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Dear Neighbor,

Embryonic stem cell research offers the promise of new cures for devastating illnesses that affect millions of American families. That is why I was saddened that President Bush issued his first veto this week to block the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (H.R. 810).



I voted to override the President's veto, but bipartisan support for stem cell research fell short of the two-thirds majority needed in the House of Representatives. ([Click here to see a video of my speech](#)).



The veto, unfortunately, reflects the administration's pattern of distorting science to fit political ends on issues ranging from global warming to abstinence-only education. The hopes of millions of Americans—and their families—for the promise of stem cell research to cure chronic diseases, including Alzheimer's and diabetes, have been cruelly dashed by the President and a minority of Congress.

Unfortunately, the facts of embryonic stem cell research have been misunderstood by many opponents. The process of in-vitro fertilization, which has helped complete thousands of families, involves the creation of many more embryos than those implanted into wombs. The excess embryos are often frozen or discarded as medical waste. But, under H.R. 810, scientists would be able to extract stem cells from some of these embryos that would be otherwise thrown away, and conduct research that could save lives.

I will continue to fight in Congress for embryonic stem cell research, which offers so much promise to the millions who suffer from devastating diseases. Please feel free to pass along this message to your friends, who can sign up for future updates on my work in Congress by [clicking here](#).

Sincerely,

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