

## ***Stem Cell Research Talking Points***

***Main Message: Oppose embryonic stem cell research and human cloning and public funding of such research.***

- Embryonic stem cell research requires the destruction of innocent human life.
- The ends do not justify the means. Embryonic stem cell research destroys living human embryos, whether the embryos are those currently frozen in fertility clinics or those created through the process of human cloning.
- Human experimentation and sacrifice should not be promoted under any circumstances.
- Cloning and embryonic stem cell research involves the coercion and exploitation of women for the harvesting of their eggs.
- Embryonic stem cell research has been unsuccessful. Promised cures are highly speculative.
- The only scientist ever to have claimed success at human cloning has been revealed a fraud. In early 2006, Seoul National University investigators concluded that scientist Hwang Woo-suk had fabricated all claims that he had successfully cloned human embryos, extracted embryonic stem cells from those embryos, and developed genetically-matched stem cell lines for specific patients.
- Therefore, after almost a decade of efforts, wasting millions of dollars in government funds, and coercing hundreds of women for their eggs, no one has achieved even the *first step* required in using cloning technology for treatments or therapies. So-called “therapeutic cloning” has been a dismal failure. It is not the kind of research our government should compel New Jersey taxpayers to fund. Embryonic stem cell research has not provided the biotechnology or economic boon that its proponents had envisioned.
- Biotechnological progress does not depend on state laws or funding favoring human embryo research and human cloning. States and nations that ban embryo research are taking the lead in many aspects of biotechnology growth.
- Adult stem cell and cord blood research are ethical and successful alternatives that are already curing human disease and suffering. These stem cell therapies require no harm to donors.
- For every dollar the government gives to unsuccessful embryonic stem cell research, it takes a dollar away from successful adult stem cell research which has provided medical benefits to human beings in thousands of cases.