

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 22, 2001

Dear Ms. Millican:

Thank you for writing the President about the complex issue of human embryonic stem cell research. The President appreciates hearing from the American people about their concerns and welcomes their comments on this difficult issue.

In deciding about the use of Federal funds for embryonic stem cell research, the President's position was shaped by deeply held beliefs in both the sanctity of human life and the potential of science and medicine to help mankind. He has given this issue a great deal of thought, prayer, and reflection.

I have attached a copy of the President's remarks given on August 9, 2001. In which he explains the rationale for this position. For additional information about this important issue, I encourage you to visit the White House Web site at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov).

Sincerely,



Desiree Thompson  
Director of Presidential  
Correspondence

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