

Castle Statement on Stem Cell Research Veto Threat by the White House -- July 11, 2006

Washington, D.C. -- In response to the White House's veto threat regarding H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, Rep. Mike Castle (R-DE), author of the legislation, today released the following statement:

"It would be wrong for the President to veto a piece of legislation that has the greatest potential to help millions of Americans suffering from our most horrible diseases, such as Alzheimer's, diabetes, Parkinson's, and HIV/AIDS and is supported the majority of the American people and scientists throughout the world. Perhaps he has his facts wrong. This legislation does not expand federal funding for stem cell research; rather it establishes an ethical construct and enables scientists to research the most robust and highest quality lines. I hope he will reconsider this veto threat."