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President Obama to Fund the Destruction of Embryonic Children

PLW denounces executive order lifting funding restrictions on embryonic stem cell research

President Barack Obama is expected today to sign an executive order that will federally fund the destruction of human embryos for stem cell research. The order will remove President Bush's August 2001 federal funding restrictions on human embryonic stem cell research. It will pave the way for federal funding of new embryonic stem cell lines derived from the destruction of new human embryos "donated" from in vitro fertilization clinics.

Matt Sande, Director of Legislation, issued the following response.

"It is a disgrace for President Obama to make the destruction of embryonic children a priority of his new administration. This dreadful order will force American taxpayers to fund the evisceration of human embryos – babies in their earliest stages of development – for no proven medical benefit; as if such benefit could ever justify the killing of any person. President Obama should be ashamed of himself. Sacrificing people in the name of science has been and always will be gravely immoral. Try as he might to convince himself otherwise, he cannot avoid this stark reality.

"The President's order is not only immoral, it is unnecessary. There is a proven, ethical alternative in adult stem cell research that has experienced documented clinical success over a wide range of health conditions including breast cancer, stroke, and spinal cord injury. Moreover, the advances in induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS), which do not involve the creation or destruction of human embryos, are very promising. It is these life-affirming scientific techniques that should be celebrated and funded.

"The pro-life community IS pro-stem cell research. We want to see research progress toward the treatment of debilitating disease, but not by killing human lives in order to potentially save them. Ethical and effective adult stem cell research is a life-saving alternative. Our political leaders must have the courage to fully embrace it and ignore the deadly siren call of embryo destructive research."