



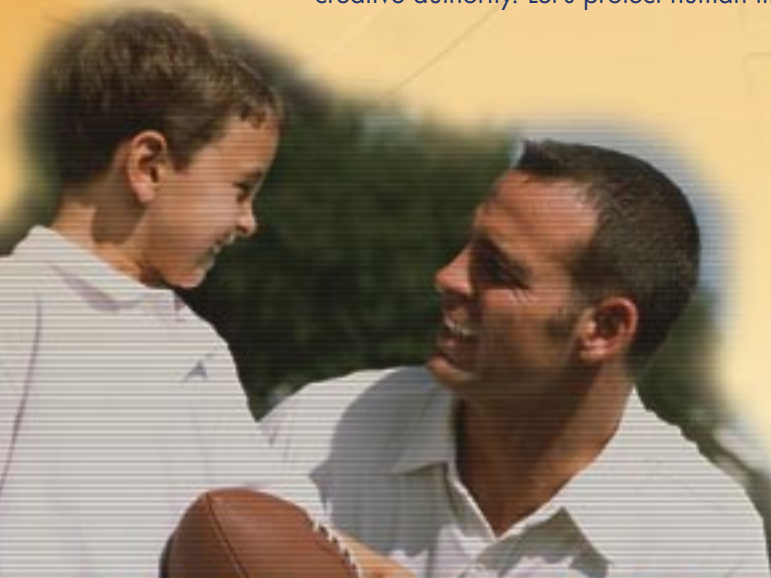
# Help keep Missouri free of cloning

## Let's Protect Human Life

The process of cloning, which is also called somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), is the manipulation of the cells that start human life. There have been over 65 cures obtained from working with adult stem cells with the promise of many more. Why channel the few and precious resources we have into stem cell research using human embryos when we know there has been much promise using adult stem cells? Plus, using adult stem cells doesn't take life!

Missouri Baptist Pastor Doug Richey and a member of his family both have Type I Diabetes. Doug has stated that he opposes the taking of human life even if he were guaranteed a cure. This amendment is being presented in such a way as to pull on the heartstrings of those facing significant disease.

Will we protect human life in all of its stages? Do we really want to dismantle the protection around the smallest form of human life—human embryos? Cloning undermines God's creative authority. Let's protect human life!



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Let's Keep MO a "NO CLONE ZONE"



# Here are a few of our observations...

## 1. We support adult stem cell research

The proposed amendment does not pertain to adult stem cell research, but is specifically about embryonic stem cell research (cloning) which has yet to be proven effective in providing a cure for any disease. Adult stem cells, on the other hand, are being used in curing at least 65 diseases.

## 2. The proposed amendment will legalize cloning

When you cut through all the technical language and fancy terms, cloning will be made legal by this amendment. Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) is the scientific process used to clone the sheep Dolly. Missourians are now being deceptively told that SCNT is not cloning. But scientists and journalists alike routinely speak of SCNT as cloning—unless they live and work in Missouri.

## 3. The proposed amendment will legalize the destruction of human embryos

In other words, this means the taking of human life. Some proponents of the amendment are even suggesting that this isn't human life at all. The cloned embryo is human life and begins the same cell duplication process that an embryo created by natural sexual fertilization does.

## 4. Embryonic stem cell research offers false hope

The amendment is being presented in such a way as to pull on the heartstrings of those facing significant disease. Every human being has stem cells. The difference is that stem cells can be extracted from adults without causing any disruption in our life system. Extracting stem cells from vulnerable human embryos kills them. Researching cures by using adult stem cells is a plan that saves lives without taking lives.



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