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November 17, 2003

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Office of the Attorney General
1300 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Tricia Knight

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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Re: California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act

Dear Ms. Knight:

Enclosed is a revised copy of the "California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act," which we filed on November 3, 2003. We have amended Section 5 of the Act, Health and Safety Code section 125281.07(c) by adding the words "in California" to the end of the sentence. We have also included the addresses at which we are registered to vote and the signed statements certifying that we will not willfully allow initiative signatures to be used for purposes other than qualification of the measure.

Please direct all correspondence and inquiries regarding this revision to:

Roberta B. Johansen
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Sincerely,

Roberta B. Johansen

James C. Harrison

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Signed Statement Required by Elections Code Section 9608

I, Roberta B. Johansen, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Roberta B. Johansen

Dated this 17th day of November, 2003

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Signed Statement Required by Elections Code Section 9608

I, James C. Harrison, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

James C. Harrison

Dated this 17th day of November, 2003

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CALIFORNIA STEM CELL RESEARCH AND CURES INITIATIVE

SEC. 1. TITLE

This measure shall be known as the "California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act."

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS

The people of California find and declare the following:

Millions of children and adults suffer from devastating diseases or injury that are currently incurable, including Cancer, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Spinal Cord injuries, Blindness, Lou Gehrig's Disease, HIV/AIDS, Mental Health disorders, Multiple Sclerosis, Huntington's Disease and more than 70 other diseases and injuries.

Recently medical science has discovered a new way to attack chronic diseases and injuries. The cure and treatment of these diseases can potentially be accomplished through the use of new regenerative medical therapies including a special type of human cells, called stem cells. These life-saving medical breakthroughs can only happen if adequate funding is made available to advance stem cell research, develop therapies, and conduct clinical trials.

About half of California's families have a child or adult who has suffered or will suffer from a serious, often critical or terminal medical condition that could potentially be treated or cured with stem cell therapies. In these cases of chronic illness or when patients face a medical crisis, the healthcare system may simply not be able to meet the needs of patients or control spiraling costs unless therapy focus switches away from maintenance and toward prevention and cures.

Unfortunately, the federal government is not providing adequate funding necessary for the urgent research and facilities needed to develop stem cell therapies to treat and cure diseases and serious injuries. This critical funding gap currently prevents the rapid advancement of research that could benefit millions of Californians.

The California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act will close this funding gap by establishing an Institute which will issue bonds to support stem cell research, emphasizing pluripotent stem cell and progenitor cell research and other vital medical technologies, for the development of life-saving regenerative medical treatments and cures.

SEC. 3. PURPOSE AND INTENT

It is the intent of the people of California in enacting this measure to:

- Authorize an average of \$295 million per year in bonds over a 10-year period to fund stem cell research and dedicated facilities for scientists at California's universities and other advanced medical research facilities throughout the state.**
- Maximize the use of research funds by giving priority to stem cell research that has the greatest potential for therapies and cures, specifically focused on pluripotent stem cell and progenitor cell research among other vital research opportunities that cannot, or are unlikely to receive timely or sufficient federal funding, unencumbered by limitations that would impede the research. Research shall be subject to accepted patient disclosure and patient consent standards.**
- Assure that the research is conducted safely and ethically by including provisions to require compliance with standards based on national models that protect patient safety, patient rights and patient privacy.**
- Prohibit the use of bond proceeds of this initiative for funding for human reproductive cloning.**
- Improve the California healthcare system and reduce the long-term healthcare cost burden on California through the development of therapies that treat diseases and injuries with the ultimate goal to cure them.**
- Require strict fiscal and public accountability through mandatory independent audits, open meetings, public hearings and annual reports to the public. Create an Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee composed of representatives of the University of California campuses with medical schools; other California universities and California medical research institutions; California disease advocacy groups; and California experts in the development of medical therapies.**