



August 2, 2005

The Honorable Bill Frist, MD
Office of the Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support of Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005

Dear Senate Majority Leader Frist:

On behalf of The Endocrine Society, representing more than 11,000 researchers and clinicians in the field of endocrinology, we applaud your support and recent comments regarding the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005. As you know, the Society has always greatly appreciated your strong leadership and commitment to protect, strengthen, and advance medical research.

The Endocrine Society commends your efforts to reconcile various differences in Congress to allow for consideration and passage of this important legislation. We strongly support your recent comments that, "Embryonic stem cell research must be supported. It's time for a modified policy--the right policy for this moment in time." Your strong support for stem cell research is certainly welcomed by a majority of Americans and will likely have a very beneficial effect on undecided members in Congress.

In the past, our organization has enjoyed working closely with you and your very capable staff to advance important health care legislative priorities, such as combating obesity and addressing health care disparities. Please do not hesitate to contact The Endocrine Society if we may be of any assistance to you or your staff as you work to advance stem cell research legislation through the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely,

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