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## More Unbelievable Fiction on Stem Cell Research, by Mark Green

MADISON – Yesterday, President George W. Bush vetoed HR 810, bipartisan legislation overwhelmingly passed by both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives that would have lifted his restrictions on federal funding for stem cell research.

In doing so, Bush equated stem cell research to murder. [Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 7/19/06]

To no one's surprise, extreme Mark Green sided with his ideological soul mate George Bush, and voted to uphold the President's veto – a vote **against** federal funding for stem cell research.

But then Green released an extraordinary press release, in which he called himself a strong supporter of stem cell research!

**In fact, almost all of the Green release is complete fiction.**

### **Fact Check of Mark Green's press release from 7/19/06 on stem cell research:**

**GREEN STATEMENT:** "Stem cell research holds the key to treating some of the most debilitating diseases of mankind, which is why I have strongly supported expanding research into this exciting new medical frontier."

**FACT:** The notion that Mark Green is a strong supporter of expanding stem cell research is absolutely ridiculous on its face.

**FACT: Mark Green has voted for or cosponsored legislation to *ban and even criminalize stem cell research eight times*.** [Sources: HRes214, Vote #300, 7/31/01; HR2505, Vote #302, 7/31/01; HR2505, Vote #303, 7/31/01; HR2505, Vote #304, 7/31/01; HR534, Vote #37, 2/27/03; HR534, Vote #38, 2/27/03; HR534, Vote #39, 2/27/03; HR 1357]

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**GREEN STATEMENT:** "The vote today, however, is not about expanding stem cell research."

**FACT:** False. The vote was, in fact, *entirely* about expanding stem cell research.

**FACT: HR 810 would have expanded federal funding for stem cell research by making funding available to more stem cell lines, not just those created prior to August 9, 2001.**

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**GREEN STATEMENT:** “It is about whether taxpayers should be required to fund the destruction of living human embryos.”

**FACT:** False. **HR 810 “would allow federal funding for research on embryos that otherwise would be discarded by fertility clinics.”** [Source: CQ Today, 7/17/06]

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**GREEN STATEMENT:** “While I support the current policy of allowing federally-funded research on existing embryonic stem cell lines, I am most excited about expanding research into stem cells derived from other sources, such as umbilical cord blood.”

**FACT:** False. Green **opposes** embryonic stem cell research.

**FACT: Green has voted against federal funding for stem cell research *twice*.** [Sources: HR 810, Vote 204, 5/24/05; HR 810, Vote 388, 7/19/06]

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**GREEN STATEMENT:** “This research [adult stem cell research] has very broad support in the scientific community and with the public. It has also already led to treatments for 72 terrible diseases, including Sickle Cell Anemia and Leukemia, while embryonic stem cell research has yet to produce any treatments after five years of federally-funded research.”

**FACT:** Everyone supports adult stem cell research. **But actual scientists concur that it is *embryonic stem cell research that holds far greater potential to cure diseases*.** [Source: New York Times, 7/16/06]

**FACT:** Green is making reference to a list of 72 diseases compiled by the conservative Family Research Council (FRC), a partisan group that **opposes** stem cell research – **and opposed HR 810**. [Source: Chicago Tribune, 7/19/06]

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**GREEN STATEMENT:** “I’ll continue to play a leading role in making sure investing in finding cures remains one of our top priorities.”

**FACT:** Preposterous.

**FACT: Mark Green has voted *against* federal funding for stem cell research *twice*, has voted for or cosponsored legislation to *ban or criminalize* stem cell research *eight* times, and supports efforts by the Wisconsin State Legislature to *ban and even criminalize* stem cell research.**

[Sources: HRes214, Vote #300, 7/31/01; HR2505, Vote #302, 7/31/01; HR2505, Vote #303, 7/31/01; HR2505, Vote #304, 7/31/01; HR534, Vote #37, 2/27/03; HR534, Vote #38, 2/27/03; HR534, Vote #39, 2/27/03; HR 1357 ; HR810, Vote 204, 5/24/05; HR810, Vote 388, 7/19/06; 2005 AB499; Green for Wisconsin Release, 11/3/05]