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President George W. Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C.

Dear President Bush,

As you decide the issue of federal funds for stem cell research, have you factored into the equation the risks to women's health as a result of the drugs prescribed to stimulate the production of multiple eggs and embryos which result in these stem cells? Do you know of the misery within the National Lupron Victims Network (www.lupronvictims.com) - just one of several groups formed as a result of the serious and chronic health problems following the use of the 'drug' lupron? (I developed a tumor within months of injecting lupron, and have had a litany of health problems ranging A - Z ever since). This network is comprised of THOUSANDS of people who were prescribed lupron - a "hazardous drug" (according to NIH and OSHA) that is routinely used off-label and without informed consent in fertility 'treatment' to produce multiple eggs.

The human rights violations and human experimentation that is taking place in fertility 'treatment' must be addressed and exposed before a decision to fund embryo research can take place. How can 'the level of respect for an embryo' be delineated if the gross human experimentation and devastation that has been (and is being) inflicted upon thousands of adult women from the use of lupron continues as an unaddressed matter?

The first long-term study of children born following exposure to GnRH analog drugs (i.e. lupron) during early pregnancy was not published until 1999 - only 6 children were studied and 4 were found to have serious neurodevelopmental abnormalities. There have also been published reports on the co-culturing of human (lupron) embryos in human ovarian cells, and on the implantation of *abnormal* embryos into women - yet there is no published data on the 'health' of the thousands of lupron victims.

Over the last decade, I have amassed a tremendous amount of serious and alarming information on this subject, including evidence of fraudulent science - and am eager to provide further information. This information you will not receive from those with vested interests. Bear in mind that one investigator has already been found guilty of "falsifying and fabricating 80% of data" in 3 lupron studies (Dr. Andrew Friedman of Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston: Federal Register, May 1,1996, Vol. 61, No. 85, p. 19295) - and a casual read of much medical literature on this subject should result in calls for further investigations into fraudulent lupron data. If you are relying on those in the field of reproductive endocriminology to guide your decision, you do so at your - and our - peril.

During the NIH's 1994 Human Embryo Research Panel Hearings, Dr. Van Blerkom testified that "[this field is based on methodologies being introduced into clinical practice based on a few papers, based on a few studies, based on exchanges of information at meetings, without a thorough evaluation... They have received no oversight, they have received no real evaluation. They're just done." Another testifying expert (C.A. Taer) stated "I think we need to say something about the detrimental things that have occurred in the last 15 years, the fact that clinical work has gone on without the basic science to underlie it... the fact that research enterprise has gone on out there

without peer review and without the appropriate safeguards is something very bad that has happened."

These latter statements are not shared with the patient during her visits to fertility clinics; and I would add that 'we' also need to say something about the detrimental and devastating effects on women's health following this 'treatment' - 'treatment' that is nothing more than junk science and human experimentation presented (at a hefty fee/profit) under the guise of "medicine".

Recently I provided some 40 pages of critical information to the Boston US Attorney's Office and the FDA's Office of Criminal Investigations regarding the issue of fraudulent science, safety and efficacy problems, and the conflicts of interest involved with lupron. In a pre-election speech, you mentioned that RU-486 would be challenged if its "safety" was called into question: in lupron's case, the safety of lupron has been screamed into question, yet the powerful vested interests have effectively silenced our voice. Lupron makes lots of egg$, yet lupron makes lots of humans very sick (for the rest of their lives). But eggs and embryos are crucial for genetic research, studies, investigators, etc. - and so lupron victims are not good for business. (The profit involved with lupron was well illustrated by the recent Commerce Committee investigation into TAP's {lupron's manufacturer} fraudulent billing schemes, an issue which is also presently under investigation by the Justice Department and has, to date, resulted in the indictment of four physicians).

From my educated vantage point, the question is not whether to federally fund human stem cell/embryo research... the question is (and has been) how can so many unwitting adult human guinea pigs used in lupron/fertility 'treatment' (and all their pleas about lupron's safety and efficacy problems to congress, legislators, local, state and federal agencies, etc.) be excised and removed, unseen and unheard, from this issue?

I respectfully request an opportunity to elaborate on this issue and share this very crucial and pertinent information with you.

Sincerely,

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