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CAMR LOOKS FORWARD TO STEM CELL POLICY CHANGE UNDER OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

The following statement may be attributed to Amy Comstock Rick, president, Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research, Washington, D.C.:

"On behalf of the 100 million Americans who suffer from cancer, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, juvenile diabetes, spinal cord injuries, and the many diseases and disorders for which embryonic stem cell research provides great hope, we congratulate President-elect Obama. It's time for a change in policy, and we look forward to 2009 and the President-elect taking his support for embryonic stem cell research from the Senate to the White House. This has been a decade of progress in stem cell research and we look forward to building on this scientific foundation in full partnership with the federal government. We plan to work with the President-elect and his transition team on responsible and ethical federal policy that supports embryonic stem cell research and the hope it provides to those who suffer most.

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The Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR) is the nation's leading pro-cures coalition. It is comprised of nearly 100 nationally recognized patient organizations, universities, scientific societies, and foundations advocating for the advancement of breakthrough research and technologies in regenerative medicine to cure disease and alleviate suffering for individuals with life-threatening illnesses and disorders.

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