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Memorandum

Date: January 15, 2003
To: All House Members
From: Representative Babette Josephs *Babette*
Subject: Proposed Legislation - Stem Cell Research

Please join me in cosponsoring legislation that would allow researchers to use public funds to generate stem cell lines from embryos, for the purpose of developing new medical treatments. In August 2001, President Bush introduced research restrictions that only permit federal funds to be used for research on 60 pre-existing embryonic stem cell lines. Currently, California and New Jersey are the only states in the nation that allow research on stem cell lines from embryos.

This bill would explicitly ban reproductive cloning but would permit therapeutic cloning - the creation of a cloned embryo of a patient for the purpose of extracting embryonic stem cell lines.

My intent is to authorize research on stem cells from any source. We have heard the cries about the brain drain occurring in Pennsylvania. This legislation, if enacted, would encourage leading US stem cell researchers to remain in or move to Pennsylvania to conduct such research.

If you would be interested in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact Marianne Spizzirri at 7-8529 or at Mspizzir@pahouse.net.

- Senate Members?

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