tax paying dollars and will only direct that money away from useful & productive ADULT stem cell cures!</p>
42523		5/23/2009 5:50:43 PM	<p>Please support stem cell research!</p>
42524		5/23/2009 5:50:48 PM	<p>Please do not use the proposed guidelines as the new policy for funding stem cell research!</p> <p>As a parent who has gone through in-vitro fertilization, I have strong feelings about embryonic stem cell research. I think that any policy that encourages embryos to be produced only to then be destroyed to obtain their embryonic stem cells is unethical. I believe that the proposed regulations will encourage just that.</p> <p>In addition, the guidelines do not require fully informed consent for the parents of the human embryos so that they understand all of their options.</p> <p>Finally, expanding funding to new human embryonic stem cell lines will divert federal funds away from promising research that is treating people now with non-embryonic stem cells and will also divert funds away from other sources of embryonic-like stem cells that have been generated without the use of human embryos.</p>
42525		5/23/2009 5:51:12 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes. By using my taxpayer dollars you are forcing me to be a part of a murderous act. I will pray for your soul and the soul of all those who will vote for this act.</p>
42526		5/23/2009 5:51:26 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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42527		5/23/2009 5:53:00 PM	Embryonic Stem Cells should not be created and/or destroyed for research. Adult Stem Cells have shown repeatedly that they provide the answer to treat many diseases and illnesses. Why spend huge amounts of money, research and time on something that does not produce good results and ignore what has been shown to give good results? Life is too sacred to be creating and destroying it.
42528		5/23/2009 5:53:29 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>
42529		5/23/2009 5:55:25 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>
42530		5/23/2009 5:55:47 PM	I am opposed to embryonic stem cell research which, so far, has proven disasterous. I am in full support of adult stem cell research which is proving to be successful and promises much hope for cures. I also support cord blood stem cell research which may be a better source for undesignated stem cells than embryonic stem cells and carries no moral baggage.
42531		5/23/2009 5:59:47 PM	Please be aware that any destruction of human embryos for the sake of science and/or for the cure of diseases is and will always be an immoral act. We must as a Nation defend human life in and out of the human womb. To support and indorse anything else is a direct violation angainst us as a people because it violates the Natural Law. Any funding of these destructive acts is comletly unacceptable.

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42532	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:00:20 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 an adult child who has Crohn's disease, as did his paternal grandmother. Also, my husband and I are participating in a study now being done by the ***** Institute in *****. Thus we have had personal reasons for following progress in this field with great interest. We understand 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 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.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p>
42533		5/23/2009 6:01:29 PM	<p>please do not use human baby stem cells for research...especially when we don't have to damage a new life to help a old life... we are so much more advanced in technology to preserve ALL LIFE.1</p>
42534	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:02:14 PM	<p>I am opposed to taxes being used to support research using embryonic stem cells and would like to see those dollars spent on adult stem cell research.</p> <p>I think this is a downward slide regarding the value of human life, which I believe begins at conception.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
42535		5/23/2009 6:02:41 PM	<p>Please use adult stem cells for research and not embryonic stem cells. The former have proved to be effective in treating diseases and the latter have not. Also, using embryonic stem cells mean the destruction of life.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
42536		5/23/2009 6:03:16 PM	<p>Embryonic Stem Cells have not given us any cures. Adult Stem Cells have helped many people. More important than the above facts, is the moral implication. I would not want to be healed by using the stem cells from a baby that was sacrificed. AND not only has Embryonic Stem Research not healed anyone, it has caused some bad effects in the recipient. I certainly wouldn't want tumors to be added to my problems. Thank you.</p>
42537		5/23/2009 6:04:45 PM	<p>I do not object to research involving stem-cells as long as the cells are collected during normal, live births. To say that stem-cells are available in this manner in overwhelmingly abundant supply is a gross understatement. Babies do not need to be aborted. Stem-cell research also should not be allowed to include human cloning, fertilization of eggs with the intent to terminate embryos or fetuses.</p> <p>Planned Parenthood should have no involvement as they have been shown to have no integrity and are biased because of a vested interest in favor of abortion.</p>

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42538		5/23/2009 6:05:47 PM	<p>Funding embryonic stem cell research with federal tax dollars is simply wrong based on ethical and financial considerations. Use of embryonic stem cells destroys human life. Creating human embryos to produce "spare parts" at the expense of ending the life of a most vulnerable human being devalues all human life. Embryonic stem cells have yet to produce a single cure for any human disease and funding this fruitless research from the federal budget is simply a waste of taxpayer dollars and makes no financial sense. A better choice both ethically and financially would be to fund adult stem cell research which has proven to be effective.</p>
42539		5/23/2009 6:07:55 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>
42540		5/23/2009 6:07:58 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>
42541		5/23/2009 6:09:01 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>

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42542		5/23/2009 6:10:25 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.
42543	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:11:27 PM	Please continue to research adult stem cells which have proven to be valuable in the healthcare of persons. Embryonic stem cells to date have not brought about a significant if any contribution. Greater than these reasons, we are playing with life. We have recently been told we are a nation of values, but what kind of values do we have when we are killing our yet to become babies. God help us to what we are becoming as a nation.
42544		5/23/2009 6:12:35 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>
42545		5/23/2009 6:12:48 PM	<p>We are opposed to the Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines.</p> <p>Where as adult stem cell research has a proven record in curing illnesses, this is where time, money and effort should be focused in stem cell research. Adult stem cell research saved the life of our nephew.</p> <p>We are against using tax dollars for the unproven and unethical distruction of human embroys for embryonic stem cell research. We are aware of no cures from this research ever.</p> <p>By nine months development the distruction of these former embryos at the birth of every human being would be classified as murder. Every human embryo must be given respect or soon life at any stage will be given no respect. Whether at the embryonic stage, baby, teenage or adult stage of life, a human being deserves to be treated with respect. Thus we oppose embryonic stem cell research.</p>

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42546		5/23/2009 6:15:19 PM	<p>I urge that these new guidelines not be implemented. There are multiple reasons to do so. First, the new guidelines imply that human embryos are valuable only when "needed" to satisfy an adult's wish, whether for a child or for research material. These embryos are fully alive, fully human American children, and are, needless to say, very vulnerable. It is not "ethically responsible" to treat them as commodities whose only value is to satisfy the perceived wants and needs of the fellow-citizens who should be upholding their rights.</p> <p>Second, embryonic stem-cell research has been shown to be ineffective. No successful treatment of any health problem using embryonic stem cells has ever been accomplished. Instead, these cells often cause additional problems related to rejection and difficult tumors. Adult stem cells, on the other hand, have been used to treat numerous diseases, and show a vastly lower incidence of these dangerous side effects. Why, then, do the new guidelines allocate significant funding to embryonic stem cell research, while adult stem cell research is merely "allowed," but not given any special aid? Surely research that has been shown to produce effective remedies for Americans in need of them is more "scientifically worthy" than research that has been shown to produce additional, dangerous problems. As an American citizen, I also find it more worthy of my tax dollars.</p> <p>Third, the new guidelines contain an important oversight. They fail to prohibit research that would experiment with such ventures as human clones and human-animal hybrids. Conducting such ventures would be degrading to the American people and to all people, and must be precluded. I am not alone in these views, and urge you to represent my fellow Americans and me by not codifying these guidelines into law.</p>
42547		5/23/2009 6:16:03 PM	<p>We are opposed to the Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines.</p> <p>Where as adult stem cell research has a proven record in curing illnesses, this is where time, money and effort should be focused in stem cell research. Adult stem cell research saved the life of our nephew.</p> <p>We are against using tax dollars for the unproven and unethical distruction of human embryos for embryonic stem cell research. We are aware of no cures from this research ever.</p> <p>By nine months development the distruction of these former embryos at the birth of every human being would be classified as murder. Every human embryo must be given respect or soon life at any stage will be given no respect. Whether at the embryonic stage, baby, teenage or adult stage of life, a human being deserves to be treated with respect. Thus we oppose embryonic stem cell research.</p>
42548		5/23/2009 6:16:27 PM	<p>I believe that stem cell research is important for the future of medicine. Past research has led to the discovery of induced pluripotent stems cells which could be a possible alternative which would not be found if the initial research had been inhibited. For this reason I believe that future research is important for the discovery of new medicine and the laws should be relaxed to allow this.</p>

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42549		5/23/2009 6:17:18 PM	<p>stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately cures other than "just hoping it will go away" that the previous administration insisted upon.</p>
42550		5/23/2009 6:19:12 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health should keep its guidelines proposing to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires using live human embryos. It is especially satisfying 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 marks the start of meaningful, useful science to treat and cure disease and injury.</p> <p>My tax dollars should most certainly be used to promote embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Support should also be directed to adult stem cell research, which is also ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions.</p> <p>Given the proper funding and support stem cell research including embryonic stem cells may one day cure the most terrible disorders affecting human kind. That is the pro life stance we should all be embracing.</p>
42551		5/23/2009 6:19:52 PM	<p>Please, no embryonic stem cell research! It's murdering innocent babies. Adult cells are proving to do miraculous things.</p>

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42552		5/23/2009 6:20:02 PM	<p>When President Barack Obama opened the door for more federal funding of destructive embryonic stem-cell research, he also directed the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to write guidelines for which type of research would be eligible for funding.</p> <p>These guidelines devote tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue and other body tissues.</p> <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> <p>Thank you!</p>
42553		5/23/2009 6:20:22 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>
42554		5/23/2009 6:20:39 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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42555		5/23/2009 6:20:40 PM	<p>To NIH-</p> <p>Regarding the Draft NIH Embryonic Stem Cell Guidelines, I want to express my beliefs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human Embryos should be respected as Human Life and NOT be experimented on - EXPERIMENTATION on VULNERABLE HUMAN LIFE IS EVIL AND IMMORAL 2. ADULT STEM CELL Research already has HELPED IN OVER 100 ILLNESSES/DISORDERS - USE THE MONEY FOR THIS ETHICAL RESEARCH 3. TO USE Human EMBRYOS for SPARE PARTS IS EVIL and IMMORAL 4. NO CURES HAVE COME ABOUT from using HUMAN EMBROYS - IT IS A WASTE OF MONEY 5. Science must be based on MORAL AND ETHICAL values - the most important of which is THE RIGHT TO LIFE.
42556	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:20:41 PM	<p>Adult stem cell research has been proven effective, whereas embryonic stem cell research has not. Stop wasting the taxpayers to satisfy the pro-abortion lobby.</p>
42557		5/23/2009 6:21:01 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>Additionally,the use of living human beings,albeit small,smacks of regimes carrying on similar research during the 1930's and 1940's! Regimes that should never again be imitated!!</p>
42558		5/23/2009 6:22:18 PM	<p>I have been interested in the progress of stem stell research for many years. I am not a scientist, but I have had a relative die of Parkinson's and a dear friend die of "Lou Gherig's Disease" I have seen the devastation these afflictions cause to the sufferer and especially to the families. I would hope that all obstacles to stem cell research be eliminated and that science be allowed to move forward. It is a disgrace to human progress that ideology be allowed to enter clear and rational decision making in the NIH. I strongly believe that the final draft guidelines of Sections B II & IV should be federally funded.</p>
42559		5/23/2009 6:23:39 PM	<p>It doesn't make any sense why we need to waste money on something that seemingly has no future. Adult stem cell has proved to be the way. Don't spend my hard earned money on something with virtually no future.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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42560		5/23/2009 6:23:51 PM	<p>No more federal funding for embryonic stems cell research!</p> <p>The only successful treatments and cures have come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells! This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>
42561		5/23/2009 6:23:55 PM	<p>I am opposed to any taxpayer funding of stem cell research that destroys human embryos.</p>
42562		5/23/2009 6:25:05 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. Human embryos are merely one stage of human development. This developmental stage of human life has as much value as a human being as a newborn, toddler adult or senior citizen. Would you do live research on any one of these developmental stages of human life? I think not.</p> <p>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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42563		5/23/2009 6:25:23 PM	<p>I am opposed to President Obama's decision to overturn President Bush's limits prohibiting taxpayer financing of new embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>The NIH's guidelines are objectionable because they:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completely disregard the fact that embryonic stem cell research is old technology, yields tumors and has yet to produce ANY success 2. Go beyond forcing taxpayers to fund the destruction of human for dubious research 3. Divert funds from promising adult stem cell research, currently SUCCESSFULLY treating over 100 diseases/conditions 4. Create a financial incentive for creating more human embryos so they can be destroyed to harvest embryonic stem cells 5. MIGHT lead Obama to sign a bill which will permit fetal farming; the use of human cloning to create embryos destined for destruction for research.
42564		5/23/2009 6:25:26 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. Human embryos are merely one stage of human development. This developmental stage of human life has as much value as a human being as a newborn, toddler adult or senior citizen. Would you do live research on any one of these developmental stages of human life? I think not.</p> <p>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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42565		5/23/2009 6:26:02 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42566		5/23/2009 6:26:53 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. Human embryos are merely one stage of human development. This developmental stage of human life has as much value as a human being as a newborn, toddler, adult, or senior citizen. Would you do live research on any one of these developmental stages of human life? I think not.</p> <p>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>
42567		5/23/2009 6:27:30 PM	<p>I am a physician who opposes embryonic stem cell research. The data is overwhelming that treatment with adult stem cells is productive and successful. Adult stem cell research needs to be supported with government funds, not embryonic stem cells. The government needs to follow the science rather than be beholden to an ideology that supports it's liberal bias against life issues. Tax payers money should not fund embryonic stem cell research.</p>

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42568		5/23/2009 6:27:56 PM	<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. Thank you.</p>
42569		5/23/2009 6:28:23 PM	<p>I oppose the use of embryos being used for research and in treatment. It is proven that adult stem cell are successfully used in treating certain diseases. Destroying life to try to save another is an abomination. It has also been shown that embryonic stem cells do not do what was intended, but can cause abnormal growths. Please stop funding for human embryonic stem cell experiments as they are only delaying cures when other avenues should be explored(such as adult stem cell research).</p>
42570		5/23/2009 6:29:42 PM	<p>I have read your guidelines and I see how every base is covered so as not to pay for donations and they may rescind a donation up to the time of research if a change in conscience is born. I see where you point out that an embryo is a human person and the parts (stem cell are not). How do you sleep at night with such a slight of the hand trick like that? The moral issue here is how do you not kill a human life at the very starting moments of that life and still research the parts as they grow for a science bent on big profits. Profits will rule in the end. Profits have always ruled over moral issues threw out history (the churches, slavery, CEOs and kings). The only exception is where a moral constitution of human right is embraced by a God fearing people. I am no dummy I can say I see your science is in a flawed moral dilemma, a quicksand mess and in the future a commercial sewer. A NIH committee or-and Obama etiology of moral correctness is at play here. How can you sleep at night knowing that we are at the eve of time that could see a new human slavery market, a dilemma of human body parts for big profits? The costs of a human embryo with no votes or screams of cruelty, a human life here by your guidelines. I know you will change the guidelines after the dead facts are in. Each NIH committee member will have two conscience choices here to make, one before his God. The other choice is before his country the one country with a constitution that he or she has sworn to uphold. The one country that proclaims proudly to a cruel world "all men are created equal." We must be that haven for moral character in this world of wicked deceits.</p>

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42571		5/23/2009 6:29:59 PM	<p>I am a member of the Parkinson's community and have been following progress in Embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>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.</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.</p>
42572		5/23/2009 6:32:06 PM	<p>I disagree with appropriating funds for Human Embryonic Stem Cell research. The only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>

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42573		5/23/2009 6:34:26 PM	<p>The NIH's guidelines are objectionable because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="checkbox"/> completely disregard the fact that embryonic stem cell research is old technology, yields tumors and has yet to produce ANY success • <input type="checkbox"/> go beyond forcing taxpayers to fund the destruction of humans for dubious research • <input type="checkbox"/> divert funds from promising adult stem cell research, currently SUCCESSFULLY treating over 100 diseases/conditions • <input type="checkbox"/> create a financial incentive for creating more human embryos so they can be destroyed to harvest embryonic stem cells • <input type="checkbox"/> MIGHT lead Obama to sign a bill which will permit fetal farming; the use of human cloning to create embryos destined for destruction for research <p>Additionally, these practices desensitize humans to the killing of innocent babies. An embryo is a baby. As a society is less sensitive, people see less and less the value of children, teens, adults and the elderly.</p>
42574		5/23/2009 6:35:31 PM	<p>I support use of ethically donated embryo for stem cell research. I support the use of Somatic nuclear transfer research. I do not support the intention creation of human embryos for research. Thank you for asking</p>
42575	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:35:35 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p> <p>As a person who has had type 1 diabetes for over 42 years, I often think how wonderful it would have been to NOT have this illness most of my life. If stem cell research can give people who have diabetes a chance for a more normal life, minus terrible complications and disability, I am all for it.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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42576		5/23/2009 6:35:57 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. 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>
42577		5/23/2009 6:36:11 PM	<p>I respectfully ask that embryonic stem cells aren't in any way used or created for research, or treatment. I believe embryonic stem cell research is unethical, and know that they have never been found to cure any disease or do any good. Instead of wasting my tax dollars on this, I ask that use this money for stem cell research that has *proven* to be helpful to our society, such as stem cells taken from hair, skin, bone, umbilical cord, etc... Thank you for reading my comment.</p>
42578		5/23/2009 6:36:12 PM	<p>I am opposed to having my tax dollars spent on embryonic stem cell reaearch, it goes against my Catholic faith.</p>
42579		5/23/2009 6:36:46 PM	<p>Because we believe the Constitutional premise that conscience is the most valuable property of all, we take seriously the mandate to use our money, time, and abilities in a manner consistent with our basic principles. We do not believe embryonic stem cell research is moral; therefore, we are totally opposed to taxing those whose values are antithetical to the research to promote the practice.</p> <p>Also, it has already been proven by highly acclaimed scientists that adult stem cells are more viable than embryonic cells. Embryonic stem cell research is unnecessary.</p>
42580		5/23/2009 6:37:28 PM	<p>The NIH's guidelines are objectionable because they:</p> <p>Completely disregard the fact that embryonic stem cell research is old technology, yields tumors and has yet to produce ANY success.</p> <p>Go beyond forcing taxpayers to fund the destruction of human for dubious research.</p> <p>Divert funds from promising adult stem cell research, currently SUCCESSFULLY treating over 100 diseases/conditions.</p> <p>Create a financial incentive for creating more human embryos so they can be destroyed to harvest embryonic stem cells</p> <p>Might lead President Obama to sign a bill which will permit fetal farming; the use of human cloning to create embryos destined for destruction for research.</p>

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42581	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:38:14 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p> <p>I totally agree with stepping up and continuing stem cell research. Having been a type 1 diabetic for 53 years I have seen so many ravishing things this does to people. It is appalling that more is not done to find a "CURE" or at least a much better way of controlling the growing number of cases all the time every day-more and more and more coming down with this dreaded disease!!! PLEASE do keep passing bills to continue searching stem cell research and any other venue to help us find a cure. Thank you. *****</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>In March, the President issued an Executive Order that ended the blanket ban on federal</p>

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42582	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:39:05 PM	<p>Our country has survived well for almost 200 years except for the way negroes were treated. That problem has been changed by law and our country is now free of this shameful behavior. It seems that we have been willing to adopt another evil only a few years after civil rights were corrected for one population group.</p> <p>I watched a show on ANP about an endangered species of animal. Educated people were studying and experimenting impregnating these animals in captivity to keep them from becoming extinct. The real point is that when they used an ultrasound to check to see if the pregnancy took, they exclaimed the name of the animal and rejoiced that there were three babies.</p> <p>Adult stem cells have cured many disease and continued genetic research on cord blood and adult stem cells there will be many more. There has not been one cure from embryonic stem cells. Since the latest results demonstrate the effectiveness of means already proven there is no excuse for creating infants to save other humans other than human will, arrogance, egotism in the desire to be the first to use embryos successfully. I do not want to pay for human embryo research or cloning. It violates everything that is special in our country. The protection of the weakest. Children are brought into life by persons freely joining in the sexual act. Very few babies are conceived by the violence of rape. Why punish them? Is it because they can't be seen? Because you can't hear their pain or comments? Take a look with the latest 3-D sonograms and I think you will see an endangered baby human, not a blob!</p>
42583		5/23/2009 6:39:57 PM	<p>Even if one disregards the moral arguments in favor of respect for human life, the fact that this legislation does not outlaw cloning makes the guidelines dangerous to the human race. Because human beings are not laboratory animals that can be discarded after the experiment is over, any errors made by experimenters become part of the gene pool. We have already seen statistically the ill effects of in vitro fertilization: an increase in autism, especially among boys. These errors are already in the gene pool.</p> <p>There's a very simple way to avoid these problems and future problems--don't meddle with the natural selection of hundreds of millions of years. To avoid interfering with the human life process is not just morally correct; even if you abjure morals, it is dangerous to future human beings.</p> <p>Supporting such measures by taxation of people who are strongly opposed to them is also immoral and problematic.</p>
42584		5/23/2009 6:41:27 PM	<p>WE ARE OPPOSED TO USE OF ANY PART OF THE HUMAN BODY FOR ANY PURPOSE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ABLE TO GIVE DIRECT, PERSONAL CONSENT. THIS INCLUDES BODY PARTS OF BORN OR UNBORN INDIVIDUALS.</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>

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42585		5/23/2009 6:42:15 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>
42586		5/23/2009 6:42:53 PM	<p>I am in favor of using human embryonic stem cells and human induced pluripotent stem cells in any way possible that is eligible for NIH funding. We need this 30% increase of the NIH budget to Stem Cell/ Gene Therapies. If we increase the funding, we can put America ahead of Europe and other world markets and cure 211 diseases while providing, at least, \$1.9 trillion dollars in tax revenue. We need a better future for our children!</p>

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42587		5/23/2009 6:47:07 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p> <p> </p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>In March, the President issued an Executive Order that ended the blanket ban on federal funding of research using embryonic stem cell lines developed after August 2001. NIH was then instructed to develop guidelines for federal funding of this research.</p> <p>The purpose of the guidelines is to establish a policy and procedures under which the federal government will fund research in this area, and to ensure that such research is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law. You can view the NIH's draft guidelines online by clicking here.</p> <p>The 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. The guidelines also describe the conditions and informed consent procedures that would be required when obtaining embryonic stem cells for research that could be funded by the federal government.</p> <p>The American Diabetes Association strongly supports the draft guidelines but is concerned that, as written, they may prevent stem cell lines in existence before the guidelines go into effect, from being eligible for federal research funding. The Association is urging NIH to consider amending the guidelines to allow current stem cell lines derived using prevailing ethical practices to be considered for federal funding and that NIH be open to review other sources of stem cell lines (excluding reproductive cloning) in the future.</p>

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42588		5/23/2009 6:49:06 PM	<p data-bbox="634 289 867 313">Dear Fellow Citizens,</p> <p data-bbox="634 350 1146 472">This realm of Earth is a precursor to Eternity. All of us will pass into this final land of our individual meaning and stand befor Jesus Christ the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity.</p> <p data-bbox="634 508 1188 630">This Second Person chose to be one of us...to share our humanity...allowing Himself in an act of Infinite Humility to become a Fertilized Ovum through the Action of the Holy Spirit in God the Father.</p> <p data-bbox="634 664 1192 748">He travelled the path of all of us as Unborn needing nurturing. There is no escape from this truth whether you believe it or not.</p> <p data-bbox="634 784 1178 868">Suffer the little children for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. The first shall be last the last shall be first.</p> <p data-bbox="634 904 919 928">We have become Nineveh.</p> <p data-bbox="634 964 1346 989">If we seek the Blessing of God we must obey the God who Blesses.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1024 968 1049">May God have mercy on us all.</p>

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42589	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:49:24 PM	<p>Embryonic Stem Cell research is immorally, socially, humanly but most of all spiritually wrong. A civilized society, at least we shld. like to think America is, should not pursue let alone make its citizens burden this heinous project thru taxes against our basic conscience and inalienable rights. It is purely experimentation, inhumane exploitation of innocent and voiceless, helpless human beings - BABIES- harvesting their body parts for research. DON'T WE HAVE ANYMORE ETHICAL PRINCIPLES, MORAL VALUES, and SPIRITUAL CONSCIENCE TO DISTINGUISH THE RIGHT FROM WRONG? Let us not fool ourselves to say that we're doing this for the sake of scientific advancement. That, is the devil's line of advocacy, that lulls insidiously our present civilization. Sadly, the wrong, the bad and the evil become accepted as necessary and good to satisfy our addicted society to materialism, modernism, pleasure, quick-fix, relative selfish liberal values life style, devoid or lacking of higher moral and spiritual convictions. Do not get me wrong, there are still those who are guided by higher Divine Authority who strongly adhere in faith and embraces the Divine Wisdom of the Creator to cherish and respect life : Only the Creator can give and take away life, not anyone, not criminal, not politicians, not even an institution of often blinded humans, called government.</p> <p>Any project that tampers, disrespects and curtails the PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE esp. HUMAN LIFE should be STOPPED and governments do not have the rights to endorse, and enforce it into a law. Let us not make the government posing as a stronger instrument to "lawfully" murder the innocent, and helpless among us, for the sake of science !!! Let us be forewarned that this move, this proposition, including ABORTION once unconcionably pursued will surely call for the Creator's wrath upon our nation for an unthinkable chasetisement that many would have to suffer because of the unwisely and ungodly decision of the few.</p> <p>Now that we are at our present state of global crisis, when no one holds the key to the threshold of any sure solution, as we are living through the worsening gloom, no one knows who, when and how to end this worldwide avalanche in almost every aspect of life. Standing on your feet to mouth-off empty rhetoric and false promises which a bankrupt government can not deliver is not only pathetic, hypocritical and dishonest but incredulously hopeless and senseless. AS A NATION WE NEED TO BE ON OUR KNEES, EVERY HOME AND FAMILY, EVERY SECTOR OF SOCIETY, ACKNOWLEDGING OUR HELPLESSNESS, TO START TO SEEK DIVINE INTERVENTION FOR WISDOM, DIRECTION, STRENGTH, AND PEACE. AS WE CLOSE OUR EYES IN HUMBLE PRAYERS, LET US OPEN OUR HEARTS AND SPIRIT TO WHAT GOD CAN DO TO DIRECT AND STRAIGHTEN OUR ROAD TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND HAPPINESS.</p> <p>Signs of catastrophic proportion is starkly looming in front of us, no amount of material bandages which even resulted to more greed, no amount intellectual manuevers which resulted to hallow pride, and no amount of earthly power which resulted to more injustice and tyranny have demonstrated any hue of hope to solve the global crises we're spiraling down into. THE WORLD FROM EAST TO WEST, NORTH TO SOUTH NEEDS A SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, A KIND OF WORLDWIDE PEACEFUL SPIRITUAL REVOLUTION TO CREATE A NEW CULTURE OF GOD FEARING, PEACE-LOVING AND CARING CREATED HUMAN BEINGS WHERE EVERYONE ACKNOWLEDGES THE EXISTENCE OF AN OMNIPOTENT AND LOVING CREATOR, WHO INDEED IS IN CONTROL, WHO SUSTAINS EACH AND EVERYONE OF US WITH THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL - THE GIFT OF LIFE.</p> <p>At the end of the day, we'll all have to face the Giver of life to account for all the decisions we made with the free will and informed intelligence we are all endowed with, in the light of faith, hope but ultimately based on love/charity to one another. Although our world is spiraling to a hole to where the evil adversary wants us to be (pursue the abominable culture of death), let us convert this crisis into an ocean of hope where we can immerse ourselves into our Creator's divine wisdom, mercy and love to uphold Divine Authority on life, ... to bring, protect and defend life. God bless you. STOP THE CULTURE OF DEATH - ABORTION, EMBRYONIC STEM CELL, MERCY KILLING AND EUTHANASIA.</p>

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42590		5/23/2009 6:49:53 PM	<p>Stem Cells are something that I have hoped and prayed for, for the past 10 years. Ever since I have heard that it can help people such as myself with spinal cord injuries regain their mobility and help others with diseases and sickness. I thought that whoever could make this opportunity, a reality wouldn't hesitate to help others and stop them from suffering physically and mentally helping them regain their freedom and independence. So when President Obama was elected and brought hope on many fronts. For many. I knew this dream was going to be a reality. But I also knew it wasn't going to happen overnight without an ethical policy since there had been so much controversy about stem cells so I continue to hope and pray that President Obama finds a way to enact within a policy that can help millions of people regain and live productive lives, because I know speaking for myself. Every time I hear something about stem cell research. I get emotional, because I believe that this is the cure that can change my life for the better.</p>
42591		5/23/2009 6:52:16 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>In this economy it only makes sense to put our money into research that furthers what is already successful - adult stem cells.</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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42592	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:52:20 PM	<p>We are opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research which,for the first time,will ENCOURAGE the mass destruction of human lives subsidized by taxpayers. These hideous guidelines promote a biased, bigoted,and rushed consent process by allowing use of innocent embryos that were NEVER frozen and go beyond using frozen embryos that may be discarded by allowing the option upfront for parents (seems like parents mean begetting of a child) to donate their offspring (embryo) for destructive research alongside permitting them to CONTINUE living. Furthermore, use of ESC extends beyond developing NEW TREATMENTS to other uses such as drug safety testing.</p> <p>We believe that you are condoning MURDER, not the right to the pursuit of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness that our Constitution so justly portrays as our unalienable rights...Please, enough killing of Little Ones....4,400 daily in USA alone is by far too much so called "CHOICE" of a so called "MOTHER". Choice is doing the RIGHT decision for the Child. We do not have the RIGHT to decide if our Child should live or die. What hypocrisy...let the terrorists live but let LITTLE CHILDREN die??? What does a Harvard degree entail you to do????Kill Little Ones....let your children live but others should not??? If that is the case, I have no respect for a Harvard Degree or any other College degree if we are taught that killing a child is a CHOICE and OKAY! Remember Hitler???Remember his treatment in labs of innocent people?? Remember the treatment of Black Slaves??? Are we going to go forward or backwards??? Are we doing a Hitler who wanted only the survival of Blue eyed, blond hair children?? Stem Cell research with adult stem cells is working so why Embryonic?? Why the late term killing of a crying, leg and arm flaying child a CHOICE??Why is the cry in the womb of an embryo being sucked out not killing or being burned with saline not killing?? Please, Obama, look at the pictures of these INNOCENT VICTIMS?? Place the faces of your little girls on these portraits!!!!Do you see what I see now??? How can we come to an equal understanding??or terms??? Never,wrong is wrong...a sin is a sin in any religion...Muslim, Christian etc. May God have mercy on any of you who vote to use these methods. God is all powerful!! Look at the Muslims, their birth rate is 8-1, ours in America is 1.8. Do they know something that y'all don't know?? I think so! If you want your economy back..... let the Little Ones live...your S/S fund will be rebuilt rather quickly when they enter the workforce at a rate of 4,400 daily!!! Wow!!!Didn't you think of that??? Maybe you should!! May God help you make the Right Choice and get rid of FOCA and Roe vs Wade. We then may be blessed by Our Lord for doing the Right Choice!! God Bless America, the Land that I love...Stand Beside Her and Guide Her...My Home Sweet Home!!! Hopefully Again!! With Respect</p>
42593	Redacted	5/23/2009 6:52:31 PM	<p>I am against your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. Please, for the sake of future Americans, do not enact them.</p>
42594		5/23/2009 6:54:32 PM	<p>Millions suffer as we await new discoveries. They can't come too soon. Let's get going!</p>
42595		5/23/2009 6:55:12 PM	<p>I am opposed to embryonic stem cell research, which forces me as a taxpayer to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life.</p>
42596		5/23/2009 6:55:28 PM	<p>As an American citizen who believes that Life is Life from conception until death, I realize that we are currently in a quandry concerning embryos with no uterus. However, I do not think destroying them is the answer. Most importantly, SCIENCE has shown that NOTHING good has come from embryonic stem cell research, in fact, many awful things have happened as a result of the use of these stem cells. MUCH GOOD has come from adult stem cell research. I do not believe anyone should be allowed to vote on this issue unless they have done All of their research. I beg you to not promote or vote for the killing of viable human life in the interest of a "science" that has proven it useless.</p>

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42597		5/23/2009 6:58:24 PM	<p>I oppose your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which force me as a taxpayer to pay for research which destroys innocent human life. There is no case in which the government should support human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive research has been shown to be ineffective and even dangerous. Adult stem cells are non-controversial, ethical and effective in treating patients. Embryonic stem cell research is not only unethical, but is ineffective and diverts funds from promising adult stem cell research.</p> <p>The proposed regulations do not prevent future funding for research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. This loophole must be closed immediately.</p>
42598		5/23/2009 7:00:38 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42599		5/23/2009 7:02:24 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>
42600		5/23/2009 7:04:00 PM	<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>
42601		5/23/2009 7:05:28 PM	<p>I believe there should be NO experimentation with fetal stem cells. However, I do not have any problems with experimentation with adult stem cells. It is the adult stem cells that have shown the most promise (has there been any progress with cures from fetal stem cell research?). There is no reason to utilize fetal stem cells that many see as life.</p>
			<p>The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has drafted guidelines for distributing these funds. These guidelines devote your tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>

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42602	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:06:19 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>As a person with a non-treatable progressive muscle disease, I am on record with Time Magazine (***** letter to editor) opposing the use of embryonic stem cell research even if it would result in a tretment for me. I believe that an embryo is the beginning of a human being and do not want it used for research.</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>
42603		5/23/2009 7:08:30 PM	<p>Why are we wasting money on human embryonic stem cells research when ADULT stem cells have been used successfully over and over again?!</p> <p>Please reconsider what you are proposing...let's not waste innocent lives, money and time on embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
42604	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:08:46 PM	<p>Each embryonic stem cell has the full potential of becoming a human being. That potential should be respected. On what basis can we ask for respect for our existence if we do not respect the existence of the innocent?</p>
42605		5/23/2009 7:10:32 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 ADULT 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>
42606		5/23/2009 7:10:40 PM	<p>I am in favor of adult stem cell only.</p>

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42607		5/23/2009 7:13:28 PM	<p>1. Some of the provisions intended to enforce “ethical standards” may be unenforceable. In section II, Part B, number 6, the Guidelines state that “Whenever it was practicable, the attending physician responsible for reproductive clinical care and the researcher deriving and/or proposing to utilize human embryonic stem cells should not have been the same person.” This raises concerns about potential conflict of interest if the researcher and attending physician advising the family are one and the same. The researcher may have an incentive to encourage certain patients to have excess embryos created to benefit his/her research.</p> <p>2. The prohibition in the Dickey-Wicker Amendment is in reality much broader than that noted by NIH. Dickey-Wicker prohibits federal funding of creating human embryos by any method, explicitly including human cloning, or any "research in which" human embryos are harmed in any way. As the Dickey-Wicker statute states, "SEC. 509. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used for (1) the creation of a human embryo or embryos for research purposes; OR (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 46.204(b) and section 498(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289g(b)). (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 as of the date of the enactment of this Act, that is derived by fertilization, parthenogenesis, cloning, or any other means from one or more human gametes or human diploid cells.</p> <p>3. Even when finalized, these draft guidelines will not exclude further rule making to fund other types of embryo-destructive research. President Obama’s executive order broadly ordered NIH to conduct research “to the extent permitted by law,” and specifically states that “the NIH shall review and update these Guidelines periodically, as appropriate.” Further actions may be taken to fund research on stem cell lines obtained by human cloning.</p> <p>4. The guidelines do not include any criteria to promote the non-embryo-destructive research that offers the greatest potential for patient benefit in the near term. This oversight may deemphasize research that is already showing usefulness in treating patients.</p>
42608		5/23/2009 7:14:27 PM	<p>Stem cell research is wonderful and we are blessed to have this in our generation! There have been so many cures in many different cities, counties, states, and other countries! HOWEVER, THE ONLY CURES AND IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN IN RELATION TO ADULT STEM CELLS!! Embryonic stem cells have not only failed but have produced complications in the recipients. We hope you will keep in this in your mind and on your consciences!</p>
42609		5/23/2009 7:14:37 PM	<p>My tax dollars should be better spent on further research of the successful adult stem cells studies. The embryonic stem cells research will only take us down a dangerous road full of unethical research with tragic results to furious religious Americans who oppose funding this barbaric act. I wish that you reconsider your decision.</p>

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42610		5/23/2009 7:16:59 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 1950 180">Executive Order No. 13503, precipitated Draft Guidelines issued March 9, 2009 allowing for federal funding in the case of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="634 212 1472 240">Embryos, intended for in vitro fertilization, will be the source for this research.</p> <p data-bbox="634 272 1919 332">Since, in the process of these studies, a human life is terminated, I am apposed using my tax dollars to fund this unethical practice.</p> <p data-bbox="634 365 1640 393">The quide lines make room for human cloning as a byproduct of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="634 425 1902 485">Finally, I believe that adult stem cells are proving to be excellent sources for these research modalities while embryonic stem cells are known to be fraught with difficulties such as tumors and other anomalies.</p> <p data-bbox="634 518 1927 578">Taking these things together, along with my own view on the sanctity of human life and that this research will result in the destruction of human life, I wish to discourage the implementation of this E.O.</p>

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42611		5/23/2009 7:17:38 PM	<p>President Obama's Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. However, I am worried that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing ethically created stem cell lines, create systemic redundancies that will waste scarce resources without added value, and unduly delay important scientific research. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration before finalizing federal rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Honor Existing Regulations and Guidelines 2. Existing Self-Regulatory Process <p>The NIH guidelines should support the strong existing federal regulatory framework provided by 45 CFR 46, rather than setting new and unique requirements for hESC research. The new guidelines should acknowledge that most existing domestic lines were derived in accordance with the core principles in the CIRM regulations and the ISSCR guidelines, and are consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving the protection of human subjects (donors) through IRB oversight and approval. The federal human research regulations support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy research.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Provenance Based on Prevailing Standards of the Time <p>The determination of the ethical and legal provenance of hESC lines should be based on the investigator's documentation of IRB approval for the obtaining of the original tissue used for the derivation of the line. The IRB approval would be based on the usual determination that the embryos were collected in an ethically appropriate manner consistent with existing federal standards for informed consent.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Federal hESC Registry <p>A central NIH registry should serve as a single point for verification of hESC lines eligible for federal funding. Such a registry will provide certainty to all parties that the identified lines were derived according to ethical and legal standards. The evaluation of hESC provenance represents a major resource commitment for oversight committees. It is common for multiple institutions to evaluate the provenance of the same lines resulting in the use of scarce resources in a duplication of a labor intensive effort. The NIH should support a more efficient use of scarce resources, reduction in errors, and ensure consistency and certainty of investigators and compliance committees, by supporting initiatives designed to establish and share the provenance of existing and to be created hESC lines. I, therefore, urge the NIH to work with organizations such as the CIRM and ISSCR to develop a list or registry of hESC lines available for NIH-funding or resources to support the oversight process.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guidelines.</p>

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42612		5/23/2009 7:17:38 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>
42613		5/23/2009 7:19:34 PM	<p>I believe that these guidelines should be approved, as stem cells have great potential to help cure devastating human diseases.</p>
42614		5/23/2009 7:20:21 PM	<p>My feelings on stem cell research are purely logic based. From what I have read on stem cells, they have the potential to cure vast amounts of human ailments, as well as other animals. Under the proper conditions, stem cells can be grown into virtually any component of the human body, which could potentially be used to replace damaged organs or tissue. They also can be used in such a way to actually regrow parts of the human body while inside of it. Most of the arguments I hear against stem cell research state that this is a waste of human life. Some people are even under the mistaken impression that a full human embryo must be grown in order to harvest the organs. This is simply not true. As to the claim that this is a waste of life, I did a little research to find numbers that I have found in the past. These numbers may not be % 100 accurate, but they are close enough to make my point. At puberty, the average human female has 400,000 unfertilized eggs in her body. Puberty may occur as early as seven years of age. Over the course of the woman's lifetime, thousands of these eggs will be lost during menstruation, until the woman inevitably reaches menopause and all are lost. This typically happens around 55 years of age. The average time from conception to birth is 9 months, and from here, it is simple math. If a woman began to have children as soon as she was biologically capable, became impregnated immediately after giving birth, and continued this cycle until menopause, she could potentially have 64 children from the 400,000 eggs she started with. The other 399,936 are never used. However, through stem cell research, these eggs could create potential for human like that they would not have been able to achieve otherwise, including becoming hybrid genetic duplicates of a couple that could not reproduce. It seems to me that if only one of these potentially wasted eggs created or saved a life, it would not be a waste.</p>

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42615		5/23/2009 7:22:25 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>
42616		5/23/2009 7:23:10 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell use is a violation of the human rights of the unborn child. It is a waste of money since there is no evidence that this has resulted in cures for any diseases. On the other hand, adult stem cell research does not require taking a human life and has shown great promise for producing cures. The solution is obvious. Protect human life and promote adult stem cell research.</p>
42617		5/23/2009 7:23:43 PM	<p>I strongly support embryonic stem cell research. This vital area of research has too long been held hostage by individuals and groups intent on forcing their beliefs upon others at any cost. Many individuals like myself also have strong personal and religious beliefs, but believe that the right to both hold and exercise private beliefs ends precisely at the point at which individual beliefs are allowed to harm the rights of others. The founding fathers were wise to provide for the separation of church and state. The right of individuals to benefit from science does not interfere with the rights of those who are opposed to stem cell research or other such scientific advancement to utilize these benefits if they so choose.</p>
42618		5/23/2009 7:25:19 PM	<p>Everything I have seen concerning stem cell research says that adult stem cells have been used successfully to treat disease and regenerate tissue and embryonic stem cells "hold the potential" to cure many diseases. Please do not start using embryonic stem cells (which science agrees are tiny human beings) for this research when we have a viable alternative. Science has not proven that embryonic stem cell research is necessary. To approve it is wrong thinking. Again, please do not approve the use of human beings for research.</p>
42619		5/23/2009 7:26:17 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>
42620		5/23/2009 7:28:06 PM	<p>It is a medical fact that life begins at conception. All necessary genetic "programming is in place at this time for the individual who will be born in nine months - a unique PERSON. It is immoral and unjust to create a person with the explicit intent to destroy that person in the name of "research". It is a crime against freedom to force taxpayers who are morally and ethically opposed to doing this to pay for it. Please reconsider.</p>

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42621		5/23/2009 7:30:39 PM	<p>I am a trained biology research scientist and educator. As such, allow me to inform you that with the creation of unique DNA, the only thing that differs between embryos that are successfully implanted and born through in vitro fertilization (IVF) and those that are frozen is time and development.</p> <p>One life is not more valuable because it has been around longer, is it? (You wouldn't kill a toddler but spare a 10-year-old because the latter is older, for example.) One life is not more valuable because it is more developed, is it? (Again, you wouldn't kill a toddler but spare a 10-year-old because the latter is more developed.)</p> <p>Therefore, please consider the logic above when making your decision. Specifically, consider that some will agree with my logic while others will not. Regardless of this, it is not a function of government to spend money on issues which are not a function of government, especially on sensitive matters which involve A BIOLOGICAL, MEDICAL DEFINITION OF DEATH.</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>
42622		5/23/2009 7:31:37 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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42623		5/23/2009 7:33:56 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42624		5/23/2009 7:35:28 PM	<p>Stem cell research using pluripotent stem cells derived from umbilical cord blood and other non-embryonic sources should be allowed to proceed. Such stem cell research should have equal access to government funding as enjoyed by other medical research projects. Non-embryonic pluripotent stem cell research should avoid the controversy associated with embryonic stem cells as pluripotent stem cells derived from other alternative sources have the same potential as embryonic stem cells to differentiate into any of the three human germ layers: endoderm (interior stomach lining, gastrointestinal tract, the lungs), mesoderm (muscle, bone, blood, urogenital), or ectoderm (epidermal tissues and nervous system). Although pluripotent stem cells can give rise to any fetal or adult cell type they alone cannot develop into a fetal or adult animal because they lack the potential to contribute to extra-embryonic tissue, such as the placenta.</p> <p>It is worth noting again that, "they (single pluripotent cells) cannot develop into a fetal or adult animal," thus avoiding the whole embryonic stem cell controversy of destroying a potential living human being.</p> <p>The cost of using non-embryonic stem cells for research and the possible financial impacts on corporate profits derived from stem cell research should not be considered in making decisions about human research involving a whole spectrum of moral and religious beliefs.</p>
42625	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:38:05 PM	<p>Please vote NO on the embryonic stem cell research proposal. Adult stem cells are ALREADY CURING diabetes, cancer, heart disease, Parkinson's disease, etc. And this proposed alternative would destroy a potential human life! Valuable research dollars should be spend elsewhere. Thank you for your attention; this matter is of the utmost importance.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>

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42626		5/23/2009 7:38:37 PM	Advanced Cell Technology can create stem cells without destruction of embryos. This is a critical fact left out of partisan debates, so why doesn't the NIH recognize this fact and end the confusion? It is not fair to continue discussing stem cell technology without making the public aware that we don't have to kill embryos to save lives. There are so many people opposed to stem cell research because they are not properly informed. Informing people of this critical fact is important to saving the lives of countless people and reducing health related costs based on the possibilities of stem cell technology.

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42627		5/23/2009 7:39:00 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>In March, the President issued an Executive Order that ended the blanket ban on federal funding of research using embryonic stem cell lines developed after August 2001. NIH was then instructed to develop guidelines for federal funding of this research.</p> <p>The purpose of the guidelines is to establish a policy and procedures under which the federal government will fund research in this area, and to ensure that such research is ethically responsible, scientifically worthy, and conducted in accordance with applicable law. You can view the NIH's draft guidelines online by clicking here.</p> <p>The 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. The guidelines also describe the conditions and informed consent procedures that would be required when obtaining embryonic stem cells for research that could be funded by the federal government.</p> <p>The American Diabetes Association strongly supports the draft guidelines but is concerned that, as written, they may prevent stem cell lines in existence before the guidelines go into effect, from being eligible for federal research funding. The Association is urging NIH to consider amending the guidelines to allow current stem cell lines derived using prevailing ethical practices to be considered for federal funding and that NIH be open to review other sources of stem cell lines (excluding reproductive cloning) in the future.</p>

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42628		5/23/2009 7:39:21 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>
42629	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:42:45 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p> <p>For the Common Good,</p>
42630		5/23/2009 7:44:54 PM	<p>Please do not allow more stem cell research that requires the distruction of human embryos. There is enough evidence at adult stem cells provide enough material and as good a material. Please vote no on Tuesdays vote.</p>
42631		5/23/2009 7:45:05 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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42632	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:45:18 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 for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42633		5/23/2009 7:45:31 PM	<p>I feel like I am being forced against my will to support Stem Cell research. This is 100% against my beliefs. I feel that it is far from voicing the people of America when there are many people in America who do not believe in Stem Cell Research. If it's really important to people who do believe in it, then they should fund it themselves. It is against the rights of Americans however to be forced to fund something they clearly are against. Please hear my voice and represent the people.</p>
42634		5/23/2009 7:45:32 PM	<p>My comment is this: Having read that the only stem cells so far that hold promise are adult ones or those gleaned from already born individuals, I can only conclude that the rush to destroy more unborn babies is a sick and goolish fascination with NAZI STYLE research. What ever happened to ..."do no harm " from the Hypocratic Oath?? Leave the unborn babies alone. The love of abortion smacks of goolishness, of a love for convenience over the respect for the individual. The depraved practice of abortion indicates (I repeat) a fascination for the NAZI PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE.</p>
42635		5/23/2009 7:46:46 PM	<p>Is it ethical to take an innocent human life (however young) so that some other good might possibly be achieved?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>Why not?</p> <p>The end does not justify the means.</p> <p>Once we violate that fundamental moral principle, anything may be justified.</p>

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42636		5/23/2009 7:48:23 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>
42637		5/23/2009 7:48:50 PM	<p>I am disturbed by the decision of the National Institutes of Health to make use of US taxpayer dollars to fund research using stem cells derived from the destruction of human embryos. The proposed regulations ignore the value of human life and are problematic for that reason.</p>
42638		5/23/2009 7:49:47 PM	<p>Although I believe science can be used for good. I believe funding of embryonic stem cell research to be questionable at best. This a moral grey land which can be very easy to progress to those things that are inhumane all "for the sake of science". Nazi German scientist did many things that were funded by the government that they justified in the name of science. Granted we did gain knowledge but at what price? Are we truly willing to work on a slippery slope which has no bounds? Where does humanity end and inhumanity begin?</p>
42639		5/23/2009 7:52:03 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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42640		5/23/2009 7:52:11 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>
42641		5/23/2009 7:52:30 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>Current success using adult skin stem cells and umbilical cord blood have been documented eliminating the need for using human embryos which consists of the taking of life. Creating life just to kill it is morally wrong.</p>
42642		5/23/2009 7:53:10 PM	<p>Please help all of us diabetics get a cure and the stem cell research is very important to that end.</p>
42643	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:54:40 PM	<p>We have so little tax money to spend and I believe that it should be spent on adult stem cell research. There has already been proven treatments with it whereas with embryo stem cell has not. This choice involves the ethics of "killing" a possible human, whereas the adult stem cells do not</p>
42644	Redacted	5/23/2009 7:54:46 PM	<p>I am writing to urge you to stop embryonic stem cell research and to stop destroying embryos for this research which has been unproductive. Adult stem cell research has proven to be more helpful and much more effective in treating illnesses. Please concentrate on what has proven to work--adult stem cell research.</p> <p>Thank You,</p>
42645		5/23/2009 7:58:41 PM	<p>I hereby encourage that all legislation concurs with the funding of stem cell research to help halt terminal illnesses and enhance science without cruelty to animals and other living things.</p>
42646	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:00:12 PM	<p>There is no need for embryonic stem cells as adult stem cells have already proven to help or cure many diseases, whereas embryonic stem cell research has been a failure.</p>

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42647		5/23/2009 8:02:21 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>
42648		5/23/2009 8:02:36 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>
42649		5/23/2009 8:04:10 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>
42650		5/23/2009 8:05:25 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>

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42651		5/23/2009 8:06:07 PM	Please consider funding Advanced Cell Technologies - ACTC. I think they are the only stem cell company that can create stem cells without destruction of the embryos. I think it is important that this fact be recognized.
42652		5/23/2009 8:06:58 PM	I am opposed to the government using my tax dollars to support embryonic stem cell research. There is no conclusive research that shows that killing human life does anything for anyone. There is enough stem cells that come from all the abortion clinics that are killing 4,000 babies a day. Collect those, but do not use my hard earned money to pay for this nor anything stem cell research. It has been proven already that stem cells from humans works better than anything.
42653		5/23/2009 8:07:34 PM	My nephew has Type I diabetes. I have seen him struggle with the disease and know how thankful he and his family would be if a cure to is found in his lifetime. I know that stem cell research is the only hope of finding a cure for this and many other types of disorders.
42654		5/23/2009 8:08:25 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>
42655		5/23/2009 8:08:41 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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42656		5/23/2009 8:09:12 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 1079 147">Please stop embryonic stem cell research!</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1927 272">The so called popular media has apparently suppressed the fact that there are adult (to include umbilical cord) and embryonic stem cells. Embryonic stem cell research requires the creation and destruction of life to conduct such research. I do not believe creating life, only to destroy it, in a search for possible cures is ethically, morally, or religiously justified.</p> <p data-bbox="634 308 1940 427">There has, however, been much success using adult stem-cells. That research is legal, ethical and ongoing. In fact, adult stem cell research has lead to treatments for over 70 diseases. Furthermore, adult stem cells can be collected from the very patient for whom the treatment will be administered. Such a procedure greatly decreases the chance of complications, such as tumors developing in the patient.</p> <p data-bbox="634 462 1927 581">Embryonic stem cells, on the other hand, are harvested from human embryos which are destroyed in the process. These are human embryos that could grow to become someone's child, to be loved and become a healthy member of society. To make it worse, embryonic stem cell research conducted to date has failed to yield a single cure. A previously attempted embryonic stem cell treatment has, however, been linked to tumors developing in the patient.</p> <p data-bbox="634 617 1927 735">As a taxpayer, I do not want my taxes used to destroy innocent life; I want my tax dollars used to support life. More importantly, I find it morally reprehensible that the youngest, most vulnerable are considered expendable in a wild stretch to find cures for those who have lived a good long life. Those same people who have a chance of being helped with adult stem cell research. Let us use our tax dollars for that worthy cause and stop embryonic stem cell research.</p>

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42657		5/23/2009 8:09:28 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>
42658		5/23/2009 8:12:13 PM	<p>The draft guidelines of Executive Order 13505 issued on March 9, 2009, would allow funding for research using human embryonic stem cells that were derived from embryos created by IVF for reproductive purposes and were not longer needed will be allowed for human stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells. Specifically, these Guidelines describe the conditions derivation human embryonic stem cells for research using these cells to be funded by the NIH. I do not believe in this and I would appreciate it if you would vote this down.</p>
42659		5/23/2009 8:14:46 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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42660		5/23/2009 8:15:00 PM	<p>Life begins at conception. Whether a human child is two cells, two weeks, or two months old, a human child is a human child. More progress has been made using adult stem cells since the ban of embryonic stem cells. If we can make so much progress utilizing spare cells from adults, why compromise life? Even if the life being compromised was initiated in a lab, it is still a life. That person being experimented on could be your granddaughters future husband. Even your nephews best friend. That person being created is still a person right from conception, could be the person that finds the cure for cancer with adult stem cells. Why murder innocent babies even if you created them? Is it because they are defenseless? I don't work six days a week to pay taxes so my hard earned money can murder innocent defenseless babies. If this is a free country, what happened to our defenseless unborns' rights? Don't they deserve freedom too? They were conceived in the good old U.S.A.</p>
42661		5/23/2009 8:15:16 PM	<p>If you truly wish to be 'ethically responsible' only adult stem cells should be used. Adult stem cell harvesting does not end the life of the donor; embryonic stem cell harvesting destroys any chance at life an embryo has. The fact that someone has decided to discard embryo "... because it is no longer needed ..." does not justify destruction by another means.</p> <p>Throughout the guidelines I read "Embryonic stem cells could ...". It is my opinion that people support embryonic stem cell research because we've become a society looking for instant miracles in a petri dish. People who are desperate for a cure continue to hear the word "could", and they continue to support it.</p> <p>I support research that 'has' produced results. Adult stem cell research does not seem to get nearly as much coverage in the mainstream media, and yet from the information I have read, it has provided the overwhelming majority of medical advancements to date. Putting the scientific community's full support behind adult stem cell research would focus resources on research that, in my opinion, is 'ethically responsible' and research that has a proven track record of results.</p>
42662	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:20:51 PM	<p>I oppose human embryonic stem cell experiments. I do favor cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Let's focus research on adult stem cells. Sincerely,</p>
42663		5/23/2009 8:21:27 PM	<p>I am opposed to the Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines. Please stop this! It is no longer the best way to go about stem cell research. Do more without using embryos of real human beings.</p>
42664		5/23/2009 8:24:32 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>

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42665		5/23/2009 8:27:08 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>
42666		5/23/2009 8:27:12 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p>

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42667		5/23/2009 8:27:23 PM	<p>I am 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 instead be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven to be 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 as well. 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 available 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. Cloning, in any shape or form, is totally wrong and unethical.</p>
42668		5/23/2009 8:28:10 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>
42669		5/23/2009 8:28:12 PM	<p>I am opposed to my tax dollars being used to fund embryonic stem cell research which is the killing of a human life. These stem cells also cause tumors and rejection problems in patients.</p> <p>It is more advantageous to use adult stem cells and much more effective in treating patients.</p> <p>This research can also lead to cloning these embryos which can be devastating to our society as a whole.</p>

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42670	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:28:36 PM	<p>As a woman who must face each day with the limitations of multiple sclerosis, I ask you to please support federal legislation that will allow human stem cell research.</p> <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> <p>Thank you,</p>
42671	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:30:34 PM	<p>I am strongly opposed to using human embryos for the purpose of harvesting stem cells. I am very concerned that this is the first step down a slippery slope of devaluing human life, even if that life is not wanted anymore by the parents. We need to do all we can to protect life that has been created by God. We need to set up stringent guidelines so that the line is not crossed between who is able to choose between life and death.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
42672		5/23/2009 8:31:12 PM	<p>I oppose embryonic Stem Cell research. There are other alternatives available that do not present ethical dilemmas. You represent the voice of the people of this country, not your own personal agenda. You do not have the right to go against the wishes of the people.</p>
42673		5/23/2009 8:33:01 PM	<p>I am against tax money for the experiments on embryo stem cells. Tax payer Funded Experiments on humans should stop NOW!</p>
42674		5/23/2009 8:34:02 PM	<p>Stop this stem cell reproduction!!!!!! You come up with any excuse to kill babies and then there are bills coming up to multiply more babies to rob from. Where is your brain? Where is your heart? Where is your soul?</p> <p>Stop it!!!!!!!!!!!!11</p>
42675		5/23/2009 8:34:59 PM	<p>Please stop the destrucion and experimentation on human stem cells. The same experiments can be done on human cord blood without destroying a human life.</p>

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42676		5/23/2009 8:37:37 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. 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 for your time.</p>
42677		5/23/2009 8:38:42 PM	<p>I have read and heard from a variety of sources that it's unnecessary to destroy the innocent lives of human embryos because of the success of using adult stem cells. Please consider this for the sake of protecting these precious embryos.</p>
42678		5/23/2009 8:40:53 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>
42679		5/23/2009 8:41:33 PM	<p>Please do not use embryonic stem cell research! It is obvious that it is not working and it will destroy human life. GET REAL and VOTE FOR LIFE!!</p>

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42680		5/23/2009 8:41:45 PM	<p>I am opposed to 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>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. In 2007, Dr. Shinya Tamanaka and Dr. James Thomson reprogrammed human skin cells to act just like embryonic stem cells. While a more careful reading of their reports indicates that this research was not ethical because it did in fact involve the destruction of human embryos (though that was not noted in the initial reportage of the event), it does seem to point to the hope that pluripotent stem cells can be achieved in a moral way that does not involve the destruction of human life. If this could be achieved, what an amazing collaboration we could see take place. If those on opposite sides of the embryonic stem cell debate could find a source that was completely ethical and providing the same potential for cures as embryonic stem cells, the possibilities would be tremendous. It is in everyone's best interests to move money, effort, and legislation in that direction. The destruction of human embryos is unacceptable to a huge portion of the American populace, and efforts that could save lives will continue to be hamstrung if government leaders in Washington continues down the current path. But if Washington and others will try to pursue research in the areas of adult stem cells AND pluripotent stem cells arrived at through strictly moral and ethical means that DO NOT involve the destruction of innocent human life, a collaboration will be forged that can move forward much more freely and swiftly. Surely that is what those suffering with debilitating diseases deserve, as well as what unborn embryonic humans deserve.</p>
42681		5/23/2009 8:42:04 PM	<p>Please do not use tax payer money for embryonic stem cellresearch as it has been found not effective in finding cures for serious diseases. It has been proven that adult stem cells do work and money should be spent to assist in this proven research methods. Please do not fund embryonic stem cell research with tax dollars.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
42682		5/23/2009 8:43:53 PM	<p>I do not want my tax dollars to fund research that uses stem cells derived from human embryos resulting in their death. The killing of one class of humans to benefit another class of humans is profoundly immoral. Instead, direct research toward adult and cord blood stem cells, which is ethical and has proven to be successful.</p>

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42683		5/23/2009 8:48:11 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>
42684		5/23/2009 8:48:33 PM	<p>The making of embryos for the purpose of harvesting stem cells is the equivalent of encouraging women to go full term with their pregnancy for the purpose of aborting the baby. It is the worst kind of science and is hated by God and anyone with true morals.</p>
42685		5/23/2009 8:51:00 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>
42686		5/23/2009 8:51:27 PM	<p>I sincerely believe that stem cell research is the link towards further research that WILL create spectacular medical breakthroughs. We are denying ourselves a whole world of opportunities if stem cell research is banned. Do we want to be looked upon in a hundred years as a society who pioneered the future of medicine, or one who stood in the way of science? I for one don't want to be associated with the group of people who believe the world is flat, diseases are caused by evil spirits, and stem cell research is bad.</p>
42687		5/23/2009 8:52:06 PM	<p>I, along with millions of Americans, see the unborn as human persons. We see their killing as murder. To use our tax dollars to encourage the destruction of living embryos for stem cell research would be an abomination. It would help science find a cure for disease, you say. I wonder if the Nazis who were guilty of medical experimentation on Jews in the death camps defended their "work" in the same way. I wonder if they said, "Oh well, they aren't human, and besides they are going to die anyhow."</p>
42688		5/23/2009 8:52:08 PM	<p>I am against federal funding of research using embryo stem cells. Medical research has already shown the value of using adult stem cells in treatments of many diseases - the medical research has already been done, and is in place. Government needs to fund that -- not abortion done in the name of "medical research".</p>

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42689		5/23/2009 8:54:21 PM	<p>This is my last chance to participate in the democratic process and tell the Obama Administration not to 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> <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>
42690		5/23/2009 8:55:01 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>
42691	Redacted	5/23/2009 8:57:30 PM	<p>I do not support embryonic stem cell experiments. It kills human beings and delays adult stem cell research.</p>
42692		5/23/2009 8:58:12 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>

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42693		5/23/2009 8:59:03 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>
42694		5/23/2009 8:59:19 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I oppose killing human embryos. The use of human embryos for experimentation is dehumanizing and engenders dangerous attitudes toward all people. 2. This devaluing of human life will encourage the conception of more human embryos for financial reward. 3. The proposed regulations will force taxpayers like me to fund research I believe is unethical because it requires the killing of human embryos. 4. Nothing is to be gained by this controversial and unconscionable practice, as stem cells from other sources have proven sufficient and effective in bringing about excellent results in medical research and treatments.
42695		5/23/2009 8:59:24 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>
42696		5/23/2009 8:59:59 PM	<p>Mr. President, I feel that Draft NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines is wrong so I ask you to please not use taxpayer money to fund the taking of innocent life. Should you continue with this, I ask God to have mercy on you when you stand before Him.</p>

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42697		5/23/2009 9:00:31 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>
42698		5/23/2009 9:01:06 PM	<p>We are opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which forces us as taxpayers to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent 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>We are the parents of five adopted children. We thank God every day that our children's mothers chose life and not abortion.</p>
42699		5/23/2009 9:02:21 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>
42700		5/23/2009 9:04:23 PM	<p>Please DAP to protect human embryos from destruction. The agency needs to focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p>
42701		5/23/2009 9:06:34 PM	<p>I don't appreciate being taxed so Obama can kill babies. What part of "Thou shall not kill" does Obama not understand.</p>

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42702		5/23/2009 9:06:43 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>
42703	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:07:00 PM	<p>I am adamantly opposed to my tax dollars being spent on embryonic stem cell research. There is no need for this kind of research when it has been proven that adult stem cells provide better, safer therapy in treating disease. Research into embryonic stem cells is only going to open a Pandora's Box of problems that will not be able to be quelled. Private monies are the only funds that should be used in such research. I am totally against the destruction of human life in every form and greatly dislike my hard-earned dollars being used for such causes.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to my concerns.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42704		5/23/2009 9:07:17 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>
42705	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:09:32 PM	<p>President Obama: Please do not overturn President Bush's limits prohibiting taxpayer financing of new embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration.</p>

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42706		5/23/2009 9:11:49 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 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>
42707		5/23/2009 9:12:01 PM	I oppose more federal funds for human embryonic stem cell experiments, which will delay cures.
42708	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:12:14 PM	<p>My name is ***** and I am a Christian and a Pastor's wife. I am speaking against stem cell research and the organization NIH that will provide the guidelines in which to do this procedure. It is just another way to legally murder unborn babies. Research shows that using cells from umbilical cords works better than from embryos of unborn babies. Therefore we should not be killing innocent babies for no reason. In fact there is not a good enough reason for doing this under any circumstances. I realize we live in a liberal world but the voice of liberal America does not speak for the whole of America. There are Christian conservitive people in this world who do not believe that the use of embryotic stem cells should be harvested and used for any reason. Especially when something else can be used that will work better. I hope my comments make you realize how wrong it is to do this, and that there are millions of Americans that do not agree with stem cell research. Just because the President wishes for this to be done dose not make it right.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42709	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:12:55 PM	<p>Dear National Institute of Health decisionmakers,</p> <p>I am against embryonic stem cell research for several reasons.</p> <p>1)It is terrible, even Nazi-istic, to decide we can use living human beings for the purpose of experimentation that takes their lives.</p> <p>2) It is scientifically very problematic. The embryonic stem cells are too much unpredictable. they are much less reliable than adult stem cells and other technological developments we now have.</p> <p>thanks,</p>

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42710		5/23/2009 9:14:03 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>
42711	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:14:11 PM	<p>My name is ***** and I am a Christian and a Pastor's wife. I am speaking against stem cell research and the organization NIH that will provide the guidelines in which to do this procedure. It is just another way to legally murder unborn babies. Research shows that using cells from umbilical cords works better than from embryos of unborn babies. Therefore we should not be killing innocent babies for no reason. In fact there is not a good enough reason for doing this under any circumstances. I realize we live in a liberal world but the voice of liberal America does not speak for the whole of America. There are Christian conservative people in this world who do not believe that the use of embryotic stem cells should be harvested and used for any reason. Especially when something else can be used that will work better. I hope my comments make you realize how wrong it is to do this, and that there are millions of Americans that do not agree with stem cell research. Just because the President wishes for this to be done dose not make it right.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42712		5/23/2009 9:14:48 PM	<p>I would request that stem cell research focus on stem cells taken from bone marrow on adults. There is a known success rate with this source. There is no known success rate for stem cells taken from destroyed human embryos. There is no reason to continue to go down that road short of a smoke seen to put a good face on abortion.</p>
42713		5/23/2009 9:16:14 PM	<p>I am appalled that embryonic stem cell research is still being carried on! Not only are those babies being killed, but there has been not one cure or help from this "research". All the while, adult stem cells have been proven effective in many instances, but this type of research is not being funded or promoted. WHY? Stop embryonic stem cell research immediately!</p>
42714	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:17:01 PM	<p>Please respect life --- from the moment of conception to natural death. Adult stem cell has proven just as effective as embryonic stem cells, and in fact, far less likely to cause tumors. If we don't draw the line at conception, it will continue to be moved around. Thank you.</p>
42715		5/23/2009 9:17:43 PM	<p>I am against funding embyronic stem cell research. This is old technology and has not produced any real results. I don't think taxpayers should be forced to fund research that takes human life. I would rather fund research in the use of adult stem cells that is already used to treat many diseases.</p>

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42716		5/23/2009 9:18:07 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>
42717		5/23/2009 9:18:53 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>
42718		5/23/2009 9:19:20 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>
42719		5/23/2009 9:19:28 PM	<p>I am definitely in favor of stem cell research. Earlier today, I wrote a comment which may have sounded as though I supported the present draft. I think it needs changes, but we DO need research.</p>
42720		5/23/2009 9:19:28 PM	<p>I support stem cell research.</p>
42721		5/23/2009 9:20:05 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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42723		5/23/2009 9:23:10 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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42724	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:30:00 PM	<p data-bbox="634 120 1163 147">Go Ahead with All Forms of Stem Cell Research!</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1881 272">When President Obama issued his March 9 Executive Order lifting the Bush administration's cretinous restrictions on embryonic stem cell research, he instructed the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop guidelines for funding research using federal dollars. These guidelines have now been issued.</p> <p data-bbox="634 306 1898 363">We cannot afford to lose any form of this research, so we must ensure that approval of the NIH guidelines is heard loud and clear.</p> <p data-bbox="634 399 1839 456">The opportunity to develop new treatments or cures for life threatening diseases, including diabetes, heart disease, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases, is too precious to lose.</p> <p data-bbox="634 492 1881 581">I agree with the Center for Inquiry, a non-profit organization devoted to promoting science and reason as the basis of public policy. I urge the NIH to promote the widest range possible of research in this field because of its potential for improving health and curing diseases.</p> <p data-bbox="634 647 1923 737">Your present guidelines are admirable in expanding the number of embryonic stem cell lines eligible for federal funding and maintaining research using adult stem cells. At a minimum, these guidelines should be maintained, especially because a large majority of Americans polled report that they support federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="634 803 1703 831">The present guidelines, however, do not go far enough. The guidelines do NOT permit the following:</p> <p data-bbox="634 865 1871 922">Funding will be not available for the creation of human embryos—although creation of embryos is routine in private fertility clinics;</p> <p data-bbox="634 925 1892 982">Funding will not be available for somatic cell nuclear transfer, a technique that could overcome rejection of implanted tissue.</p> <p data-bbox="634 985 1934 1172">I would like to see the guidelines expanded to allow federal funding of all avenues of stem cell research. Research on human embryonic stem cells, somatic cell nuclear transfer and adult stem cells needs to continue in parallel. All are part of a research effort that seeks to expand our knowledge of how cells function, what fails in the disease process, and how the first stages of human development occur. It is this combined knowledge that will ultimately generate safe and effective therapies. This research should be funded with federal money in order to promote the development of innovative and potentially lifesaving medical treatments as quickly as possible.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1239 1887 1295">While approving the present guidelines is an excellent first step, I urge you to continue to monitor developments in the field and update these guidelines as the research progresses.</p> <p data-bbox="634 1362 947 1390">Thank you for your attention.</p>

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42725		5/23/2009 9:30:20 PM	<p>I have been diagnosed as "Pre-diabetic", my Father was diagnosed late in his life with type II diabetes and anything we can pathway we can take to halt this devastating disease should be taken.</p> <p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42726		5/23/2009 9:30:33 PM	<p>PLEASE protect human embryos from destruction, and instead focus on Adult Stem-Cell research, which has already provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans!</p> <p>Thank You!</p>
42727	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:30:34 PM	<p>Sort and simple. Use of ESC kills a human being. It has produced zero results while the use of Adult Stem Cells does not cause the death of a human and has produced dozens and dozens of good positive results. Use your head.</p>

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42728		5/23/2009 9:32:31 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> <p>During the Holocaust, the guards at the prison camps were not the ones ordering the deaths to occur, but they did nothing to stop them. Those guards were held just as guilty as accessories to murder. That is what could possibly happen with the NIH. Your personnel would be accessories to murder, the aiding of unnatural life being created and other atrocities. This is one of the few times that all NIH personnel must refuse to obey the government's orders.</p>
42729	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:35:20 PM	<p>It does not seem too difficult to understand that our tax money would be better used in funding research for adult stem cells rather than putting it into the controversial embryonic stem cell research that has thus far proved much less useful in the treating of varied illnesses and problematic conditions.</p> <p>When there is not a problem, don't make one. We have enough controversial issues facing our nation today.</p>
42730		5/23/2009 9:38:32 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 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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42731		5/23/2009 9:39:23 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>
42732		5/23/2009 9:41:41 PM	<p>I 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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42733		5/23/2009 9:42:11 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42734		5/23/2009 9:43:04 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 distressing 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>
42735		5/23/2009 9:44:35 PM	<p>The only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p>
42736		5/23/2009 9:49:16 PM	<p>i totally support the use of adult stem cells in research. I would hope that the stem cells used in research as noted are those already created and no longer being used. This I understand would not allow the creation of stem cells just to be used for research as you noted only ethical standards would be followed.</p> <p>Thanks for listening.</p>

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42737	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:49:37 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>thank you</p>
42738	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:50:36 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.</p>
42739	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:50:37 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.</p>
42740		5/23/2009 9:51:06 PM	<p>I vehemently oppose more federal funds for human embryonic stem cell experiments, which will delay cures.</p> <p>The only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The funding of embryonic stem cell research is a waste of taxpayers money. Put the money where it works...with adult stem cell research!!</p>
42741		5/23/2009 9:51:45 PM	<p>I disagree with and am opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research, which will 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 the human embryos for research purposes.</p>

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42742	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:54:03 PM	<p>For a number of years I have been following the stem cell debate and find that with the current companies that have been trying to find cures for the most debilitating diseases and conditions should be addressed as expressed by the majority of Canadians and Americans. The ethical issues are no longer a barrier. With the funding provided, it will allow these companies to fulfill the necessary trials to ensure the technological advances can contribute to the futures of our children,wildlife and the created abundance of life that has been blessed to all living creations by the higher powers that we follow. Our ability to reason has allowed us to explore the ways in which we find protection for our lives.Diverse spirituality which has given us a direction which we should consider our insignificences to the planet itself. With this reasoning, and with many of our daily debates in life with each other has always been the test of reason.I believe our hearts and if our souls could tell us that this future is unfolding for the benefit of our humanity then there is only the God we believe in who has blessed us with our future and the cures we need to sustain our lives and the rest of the inhabitants of our planet.</p> <p>This will be an important step for the future that lies ahead.</p> <p>We cannot stop the reasoning that we have been blessed with.</p> <p>Think about our children and the responsibility we must take to ensure their future and especially teach them that to live on this planet comes the responsibility to protect all that inhabit it. Without them ,the planet that we live will not be the blessing that we have been priveleged to inhabit.</p>
42743		5/23/2009 9:54:52 PM	STEM CELL RESEARCH WILL BE VERY USEFUL IN FINDING CURES FOR THE AUTOPIMMUNE DISEASES.
42744		5/23/2009 9:55:36 PM	Please support ADULT stem cell research. It is barabaric to use human embryos for scientific experimentation.
42745		5/23/2009 9:56:04 PM	<p>I am writing to oppose funding for embryonic stem cell research. Doing this will actually delay the finding of cures of diseases that could be found with adult stem cells while no cures have yet to have been found by embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>So am asking that our tax dollars be put to better use and that we stop this destruction of life. If you truly want to preserver human life and the quality of life for many please use our resource more wisely by helping to fund Adult Stem Cell Research.</p>
42746		5/23/2009 9:57:36 PM	I strongly support continuing stem cell research IAW the published Guidelines. I consider this effort to be basic investigation of potential advances.

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42747	Redacted	5/23/2009 9:59:04 PM	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>We were all embryos at one time in our development. President Obama recently said something like: "Treat others like you want to be treated." I agree with that idea! However, I see that his plan goes against it because embryo-destructive stem cell research has shown to be ineffective and even dangerous, forming uncontrollable tumors and causing rejection problems. At Notre Dame, he talked about parents that were concerned about their sick child. 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 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. Would you have wanted this to have happened to you???</p> <p>Why do this to another innocent life??? Again, we were all embryos at one time.</p> <p>In Jesus Love, *****</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>
42748		5/23/2009 9:59:24 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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42749		5/23/2009 9:59:51 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>
42750		5/23/2009 9:59:56 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>
42751	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:00:04 PM	<p>Since adult stem cells have been proven to show more promise in providing safe stem cell therapy, please do not spend federal dollars on the destruction of embryonic stem cells, which snuff out a life that would otherwise live if given the right environment to grow.</p> <p>Thank-you,</p>
42752		5/23/2009 10:00:11 PM	<p>Medical science has been proving that there is an alternative to the use of Human Stem Cells. It is the use of adult stem cells. Let us not destroy any connection to human life.</p>
42753		5/23/2009 10:02:12 PM	<p>protect human embryos from destruction. instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p>
42754		5/23/2009 10:02:12 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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42755		5/23/2009 10:02:37 PM	<p>Why don't we put research into finding a way to make the adult stem cells live longer since it has been proven that they actually work better than the embryonic stem cells. So much has been done with adult stem cells that we no longer need to look for treatments and cures from embryos. There is no private funding available for embryonic stem cell research because the treatments they've devised are dangerous to human life and they don't work the way they we're intended. That's why they want federal funds.</p> <p>DON'T DO IT!</p>
42756		5/23/2009 10:02:57 PM	<p>protect human embryos from destruction. instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p>
42757		5/23/2009 10:03:20 PM	<p>protect human embryos from destruction. instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p>
42758		5/23/2009 10:03:43 PM	<p>protect human embryos from destruction. instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p>
42759		5/23/2009 10:04:04 PM	<p>protect human embryos from destruction. instead focus on adult stem-cell research, which already has provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p>

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42760		5/23/2009 10:05:24 PM	<p>Please consider the ramifications of mandating federal funds for controversial procedures such as embryonic stem cell research. It would be inappropriate to force millions of Americans to support this form of research through taxation and federal funding. As it stands now, private funds are being used to seek positive benefits from such research already. Even though I do not agree with this practice, it does not force me to participate against my will. The measure being introduced to the House and Senate does however, violate not only my conscience, but also my civil rights as an American. As my representative in Missouri, I ask you to speak on my behalf.</p> <p>When the Nazi scientists and physicians performed experiments on helpless prisoners, that was considered to be heinous brutality. Because the victims in this medical experiment have no voice, we assume that they have no value. I ask you what makes this type of experiment more palatable than the Nazi death camp experiments? Please do not trivialize this issue by brushing off any comparison of this procedure to the inhuman practices of the scientists of Hitler. It is hypocritical to craft an argument for caring and compassionate cures, when its foundation is built on destructive, violent medical practices.</p> <p>What if murdering 2 year olds and harvesting their t-cells found a cure for cancer? Would that be an acceptable practice? Would it be a demonstration of wisdom and prudence to eliminate one individual to prolong the credible life span of another? Won't we all die in the end anyway? Is our goal to cheat death at any cost?</p> <p>There are extreme consequences for extreme actions. Some have proven to be good, and some have proven to be disastrous. I believe that American's are all better served by taking the higher road and rising above the zest for success at all costs. We have highly skilled and capable scientists and medical personnel who can achieve remarkable products with lasting results. I know that we can rise to the greatest level of professionalism and world acclaim, by producing our most spectacular cures ethically. We can do better than killing and cloning. Why settle for this seditious compromise of character?</p> <p>Please speak out on behalf of the professionals, medical scientists, regular American citizens and children who seek to develop the lasting corrective medicines and medical practices that will benefit all Americans in the near future. I ask you to vote against any use of federal funds for embryonic stem cell harvesting and/ or destruction. Through your faithful representation of our voice, America can remain a humane and safe community for All People - regardless of age, race, culture or financial status. Please keep America strong and support this cause for ethical medical 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>

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42761	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:05:38 PM	<p data-bbox="634 123 905 151">Dear Friends and Family,</p> <p data-bbox="634 245 1940 367">On March 9th, President Obama issued an Executive Order lifting the past administration’s restrictive policy on embryonic stem cell research (ESCR) and instructing the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop guidelines for federal funding of ESCR. NIH has released its draft guidelines and the public has been given the opportunity to submit comments. NIH will review the content and volume of comments as it drafts its final framework for federal funding of ESCR.</p> <p data-bbox="634 464 1881 521">It is critical that we show our support for this important research. Please help generate as many comments as possible between now and the May 26th filing deadline. Each comment will be recorded and counted!</p> <p data-bbox="634 618 1871 675">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 data-bbox="634 773 1213 829">Submit Comments on NIH Draft Stem Cell Guidelines Deadline May 26th!</p> <p data-bbox="634 927 984 951">How to Submit Your Comments:</p> <p data-bbox="634 984 1913 1138">To access the NIH comment form, visit: http://nihoerextra.nih.gov/stem_cells/add.htm Provide your name, and select ‘self’ for Affiliation; and Copy and paste the text below into the comment box, edit as appropriate, provide the security check ID on the form, and click ‘submit comments.’ Thank You, *****</p> <p data-bbox="634 1235 905 1260">To whom it may concern:</p> <p data-bbox="634 1357 1934 1503">President Obama’s Executive Order 13505 represents a tremendous opportunity for the NIH to support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy stem cell research. However, I am worried that the NIH proposal will exclude funding for many existing ethically created stem cell lines, create systemic redundancies that will waste scarce resources without added value, and unduly delay important scientific research. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research and urge you to take the following into consideration before finalizing federal</p>

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42761		5/23/2009 10:05:38 PM	<p>rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Honor Existing Regulations and Guidelines 2. Existing Self-Regulatory Process <p>The NIH guidelines should support the strong existing federal regulatory framework provided by 45 CFR 46, rather than setting new and unique requirements for hESC research. The new guidelines should acknowledge that most existing domestic lines were derived in accordance with the core principles in the CIRM regulations and the ISSCR guidelines, and are consistent with the established federal regulatory framework involving the protection of human subjects (donors) through IRB oversight and approval. The federal human research regulations support ethically responsible and scientifically worthy research.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Provenance Based on Prevailing Standards of the Time <p>The determination of the ethical and legal provenance of hESC lines should be based on the investigator's documentation of IRB approval for the obtaining of the original tissue used for the derivation of the line. The IRB approval would be based on the usual determination that the embryos were collected in an ethically appropriate manner consistent with existing federal standards for informed consent.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Federal hESC Registry <p>A central NIH registry should serve as a single point for verification of hESC lines eligible for federal funding. Such a registry will provide certainty to all parties that the identified lines were derived according to ethical and legal standards. The evaluation of hESC provenance represents a major resource commitment for oversight committees. It is common for multiple institutions to evaluate the provenance of the same lines resulting in the use of scarce resources in a duplication of a labor intensive effort. The NIH should support a more efficient use of scarce resources, reduction in errors, and ensure consistency and certainty of investigators and compliance committees, by supporting initiatives designed to establish and share the provenance of existing and to be created hESC lines. I, therefore, urge the NIH to work with organizations such as the CIRM and ISSCR to develop a list or registry of hESC lines available for NIH-funding or resources to support the oversight process.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Guidelines.</p> <p>http://capwiz.com/pan/issues/alert/?alertid=13259756</p>

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42762		5/23/2009 10:07:21 PM	<p data-bbox="634 430 1934 578">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="634 615 1881 699">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>
42763		5/23/2009 10:07:33 PM	<p data-bbox="634 724 1940 808">We DO need to continue research on stem cells, but on ADULT stem cells, not embryonic stem cells. Embryonic stem cell research destroys a life and does not provide better cells than adult stem cells and umbilical cells, neither of which destroy life. We do not need to start experimenting with the unborn children!</p>
42764		5/23/2009 10:07:48 PM	<p data-bbox="634 833 1934 951">-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="634 989 1923 1107">-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 1144 1934 1196">-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 1234 1923 1286">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>
42765		5/23/2009 10:08:10 PM	<p data-bbox="634 1341 1923 1489">I am asking you to protect our children - which are a Heritage from the Lord! America IS a Christian Nation. Protect our citizens like you swore to do - which you are not doing - and what is that called? Lying? Children are not ours - we belong to God who created us. If we destroy what God made, that is called murder. (Thou shalt not murder) If the child is not living - it would not have to be killed!! Please reconsider your ungodly and treasonous acts and protect our Constitution and our citizens. Thank you.</p>

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42766		5/23/2009 10:08:15 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes</p>
42767		5/23/2009 10:09:41 PM	<p>Why fund something that offers no hope of results? Why not fund something that is currently producing results? Why not save some money?</p>
42768		5/23/2009 10:11:13 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> <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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42771		5/23/2009 10:13:40 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> <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>

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42775		5/23/2009 10:17:37 PM	<p>If i kill akitten to take something from its body to keep my old cat alive would that be o.k.???Adult stem cells when used are successful and no one dies.So lets focus on adult stem cell research.</p>

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42776		5/23/2009 10:18:20 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>
42777	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:18:56 PM	<p>Please do not allow embryonic stem cell research. We do not want our tax dollars to be used for this. There has not been any success with them. There has been much success with adult stem cells and other acceptable sources. There is no need to force this on our country through our tax money.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
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42779		5/23/2009 10:19:19 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 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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42780	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:19:35 PM	<p>Why is this issue so important, with the lack-of success ? In my life I have learned (the hard way) that when *unsuccessful* points are "pushed" forward - over and again... there are usually two points, *not* acknowledged : money is usually first, but not always and then there's the power issue - folks that "have" it, usually want MORE not less of it, and it does not matter *which* of the two points "it" is/or both ; I see this top- to -bottom with the Human Stem Cell Research issue that goes on and on...The success stories are all with the *abundant* adult stem cell sources. So, I believe there is a lot of money in this; that there are many people, in a variety of positions, making lots of \$\$\$ *is* the point. So, now we get to *my" point; it is quite simple and to that I will be brief: YOU WHO ARE PUSHING THIS ARE WRONG; YOU ARE USING FOLKS WITH A VARIETY OF CONDITIONS TO PROMOTE YOUR AGENDA; THEY ARE SO FAR *IN* THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THEY LIVE WITH - DAILY, THAT THEY DO NOT REALIZE THEY'RE BEING USED; IF THEY EVER WAKE-UP TO THE HIDDEN, REAL ISSUES FOR THE PROMOTERS OF THIS - THE "JIG WILL BE UP"; TRUTHS WILL BE UNCOVERED AND THEN WE CAN BEGIN THE CLEANUP... WITH ALL THE SOULS THAT HAVE "BOUGHT"-IN; ONLY THEN, WILL THERE BE ADVANCES THAT HAVE REAL POTENTIAL. ALL THOSE THAT SUPPORT THIS, SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF THEMSELVES...I PRAY FOR REALITY CHECKS, ALL THE WAY AROUND.</p>
42781		5/23/2009 10:20:48 PM	<p>We are opposed to the proposed guidelines which will devote our tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. The only successful treatments and cures have come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures.</p>
42782		5/23/2009 10:21:08 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>
42783		5/23/2009 10:21:10 PM	<p>We are 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42784	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:22:15 PM	<p>I was a Labor and Delivery RN at the University of ***** Hospital in the 1980's when we began to collect cord blood for stem cell research. I have kept current with the success of these stem cells. There is no reason to end the life of a baby to obtain stem cells when other stem cells work. This makes no common sense, no moral sense, no national sense. There is a Natural Law that we must follow whether one believes in God or not. If we do not, society will fail because it did not protect its own.</p>

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42785		5/23/2009 10:22:41 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>
42786		5/23/2009 10:23:01 PM	<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. Thank you.</p>

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42787		5/23/2009 10:23:31 PM	<p>I am very much opposed to your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research that would force me as a taxpayer to subsidize the destruction of human life. Human embryos are LIVING BEINGS!</p> <p>Adult stem cells is not taking life, but giving life and are effective in treating patients. My oldest brother is going through this procedure now.</p> <p>The proposed regulation do not prevent future funding-more of my hard earned tax dollars-for stem cell research that would lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids(God forbid!) This loophole needs to be closed now, never to be opened again!</p> <p>I hope that if you have a conscience, that it bothers you until you change your mind on this draft.Please do not let this go on.</p>
42788		5/23/2009 10:23:44 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>
42789		5/23/2009 10:25:35 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. 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>

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42790		5/23/2009 10:26:03 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 the human embryos for research purposes.
42791		5/23/2009 10:26:05 PM	I agree with stem cell research. I believe that it is important and of great benefit to society. I do not believe that stem cell research should be banned.
42792		5/23/2009 10:26:12 PM	I am against Federal Funds being appropriated towards embryonic stem cell experimentation. Thus far there are no proven benefits in using them, and above all it means destroying a human embryo to experiment on! However, there are positive results with adult stem cells in dealing with various diseases. Further funding of the adult cell research would benefit all involved and not waste tax payers monies on a mute issue. In these very difficult times we find ourselves in, it behoves the government to spend our monies wisely and not contribute to futher destruction of human embryos awaiting that are awaiting life to develop.
42793		5/23/2009 10:28:35 PM	<p>I disagree with the use of human embryonic stem cells in research using NIH funds (as stipulated in section II.B) for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The current state of technology requires the intentional destruction of a human ebryo, which I believe to be equivalent to human murder, and therefore immoral. 2) Adult stem cells have already produced therapies for human ailments, whereas embryonic stem cells (a controversial source) have not. 3) Since the determination of when life starts is debatable, it is proper and moral to err on the side of life rather than to allow a contriversional process that results in death of what I and those who hold my same views believe to be a human. (NOTE: President Obama has previously said when he was a Senator, that the determination of when life begins is "above his pay grade", which indicates that he does not know when life begins. 4) It is logically incorrect and morally unconscionable for the government to use my tax dollars to fund an endeavor that MAY benefit humans sometime in the future, but today absolutely does certianly destroy life... a life which many citizens (including myself) believe to be HUMAN life. 5) At a time when the government is in such debt, it would behoove the government to say "NO" to any unnecessary expenditure... especially something as controversial as this! 6) "For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;" Psa 139:13-14

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42794		5/23/2009 10:28:54 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. This constitutes murder, and I want NO part in the falsely producing and killing of innocent human babies. These are REAL, VIABLE children whom you are promoting the killing of. These are not 'blobs' of tissue, these are children--who--if allowed to live would giggle, play, learn, grow, and care for YOU in your old age.</p> <p>Instead of promoting a culture of death and destruction, please support continued adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions. Doing otherwise makes the NIH a misnomer--you will need to rename your organization to NIM--the National Institute of Murder, because that is what you will stand for if you allow these new guidelines to prevail.</p>
42795		5/23/2009 10:29:43 PM	<p>I am personally and professionally opposed to the Draft NIH Human Stem Cells Guidelines. I have cared for patients for 34+ years and have yet to see any evidence of a "medical breakthrough" from embryonic stem cells. In addition, to destroy the life of one human being hoping that it "may" help someone someday in the future amounts to pre-meditated murder with nothing to show for it. In these days of limited dollars for medical care and research, let's put our money into adult stem cell research where my patients may actually see a benefit without the loss of life.</p>
42796		5/23/2009 10:30:00 PM	<p>Stop this form of stem cell research. Artificial stem cell lhas proven successful.</p>
42797		5/23/2009 10:30:45 PM	<p>I want to register my concern over the possibility that embryonic stem cell research may be further limited again in the US by regulation or lack of funding. As a physician, I know well how important this research is as we struggle to find ways to deal with so many different disorders affecting so many US citizens from the very young to the very old. This area of research is a powerful tool to do such good work. Please support it.</p>
42798		5/23/2009 10:31:06 PM	<p>I am writing to appeal to you to PROTECT HUMAN EMBRYOS FROM DESTRUCTION AND TO PURSUE RESEARCH IN REGARDS TO ADULT STEM CELLS--WHERE MUCH GOOD HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE BY PROVIDING MANY TREATMENTS FOR HUMANS.</p>
42799	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:32:17 PM	<p>To whom it may concern, Please do not use our tax dollars to destroy human embryos. I ask that use our tax money, instead, to focus on adult stem-cell research, which has already provided dozens of therapies and treatments for humans.</p>
42800		5/23/2009 10:33:19 PM	<p>I am writing this in support of additional funding for the purposes of increasing stem cell research.</p>

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42801		5/23/2009 10:33:22 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>
42802		5/23/2009 10:33:51 PM	<p>I am a physician who, for the last seven years, has responsibly conducted research with human embryonic stem cells. We use these cells to understand how the cardiovascular system develops, and also to produce new therapies to cure cardiovascular disease. Two critical changes need to be made to the current draft guidelines.</p> <p>First, I believe that a major flaw exists in section II. B, "Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem cells for Use in Research". While this section provides a reasonable standard for the eligibility of human embryonic stem cell lines derived in the future, it does not recognize the existence of hundreds of stem cell lines currently in use in research labs across the United States. While these existing lines were derived according to the most ethical standards recognized at the time of derivation, they may not meet in every detail the new, more rigorous standards set forth in the NIH draft guidelines. To prohibit their eligibility for federal funds under this new policy would do great harm to the field of stem cell research. Federally funded researchers would be forced to stop their work and wait for a yet unknown number of new embryonic stem cells that comply with the new NIH guidelines to be derived. Such a halt to research would be detrimental to the scientific community's progress and devastating to patients around the world who might benefit from this important research. In short, it would stop my lab's work in its tracks and throw away millions of dollars worth of research already invested.</p> <p>Therefore, I urge the NIH to include a provision within Section II to allow human embryonic stem cell lines previously and ethically derived to be eligible for use in federally funded research under these guidelines. Instead of requiring previously derived cell lines to comply with either the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) guidelines or the guidelines by the International Society of Stem Cell Research (ISSCR), I ask the NIH to consider a different standard. I recommend that the final guidelines allow NIH funding for any lines derived prior to the implementation of the new policy that had been derived: a) with informed consent, b) without undue inducement, and c) with oversight by an ethics advisory committee, such as an Institutional Review Board.</p> <p>Second, I also urge the replacement of section II C, "Prior to the Use of NIH Funds". The requirement that each recipient of federal funds ensure the compliance of the cell lines to be used would be administratively burdensome and unnecessarily restrict research. Under the draft guidelines, each investigator who wishes to use a cell line in his or her research must provide assurances that the cell line complies with the NIH Guidelines. This repeated reauthorization of the same cell lines seems unnecessary. It is also possible that different institutions might judge the eligibility of the same cell line differently. This lack of uniformity threatens the free flow of scientific investigation.</p> <p>To avoid bureaucratic and legal confusion, I ask the NIH to establish an NIH registry of human embryonic stem cell lines available for federally funded research. When a cell line is first used in federally funded research, assurance documentation should be submitted to an NIH-run registry. The registry would allow researchers to review the cell lines that meet the NIH guidelines and then apply to use those stem cells lines.</p>

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42803	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:36:53 PM	<p>I am in principle and conscience opposed to embryonic stem cell research because:</p> <p>Adult stem cell research is more promising and should receive priority. The government should be educating the public extensively on the details and results of adult stem research and it's effective application.</p> <p>I oppose the use of embryos for research. I'm opposed to the purported profiteering from the speculative use of human beings in this manner and I am opposed to citizens being forced to help pay for this.</p> <p>I believe that the day that the American government embarks on widespread human embryonic stem cell research funding leading to eventual human embryo farming, this country will cease to be a good nation and will have become an evil nation.</p>

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42804	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:38:36 PM	<p>As a person with an incurable spinal cord disease, all research is critical but I believe embryonic stem cell research holds promising results.</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 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>
42805		5/23/2009 10:38:40 PM	<p>I am not opposed to stem cell research; however, embryonic stem cell research has a number of ethical issues making it morally unacceptable to anyone who upholds the call to protection of sanctity of life as well as informed consent to end a life not your own. In addition, there are reasonable alternative sources of stem cells, including harvesting them from cord blood or placentas. There is no true need to violate the ethic code of so many and wander into the thickets of such a morally charged issue just because it can be done.</p>
42806		5/23/2009 10:39:00 PM	<p>I don't want my taxpayer money spent on NIH Human Stem Cell research.</p>

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42807	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:39:27 PM	<p>The draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research should not be adopted because they would compel me and other taxpayers to subsidize research requiring the destruction of innocent human life. Governmental support should be directed to stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful. And human cloning is always wrong -- even if the cloned embryos are goulishly created and then destroyed, or used for "spare parts."</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has been shown over several years now 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>
42808		5/23/2009 10:40:16 PM	<p>The use of embryonic stem cells is not "ethically responsible" - I am strongly opposed to my tax dollars going to such scientific research. When adult stem cells have been proven to be effective in reducing various illnesses and diseases, funding should continue to be channeled towards adult stem cells. Human life begins at conception; regardless if these embryos would not be used for fertilization, it is morally and ethically WRONG to use them in this manner.</p>
42809		5/23/2009 10:41:11 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> <p>I realize that the regulation I am trying to put a stop to, may the very thing that could one day save my life. What I see, though, is the bigger picture. An embryo is a life, so therefore the destruction of embryo's, or solely producing embryo's for the purpose of stem cell research, is murder. Not only that, but the possibility of cloning, or hybrids, is against God's natural law. Sometimes we can take science too far, and I beleive this is one of those instances. Please do not pass this regulation.</p>

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42810		5/23/2009 10:41:45 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>
42811		5/23/2009 10:41:52 PM	<p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p>
42812		5/23/2009 10:42:21 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>
42813		5/23/2009 10:42:56 PM	<p>Just THINK a little.</p> <p>If adult stem cells are working... why mess with tiny babies that are NOT working? 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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42814		5/23/2009 10:43:17 PM	<p>Dear President Obama, Thank-you for your consideration of my comment. While it may not influence you to support life with regards, today, to the unborn child, it needs to be heard and I pray that our Creator God will reach your heart, mind, and soul so that you will change and be a protector of life; not make laws which kill and destroy life.</p> <p>From the time of conception life begins. Cells grow, a heartbeat starts at approx. 18 days, feet and hands form, the brain develops. All these processes of life begin inside the womb and the continuum of life proceeds outside as well. How tragic it is that, just as in times of slavery and genocide, there are those who justify taking away the freedoms of human beings to live.</p> <p>Experimenting on an unborn baby is taking away that child's right to life. When adult stem cell research is just as, if not more, effective as stem cell research on an unborn child, I am led to believe that there is simply a complete lack of respect and honor for life in this administration because of it's support of human stem cell research on children who could live inside the womb.</p> <p>This is horrific; to consider sacrificing children for, perhaps, advances in medicine when the same, or better, advances can be made through adult stem cell reasearch.</p> <p>Well, the abortion industry is a billion dollar industry profiting off minorities (approximately the same amount of African-Americans are killed through abortion every year as are born. The #1 cause of death for African-Americans is abortion; not heart disease, cancer, etc.). So, following this line of thinking it makes sense that money is to be made from research on these killed unborn children and greedy humans want to sacrifice innocent children with the hopes of, possibly extending their own lives. So what about the children- seems to be this administrations mantra</p> <p>I weep for these children, for our nation, and for an administration presenting such greed and selfishness that it even considers the killing of innocent children, and experimenting on them, for the profit of others.</p>
42815		5/23/2009 10:43:18 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions. This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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42816	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:43:53 PM	<p>It's ok if you want to use Stem cell's for research, but for God's sake don't use unborn babies cells. Instead, use adult Stem cells. Ask yourselves, if this was my unborn baby, would I want to use his or her stem cells? Better yet, ask yourselves, "What would Jesus do?" ****</p> <p>May God bless America and God bless you.</p>
42817		5/23/2009 10:44:07 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>
42818	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:44:26 PM	<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. Thank you.</p>
42819		5/23/2009 10:45:04 PM	<p>If you want to be "ethicly responsible and scientificly worthy" you will leave human stem cells for reproducing life. They are themselves "human embryos" that are valued for life, not experiments. You do not have our permission in using our tax dollars for such funding and research.</p>
42820		5/23/2009 10:46:11 PM	<p>I am a college biology professor and a practicing Catholic. Science and Religion can coexist, and even further, compliment each other. Reason and faith are intertwined. As a woman of faith and reason, I firmly believe we must do whatever possible to preserve human life from the newly formed embryo to the oldest in our ranks. To do any less, would defy our very reason for existence!</p>

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42821		5/23/2009 10:47:14 PM	I 100% support Stem Cell research! We have made so many medical advances since the beginning of time and this is just another step! We need to do this and see what possibilities it may open up down the road. It is hard to tell what we may be able to cure one day with this type of research! We need to do it for the innocent children and loved ones who suffer from diseases that this research may one day cure!
42822		5/23/2009 10:47:16 PM	Please continue your research funding only adult and cord blood stem cells. It is the ethical solution.
42823	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:47:39 PM	<p>Dear NIH-</p> <p>After outliving the actuarial tables given my Mother and Father when I was diagnosed in 1966 at age 6 with Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus I feel that I'm more than qualified to write in in support of the new proposed guidelines for human stem cell research.</p> <p>Since the age of six I've heard that a new treatment was "right around the corner" that would provide a "miraculous" cure to the chronic condition I've now survived with for over 44 years. I'm no longer young enough, or naive enough, to believe that a cure will be found before my life reaches it's end, but I do believe that human stem cells hold the blueprint for once and for all ending the suffering caused by diabetes and a host of other chronic medical conditions.</p> <p>As a father of a perfectly healthy and wonderful 11 yr old daughter, I'd like to know that before I pass from this earth that a means to both treat and prevent Type 1 diabetes has been discovered and she and any future descendants of mine will not be doomed to bear the burdens I've endured throughout my life.</p> <p>This is the reason I write to implore you to approve the new proposed guidelines for stem cell research. My hope is you will heed this call to DO THE RIGHT THING and offer a strong backing of NIH support of the proposed guidelines human stem cell research guidelines.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Respectfully,</p>
42824		5/23/2009 10:48:31 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. You should be promoting and encouraging NON-embryonic stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and have already successfully treated over 70 diseases/conditions.</p> <p>Embryo-destructive stem cell research has been a total WASTE OF MONEY and often forms tumors and causes rejection problems.</p> <p>What is the point of pursuing dead-end embryo-destructive stem cell research? WHY ARE YOU WASTING OUR MONEY and killing human babies?</p> <p>Every human life destroyed in this way degrades every other human life!! Why are you doing this???</p> <p>Please stop this destruction now, while you can, for the sake of every American!!</p>
42825		5/23/2009 10:49:02 PM	Thank you for recognizing the restrictions imposed by the Dickey-Wicker amendment. Since such good progress is being made in the use of adult stem cells and stem cells derived from placenta, the ethically questionable embryonic stem cell production and research is not as crucial as previously believed. Thank you for your continued compliance with the Dicky-Wicker amendment.

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42826		5/23/2009 10:50:41 PM	<p>The National Institutes of Health is behind the power curve. Research into adult stem cells has already proven itself to be most effective, most ethical, and financially worthwhile. Science is not effective without these criteria.</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>
42827		5/23/2009 10:51:27 PM	<p>Please consider all those in country with diabetes when voting on this legislation to expand stem cell research.</p>
42828		5/23/2009 10:52:31 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>

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42829		5/23/2009 10:55:31 PM	<p>Adult stem cell research is much more viable and doesn't result in death.</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>Choose life, not death.</p>
42830	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:55:40 PM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>
42831	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:55:58 PM	<p>Dear Sir:</p> <p>Please don't allow the killing of little babies or to be able to clone embryos to use for stem cell research or for further use. Life is precious!</p> <p>Look at your own two 'precious' babies and ask yourself about this issue.</p> <p>Follow your heart.</p> <p>Respectfully and lovingly,</p>

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42832	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:55:59 PM	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I am e-mailing to oppose taxpayer funding of any kind of use of embryos for research such as embryonic stem-cell research, etc. The use of taxpayer dollars for ethical research such as adult stem-cell and skin cell research which does not require embryos or the killing of an unborn child is all right with me.</p> <p>Also, embryonic stem-cells do not work and often makes the medical condition worse because the body rejects them since they are foreign to the person's body in which they are used. There have been many successes in the use of the ethical, non-embryonic sources.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42833		5/23/2009 10:56:42 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>It is science not religion that tells us when human life begins. The father of Modern genetics, Dr. Jerome Lejeune said "To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion...it is plain experimental evidence." Therefore embryonic stem cell research which destroys embryos is the taking of innocent human life.</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>
42834		5/23/2009 10:56:58 PM	<p>I am very much opposed to spending tax dollars (or any other dollars) on embryonic stem cell research. It is immoral and unethical; and, if that doesn't matter to the people controlling these matters, it is ineffective. Research using adult stem cells has been productive and results in no harm to any living being. I am also opposed to any type of human cloning.</p> <p>Please do all that you can to eliminate any possibility of funding, now and in the future, on embryonic stem cell research and human cloning.</p>

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42835		5/23/2009 10:57:17 PM	<p>Embryonic stem cell research holds great promise for millions of Americans suffering from many diseases and disorders. I have a science background , 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>It is my belief that this work will be done somewhere in the world, and that it is the interest of our country that it be done in the U.S.</p>
42836		5/23/2009 10:59:08 PM	<p>President Obama’s issuance of Executive Order 13505 is unlawful, immoral, and an overstepping of the President’s jurisdiction. Simply put, it is unlawful under the vastly-prior and immutable Executive Order (“You shall not murder”) of the Sovereign Creator of heaven and earth to expand federal funding of human embryonic stem cell experimentation by accepting stem cells derived from in vitro fertilization (IVF) human embryos produced but not used for reproductive purposes. Deriving stem cells from human embryos necessarily results in their death. The President is overstepping his jurisdiction by calling for the tax dollars of American citizens to fund research that uses stem cells derived from human embryos resulting in their death. The killing of one class of humans to benefit another class of humans is profoundly immoral.</p> <p>My comments are, therefore, not procedural per the Guidelines set forth by the NIH; rather, they are philosophical per the Guidelines set forth by the Almighty, who did not speak lightly when He said, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil . . . Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight” (Isaiah 5:20a, 21). Any implementing of the Guidelines by the NIH will only bring America under more divine judgment than it is already experiencing.</p> <p>I pray the whole embryonic stem cell experiment will be abandoned. Why add to our national sins by “rejecting the law of the LORD of Hosts and despising the word of the Holy One who reigns over the nations” of the world (Isaiah 5:24; Psalm 47:8)?</p>

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42837	Redacted	5/23/2009 10:59:42 PM	<p>Please read the following concerns that I have regarding embryonic stem cell research and the overwhelming evidence that there are better ways!</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>Thank You,</p>
42838		5/23/2009 10:59:43 PM	<p>I oppose federal funding for stem-cell research, which will only delay the adult stem-cell search for cures. My husband has Parkinson's and needs a cure sooner instead of later.</p>

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42839		5/23/2009 11:01:52 PM	<p>I strongly support federal funding for human embryonic stem cell research and was delighted by the new Executive Order relating to it. I am also very encouraged by the fact that the NIH has opened up the proposed guidelines for public comment. However, there are problems with the guidelines as currently proposed that would impede the progress of research and that I therefore think should be changed.</p> <p>In particular, although section II. B, "Eligibility of Human Embryonic Stem cells for Use in Research" provides a reasonable standard for the eligibility of human embryonic stem cell lines derived in the future, if such standards are applied retroactively they would prevent the use of existing stem cell lines derived in accordance with the ethical requirements in place at the time of derivation (see Taylor, Cell Stem Cell, 2009). This policy would greatly reduce the value of research already conducted with the existing lines, and would delay the application of federal funds to hESC research until new lines had been derived. Both of these results would be detrimental to scientific progress. I therefore urge the NIH to include a provision to allow human embryonic stem cell lines previously derived with appropriate oversight and in accordance with ethical standards at the time of derivation to be used for federally-funded research.</p> <p>In addition, the requirement for researchers who wish to use hESC lines in federally-funded research to provide evidence independently that the line conforms to the NIH guidelines, and thus be re-authorized each time, seems an unnecessary administrative burden that would waste taxpayer money. One way in which the NIH could avoid such duplication of effort and reduce confusion would be to establish a registry of hESC lines that are available for use in federally-funded research. This registry could be set up in collaboration with other organizations such as the ISSCR.</p> <p>In the future, I also urge re-examination of more broad-ranging legislation such as the provisions in the Dickey-Wicker amendment and the use of federal funds for other forms of line generation such as SCNT. I believe that it would be appropriate to allow line derivation from embryos generated specifically for the purposes of research or by other methods. With appropriate oversight and regulation in place, research on such lines has the potential to have a substantial positive impact on our understanding and treatment of human disease.</p>
42840		5/23/2009 11:02:30 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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42841		5/23/2009 11:04:17 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>
42842		5/23/2009 11:04:27 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>
42843		5/23/2009 11:04:42 PM	<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>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>
42844		5/23/2009 11:04:42 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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42845		5/23/2009 11:05:24 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>
42846	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:07:36 PM	<p>I am an MD-PhD student at the University of *****. My graduate work involves using human embryonic stem cells to derive cardiovascular cells for transplant to treat heart disease.</p> <p>I am also an active Democrat and supporter of President Obama. When he signed the executive order regarding embryonic stem cells in March, he intended to reduce the barriers stem cell researchers face when trying to acquire funding for important research. I ask NIH to consider the President's wishes when modifying the proposed embryonic stem cell guidelines.</p> <p>The NIH draft guidelines fail to grandfather in the previously Bush-approved human embryonic stem cell lines. Without access to federal funds for work with these lines, embryonic stem cell research will be set back months to years as we wait for access to new lines.</p> <p>Please act as quickly as possible. The halt on all grants proposing work with any embryonic stem cell lines has set my lab back several months. I cannot complete experiments needed to complete my PhD because my lab does not have enough funding.</p>

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42847		5/23/2009 11:07:51 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>send messages to Congress that express your opposition to all legislation that promotes the destruction of human embryos through embryonic stem cell research</p> <p>I "Emphasize" that the only successful advances in treating diseases have involved the use of adult stem cells.</p> <p>I state that I am in favor of adult stem cell research that is "morally acceptable" since it doesn't involve the destruction and killing of innocent human lives.</p>
42848		5/23/2009 11:09:06 PM	<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>The use of adult stem cells in research has already had good results, and causes no ethical problems.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research raises ethical questions that will be very divisive for this country, and its results so far have not been good.</p> <p>Therefore, I ask that the government NOT fund embryonic stem cell research.</p>
42849		5/23/2009 11:12:57 PM	<p>I am overly excited to hear that we are getting even closer to find a cure!! I am 100% for stem cell research!! I dont understand why some are so against it when it may help cure diseases and save a lot of lives!</p>
42850		5/23/2009 11:13:34 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>

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42852	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:13:52 PM	<p>Dear Dr. Kington and Stem Cell Guidelines Committee:</p> <p>I urge the NIH to adopt alternative criteria that will allow federal money to be used with stem cell lines currently approved for NIH-funding. Eliminating federal support for use of these lines would seriously undermine current research programs. I recommend that the criterion for acceptable derivation be oversight of embryo and oocyte donation by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its equivalent. The IRB should ensure that the informed consent process conformed to accepted regulations and guidelines at the time and place of donation. This alternative IRB criterion for informed consent continues support for current research programs and supports use of an expanded set of valuable stem cell lines.</p> <p>I also urge the NIH to develop a registry or data-base of NIH-approved stem cell lines. This registry would save tax payer dollars by eliminating the need for each research institution to conduct its own reviews of stem cell lines.</p> <p>Finally, I support the use of NIH-funds with stem cell lines derived through parthenogenesis and nuclear transfer as long as they meet standards for ethical derivation.</p> <p>Yours truly,</p>
42853		5/23/2009 11:14:27 PM	<p>I do not want my tax dollars to be used for experiments with embryonic stem cells from destroyed human embryos. The only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells.</p>
42854		5/23/2009 11:14:51 PM	<p>We are strongly opposed to funding dead end research of human embryonic cells. I have worked over 15 years in the medical/science field and always this ends poorly and destructive. That is why it is no longer privately funded. REAL People are treated with adult and umbilical stem cells successfully. Let true progress continue.</p>
42855		5/23/2009 11:15:10 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. Why should we pour money into research that has proven ineffective when a viable alternative exists. 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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42856		5/23/2009 11:16:44 PM	There's absolutely no need to use human embryos to get patient-specific stem cells when there's an alternative method of stem cell research known as iPSC that uses human skin cells. To create a human life for the purpose of exploiting it to harvest cells and organs for another's benefit and then destroying it violates the very principle of the dignity of the human person, in addition to being unethical.
42857		5/23/2009 11:19:27 PM	<p>We support and encourage stem cell research using non-embryonic sources of stem cells, including umbilical cord blood, placenta, bone marrow and various adult tissues. No human lives are destroyed in harvesting stem cells from these sources. Therapies from these stem cells already provide beneficial treatments to patients (in contrast to the speculative study involving human embryonic stem cells), and such research should be a priority for both public and privately funded research.</p> <p>We oppose stem cell research using human embryos. In order to isolate and culture embryonic stem cells, a living human embryo must be killed. It is never morally or ethically justifiable to kill one human being in order to benefit another. By requiring the destruction of embryos – the tiniest human beings – embryonic stem cell research violates the medical ethic, "Do No Harm."</p>
42858		5/23/2009 11:20:08 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>Thank you and please consider the tremendous moral weight of this issue, and thus, the implications of this decision.</p>
42859		5/23/2009 11:23:21 PM	I do not support embryonic stem cell research, especially not paid for with tax payer dollars. Please invest more into adult stem cell research and use the stem cells available via donated umbilical cords. I donated the ones from my pregnancies. Thank you.

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42860	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:30:06 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>Sincerely for life,</p>
42861		5/23/2009 11:34:43 PM	<p>In order to find cures for many illnesses such as Diabetes, stem Cell research should have all stem cell lines available for research.No cloning would be done, noone would be harmed by using stem cells and many will eventually be helped by this important research.</p>
42862		5/23/2009 11:38:42 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>
42863		5/23/2009 11:38:54 PM	<p>But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments.</p>
42864		5/23/2009 11:40:24 PM	<p>This is a senseless destruction of human life. Research has shown that adult stem cells have a better rate of success. Please do not use our tax money for this program.</p>

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42865		5/23/2009 11:44:41 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. I have heard several news items of successful treatment with adult stem cells. That is where our research should be centered. I think the push to use embryonic stem cells, when adult stem cells have already proved their effectiveness, is to further the goals of the abortion industry, to try to convince the public that a human embryo is simply a group of cells. The truth is, a human embryo is a person at the stage of life we all were at the very early stages of our own lives.</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. It makes me sick to think of my tax dollars being used in this way.</p>
42866		5/23/2009 11:46:22 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>
42867		5/23/2009 11:46:36 PM	<p>I fully support the NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines which are being proposed.</p>

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42868		5/23/2009 11:46:59 PM	<p>I am not a medical professional or a scientist. I speak as a tax-paying citizen of the United States who thinks that this Executive Order is a sinister travesty. Principled medical and scientific individuals, I would hope, see the issue of embryonic stem cell research with more honorable motives than the person who signed the order.</p> <p>It is known, from what I have read and heard, that embryonic stem cell research, which requires the destruction of human beings to extract the cells, is now unnecessary. The humane question then becomes, why am I as a taxpayer required to fund the destruction of human beings—particularly when the destruction is unnecessary? Not that I would support this particular type of research if it were necessary, but it isn't. The unborn are no threat to me or anybody else.</p> <p>The following comment from FR Doc E9-9313 is telling:</p> <p>"Studies of human embryonic stem cells may yield information about the complex events that occur during human development. Some of the most serious medical conditions, such as cancer and birth defects, are due to abnormal cell division and differentiation. A better understanding of the genetic and molecular controls of these processes could provide information about how such diseases arise and suggest new strategies for therapy. Human embryonic stem cells may also be used to test new drugs. For example, new medications could be tested for safety on differentiated somatic cells generated from human embryonic stem cells."</p> <p>The type of research that you describe is being done and has been for some time, to my knowledge, by private research entities. As yet, nothing has come of the research. On the other hand, non-embryonic research has yielded great results, and to the degree that embryonic research is a distraction, it takes away funds and time from the known success of tried and true methods. I'm trying to understand how my being forced to participate in the funding of embryonic stem cell research by government researchers will make that research more successful. Scientists are scientists. Private sector types are certainly as good as those on the federal payroll.</p> <p>I understand where mediocre political hacks like Barack Obama and his liberal cohorts in Congress are coming from. They are paying off the powerful forces on the progressive left who put them in office—the George Soros types. I fail to understand, however, where scientists and medical professionals like you are coming from.</p>
42869		5/23/2009 11:48:38 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>
42870		5/23/2009 11:50:08 PM	<p>Please take note, I oppose the use of Federal funds for Human Embryonic Stem Cell experiments</p>
42871		5/23/2009 11:52:27 PM	<p>Stem cell research is a a sorry excuse for murder. It hasn't solved anything yet all you hear is there's hope for some kind of miracle cure. Thou shalt not kill. If you need the urge to kill please clean up death role.</p>

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42872		5/23/2009 11:53:43 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>
42873		5/23/2009 11:54:06 PM	<p>To whom it may concern, I am against your guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. I am against the destruction of human life especially the innocent. I do support stem cell research that do not destroy human life and moreover has 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 noncontroversial, ethical, and most importantly, effective in treating patients. We should not fund controversial research that destroys human life especially 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. Thank you.</p>
42874		5/23/2009 11:54:38 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>
42875		5/23/2009 11:56:27 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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42876	Redacted	5/23/2009 11:59:20 PM	<p>President Obama, with all due respect, you must reconsider the consequences of your embryonic stem-cell research guidelines that will kill human life and require God's people to fund with His money embryonic stem-cell research. You already have been told the ramifications to life this bill will affect, and that adult stem-cell research has proven effective for the necessary science of this research and does not end in death! Please know that you will answer to God for this decision; will you choose blessing or curse? He is your Judge! i pray for strength and courage and faith for you to choose life and receive blessing. ***** <><</p>
42877		5/23/2009 11:59:48 PM	<p>I do not want my tax dollars to fund research that uses stem cells derived from human embryos resulting in their death. The killing of one class of humans to benefit another class of humans is profoundly immoral. Instead, direct research toward adult and cord blood stem cells, which is ethical and has proven to be successful.</p>
42878		5/24/2009 12:01:24 AM	<p>Please do not authorize any experimentation or funding for embryonic stem cell research. My understanding is that much progress has been made using adult stem cells and none with embryonic. We should not travel down this path where one life is destroyed for the benefit of another.</p>
42879		5/24/2009 12:01:55 AM	<p>Embryonic Stem Cells have produced zero success. Embryonic Stem Cells are not controllable, and result in cancerous cells.</p> <p>Adult Stem Cells does not have this problem and have had numerous successes. Don't waste our money on what does not work. Adult Stem Cells are the only way to go. Thank You.</p>
42880		5/24/2009 12:02:19 AM	<p>I believe that the use of stem cell research monies should be used to develop cures for diseases. There are some readily apparent branches of study to perform such cures, Diabetes is an eminent one.</p> <p>A cure of this disease would immediately free enormous resources for the treatment and cures needed elsewhere.</p> <p>I would recommend it as a priority issue for your future efforts.</p>

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42881	Redacted	5/24/2009 12:02:25 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>One final note I would like to address is that with additional stem cell funding and research, my desire would be that more generic and affordable drugs would be an added bonus for MS patients. Although the current medications are wonderful, they are EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE. It is time, with notices abounding about Medicare and Medicaid cuts in the not too distant future, to have medical manufacturers to adjust with the changing environment and manufacture affordable medicines for those with no healthcare coverage.</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. Thank you.</p>
42882		5/24/2009 12:06:58 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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42883		5/24/2009 12:09:34 AM	<p data-bbox="634 123 1948 245">-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="634 310 1948 431">-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="634 496 1948 553">-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>
42884		5/24/2009 12:09:53 AM	<p data-bbox="634 670 1948 816">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="634 854 1948 938">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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42885		5/24/2009 12:10:12 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>
42886		5/24/2009 12:10:29 AM	<p>Democratic Stem cell Research destroys human life. You have plenty of adult stem cells that will work! You do not need the innocent life of a child to experiment on!</p>
42887		5/24/2009 12:11:04 AM	<p>Personally, I strongly support funding for using stem cells. Looking over the guidelines, I've yet to see a legitimate reason against them. As they are, "derived from embryos created by in vitro fertilization (IVF) for reproductive purposes and were no longer needed for that purpose," it seems that in lieu of research purposes, these will only go to waste. Looking at the list of potential uses, ranging from cancer research to replacement tissues to treating burns, Parkinson's etc, I find that any argument against the use of stem cells fall short of the possible advantages. The number of lives that can be positively, and tangibly, affected goes above and beyond any negative, abstract, "morality" argument anyone can present.</p>
42888		5/24/2009 12:14:18 AM	<p>The end never justifies the means. If it did, there would be no rational way to stop ANYTHING. Gov money should not be used to support projects that are diametrically opposed to the ethics of so many tax payers. It is terribly immoral to kill human beings for the sake of potential treatments or for any reason to kill human beings. Dollars must be spent on science that already yields good treatments. How can an embryo be a 'left over'. No one person or group of persons 'own' another human being.</p>

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42889		5/24/2009 12:14:54 AM	<p>Your draft guidelines for embryonic stem cell research are unethical because they will force me as a taxpayer to subsidize research that requires the destruction of innocent human life. I am opposed to these guidelines. There exists stem cell research and treatments that do no harm to human life and have been proven successful. It would be best for the government to support this kind of research instead. Government support should never be extended to human cloning or the creation of human embryos for research purposes. The lives of human beings should not be treated as a commodity.</p> <p>Science has already proven that embryonic stem cell research, while unethical in its nature, is ineffective and even dangerous as well. Embryonic stem cells have been known to form uncontrollable tumors and cause rejection problems. Adult stem cells are ethical, uncontroversial and have been proven effective in treating patients. It is unreasonable for us to fund controversial research that destroys human life when we know we have other, successful options that do not destroy human life.</p> <p>The regulations proposed do nothing to prevent future funding for embryonic stem cell research that could lead to the creation of clones and human-animal hybrids. It is imperative that this loophole be closed immediately and permanently.</p>
42890		5/24/2009 12:15:49 AM	<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>It is disgraceful that the government is forcing taxpayers to subsidize the gravely immoral practice of embryonic stem cell research. This research, which is the moral equivalent of abortion, reduces human life to a mere commodity which is to be used and then destroyed. It cheapens and denigrates human life, creating a separate class of human beings which are destroyed, as part of an experiment, for the alleged benefit of other human beings. I say "alleged" benefit because this research (unlike adult stem cell research) has yet to result in a SINGLE CURE, despite YEARS of private funding. Thus it may be concluded that this research is bad science as well as immoral. Why should I have to pay for it? It shouldn't even be legal, let alone funded by taxpayers.</p> <p>Please do not destroy innocent human life through ghastly experimentation. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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42891	Redacted	5/24/2009 12:16:18 AM	<p>Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p>This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p>I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p>As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p>Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p>I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
42892	Redacted	5/24/2009 12:17:42 AM	<p>As the parent of a child with Down syndrome, I am keenly aware of the dangers which technology without ethics. Over 90% of babies with Down syndrome are aborted, thanks to prenatal testing. Embryonic stem cell research similarly, destroys a human life, albeit a younger life, in a vain search for cures for diseases. Adult stem cells have cured 73 diseases, embryonic cells only produce cancer.</p> <p>Dr James Sherley was ousted from MIT for refusing to use embryonic cells in his research, he stated at a meeting of the Gospel of Life Society, that Europeans know that the embryonic stem cell is useless. American scientists only want to use these grants for cloning.</p> <p>Is that true?</p>
42893		5/24/2009 12:18:40 AM	<p>Dear President Barack Obama, Congress and NIH,</p> <p>I am against the unrestricted federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. You are opening a can of worms that will bring corruption from greed of money and more death for the unborn. God forgive us for even considering this!</p>

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42894		5/24/2009 12:18:49 AM	<p data-bbox="634 120 930 147">New Stem Cell Regulations</p> <p data-bbox="634 183 1934 302">-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="634 370 1923 488">-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="634 557 1934 610">-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>
42895		5/24/2009 12:19:23 AM	<p data-bbox="634 667 1934 786">I support and encourage adult stem cell research and umbilical stem cell research that have shown possibility to help humans without destroying another human life. I oppose embryonic stem cell research that destroys a human life. I oppose spending funds on embryonic stem cell research which is unethical and inhumane, instead of using those funds for adult stem cell research and umbilical stem cell research which are ethical and humane.</p>
42896		5/24/2009 12:22:33 AM	<p data-bbox="634 805 1541 833">Please disallow the destruction of human embryos. This type of research is unethical.</p>
42897		5/24/2009 12:23:05 AM	<p data-bbox="634 862 1913 980">It is well known fact that the only successful treatments & cures have resulted from the use of ADULT STEM CELLS taken from bone marrow, fat tissue, cord blood & other tissues & NOT from embryonic cord blood. We DO NOT want our tax dollars to be used for experiments necessitating the destruction of human beings (embryos)! WE urge you to PROTECT human embryo's from being destroyed.</p>
42898		5/24/2009 12:23:59 AM	<p data-bbox="634 1032 1934 1183">The Nazi did this and there was an outcry. Now here we are 60 years later saying it will be good for the same reasons to same other humans. When will we learn. A fetus is a baby. It will never be anything else. It should not be an experiement. That child that should have been left to live may have just been the one to discover the key to the cure just as Salk and Jonas found the vacine that solved the Polio puzzle. Stop and do the what God is telling you. A life is a life at conception not an experimental guess in a lab! God help us all!</p>

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42899		5/24/2009 12:24:15 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>
42900	Redacted	5/24/2009 12:25:29 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 human life.</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. The evidence of this has gone from academic journals to the popular mainstream on Oprah's TV show - it is obvious and clear that we do not need embryonic cell research, and using them is harmful to the recipients.</p> <p>Support should be directed to adult stem cell research and treatments that do not destroy human life and are already proven successful.</p> <p>There is no case under which government support should be extended to human cloning , hybrids of humans with other species, 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> <p>Thank you, ***** (registered voter and activist)</p>

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42901		5/24/2009 12:29:59 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>
42902		5/24/2009 12:31:37 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>
42903		5/24/2009 12:33:20 AM	<p>Adult stem cells are the only stem cells that need to be used. They have been scientifically proven to work well in all tests for which they have been used.</p>
42904	Redacted	5/24/2009 12:35:37 AM	<p>I am a student at the University of *****. This past Sunday, President Obama spoke at ***** university's commencement. He spoke of a dialogue of fair-minded words over life issues such as abortion and embryo-destructive stem cell research. He spoke of finding common ground and of respecting the views of others. Federal funding of embryo-destructive stem cell research, which many citizens and taxpayers do not support, flies directly in the face of these words. There is no cause to force Mr. Obama's morality on the entire nation. Those people in support of such research should donate to such a cause. Tax moneys should not go towards efforts that violate the consciences of a great many Americans.</p>
42905		5/24/2009 12:38:13 AM	<p>In regard to Executive Order 13505, please do not remove the barriers to human embryonic stem cell research. Adult stem cells have been used effectively and no life is lost in the process. There have been no positive results using the embryonic stem cells. Tax dollars can be better used!</p>
42906		5/24/2009 12:39:48 AM	<p>The NIH guidelines for embryonic cell research devotes tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human embryos. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues.</p> <p>Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p>The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy, and would divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>

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42907		5/24/2009 12:42:26 AM	To whom it may concern: PLEASE, do the right thing, DON'T use human embryos for stem cell research. May GOD Bless you for fighting a good fight for the future of a "once upon a time" christian nation. Please stand-up and defend those who cannot defend themselves. Even Dr. Seuss once said "A person is still a person no matter if you can't see it no matter how small."
42908		5/24/2009 12:42:48 AM	Research shows that adult stem cells are successful in helping curing diseases, as opposed to embryonic stem cells, which have not yet been successful. Using adult stem cells doesn't harm adults. Human embryos, on the other hand, must be destroyed in order to use them. Please do not continue to take innocent human life for the sake of research.
42909		5/24/2009 12:43:07 AM	I have come to learn about an upcoming small company by the name Advanced Cell Technology that claims to have found a way to extract embryonic stem cells without the destruction of the embryo. Given the potential benefits to the whole moral debate around the issue, hope NIH would at least consider attempting to validate the claim. If it is true that there is a method out there, it can be a huge milestone in moving the whole stem cell science forward to the benefit of humanity and with the support of humanity. Thank you.
42910		5/24/2009 12:44:57 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>
42911		5/24/2009 12:45:53 AM	We oppose more federal funds for human embryonic stem cell experiments, which will delay cures.

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42912		5/24/2009 12:47:23 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>
42913		5/24/2009 12:49:09 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42914		5/24/2009 12:49:41 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42915		5/24/2009 12:51:11 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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42916		5/24/2009 12:54:58 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>
42917		5/24/2009 12:55:50 AM	<p>Please focus on ADULT stem-cell research, which has already provided dozens of successful therapies and treatments for humans. Please PROTECT HUMAN EMBRYOS from destruction. Embryonic stem-cell research is not necessary and is not nearly as productive as adult stem-cell research. Do what works!</p>
42918		5/24/2009 12:55:52 AM	<p>It is unethical to create and destroy unborn children for the sake of embryonic stem cell research. Thus far, embryonic stem cells have not been proven to be any more successful than research using adult stem cells. In fact, they've proven to be less viable.</p> <p>Just because we have the technology to create and destroy human life at the drop of a hat doesn't mean that it is morally agreeable to do so. Therefore, 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.</p>
42919		5/24/2009 12:57:13 AM	<p>There is no need for Federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. If it has the potential to be worthwhile then the market/drug companies will invest appropriately. The government already subsidizes way too many projects. Don't add another layer of bureaucracy that makes a potentially worthwhile project dependent on federal largess.</p>
42920		5/24/2009 1:01:54 AM	<p>My 5 year old granddaughter has type 1 diabetes - revision of the NIH Human Stem Cell Guidelines is a Godsend.</p>

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42921		5/24/2009 1:03:23 AM	<p data-bbox="632 120 1906 180">Stem cell research holds much promise in the search for a cure and better treatments for the nearly 24 million American adults and children with diabetes, as well as those with many other serious medical conditions.</p> <p data-bbox="632 212 1906 305">This research will allow scientists an opportunity to better explore how to control and direct stem cells so they can grow insulin-producing beta cells found in the pancreas. Creating new beta cells could mean a cure for type 1 diabetes and could provide a powerful tool for controlling type 2 diabetes.</p> <p data-bbox="632 337 1906 430">I strongly support the draft guidelines on embryonic stem cell research. They demonstrate the ability of NIH to create a research framework that will allow for the potential of embryonic stem cell research while maintaining the highest safety and ethical standards.</p> <p data-bbox="632 462 1942 555">As this process moves forward, however, I hope that NIH will consider adapting the guidelines to ensure they include funding not only new stem cell lines, but current stem cell lines that have been developed using prevailing ethical practices. Research on these current stem cell lines should be eligible for federal funding as part of the final rule.</p> <p data-bbox="632 587 1915 680">Given the enormous promise of stem cells for diseases such as diabetes, it is important to allow federal funding for all forms of stem cell research, including research on embryonic stem cells, and that NIH continue to adapt as our scientists learn more about the promise of stem cell research.</p> <p data-bbox="632 712 1892 773">I commend NIH for taking this important action to support research that provides the potential for new treatments, and ultimately a cure, for diabetes.</p>

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42924		5/24/2009 1:12:50 AM	<p>Human life is precious. The dignity of every human being should be upheld and celebrated with love.</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>
42925		5/24/2009 1:13:05 AM	<p>Human Stem Cells are -----HUMAN----- Just as we all are. If your life is important to you then these HUMAN lives are also.</p>
42926	Redacted	5/24/2009 1:13:21 AM	<p>Science has developed to the point that it is clear human life begins at the moment of fertilization-activities in the fertilized egg are immediately ordered to growth, organization and development which each of us can clearly say is the first moment of our existence. As such, we should refrain from any experimentation on these human beings as a matter of principle and civilization. Our society's creativity need not rely on this experimentation for cures but can derive them from sources considered universally moral and ethical. Thank You</p>

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42927		5/24/2009 1:16:00 AM	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 the human embryos for research purposes.
42928		5/24/2009 1:18:12 AM	<p data-bbox="632 293 1079 321">Comment on New Stem Cell Regulations!</p> <p data-bbox="632 367 1325 378">-----</p> <p data-bbox="632 480 1934 597">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="632 664 1934 781">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="632 847 1927 907">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>
42929		5/24/2009 1:20:37 AM	<p data-bbox="632 959 1940 1110">These guidelines devote MY tax dollars to experiments with embryonic stem cells, from destroyed human LIFE. But the only successful treatments and cures come from adult stem cells, taken from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, fat tissue, and other body tissues. Thousands of patients have had their health improved and their lives saved with adult stem cells. Dozens of diseases and injuries including cancer, juvenile diabetes, heart disease, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease have already been treated using adult stem cells, and more treatments are being developed.</p> <p data-bbox="632 1144 1927 1261">The new NIH guidelines are poor science and poor health care policy. They divert dollars away from real treatments. Any federal dollar used for embryonic stem cell experimentation is a dollar not used for adult stem cells. This will delay adult stem cell treatments and cures. This new policy puts the health of Americans in danger. We need to put the patients first, and put federal funds toward the real treatments and real promise of adult stem cells.</p>
42930		5/24/2009 1:23:10 AM	I'm writing to protest the proposed regulations that will require me to fund the destruction of human embryos for stem cell research. No matter what scientific gains are realized, if they come at the expense of other human beings we are moving in the direction of chaos. I demand that if our country follows this path that at least I not be made to underwrite it.

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42931		5/24/2009 1:24:06 AM	<p>I do not want my tax dollars to fund research that uses stem cells derived from human embryos resulting in their death. The killing of one class of humans to benefit another class of humans is profoundly immoral. Instead, direct research toward adult and cord blood stem cells, which is ethical and has proven to be successful.</p>
42932		5/24/2009 1:28:16 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 harm no one and are already producing good results. In no case should government support be extended to human cloning or the human embryos for research purposes.</p>
42933		5/24/2009 1:32:35 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. I find this offensive and deplorable. I object to my tax dollars being used to destroy innocent human life at any stage of development, including children in the embryonic stage. Intentionally creating a human being for the purpose of "using" his cells to enhance another person's life, killing that newly created person in the process, is equivalent to MURDER, in my view. I am adamantly opposed to such "research".</p> <p>My tax dollars should not be used to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead, tax dollar 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>
42934		5/24/2009 1:34:26 AM	<p>I am opposed to any more killing of the unborn for embriotic stem cell research yet you are proposing that my tax money go to this fruitless experimenting. Scientists all over the world have been working on finding cures using embriotic stem cells to no avail. All they are able to grow are tumors. A better use of our money would be to further the research on embriotic cord cells, skin cells, and adult cells where we are not killing anyone and great success is happening. Let's stop the progression of Parkinsons disease in my friends, ***** and *****, by finding a way to use their own cells to cure them! You will be wasteing our time, our money and precious future Americans if you follow through with these evil guidelines.</p>
42935		5/24/2009 1:35:51 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>