

Doyle vs. Green

Stem Cell Research

Governor Doyle: Making Wisconsin the Stem Cell Leader

Has set a goal of capturing 10 percent of the stem cell market for Wisconsin.

- Could create 100,000 jobs and generate \$10 billion by 2015 nationwide.
- Launched a \$750 million strategy to attract stem cell industry to Wisconsin, including a new \$375 million research institute, new research facilities and investments at UW campuses and medical schools, and a directive to the Department of Commerce to find and attract new stem cell companies to Wisconsin. [Source: Doyle Press Release, 11/17/04]
- Under Governor Doyle's leadership, Wisconsin's WiCell was selected as the country's first National Stem Cell Bank by the National Institutes of Health in 2005. [Source: Milwaukee Business Journal, "WiCell Gets \$16 Million for Stem Cell Bank", 10/3/05]

Stood up to the Republican Legislature attempts to restrict stem cell research.

- Vetoed a bill that would have restricted and criminalized stem cell research [source: 2005 AB 499]
- Fought legislation that would have prevented any company that does stem cell research from applying for state research and development tax credits, effectively killing the bill in the state Senate. [Source: Wisconsin Technology Network, "Bill would deny tax credits to firms creating stem cell cultures", 4/13/05; Assembly Amendment 1 to 2005 AB 206; History of 2005 AB 206]

Understands the incredible promise of stem cell to create jobs and save lives.

- Governor Doyle says: "Wisconsin – the birthplace of stem cell research – is giving millions of families hope that one day diseases like Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Juvenile Diabetes may be conquered. These breakthroughs in medical science can transform our economy and open our doors to the high-paying jobs of the future. We have only begun to tap the vast potential of this industry." [source: Doyle Press Release, 4/25/06]
- Governor Doyle says: "The next few years are going to be critical. Other states – from New Jersey to Illinois to California – are desperately trying to catch up to Wisconsin in stem cell research, and we simply cannot afford to turn back now. As long as I am Governor, our state government will do everything it can to promote this research and bring more stem cell research jobs to Wisconsin." [source: Doyle Press Release, 4/25/06]

Mark Green: Wants to Stop Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Opposes federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, and has voted against it. [Sources: HR810, Vote #204, 5/24/05; Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 7/29/01]

- The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel after the vote: "...we believe that it would be morally shortsighted to ignore the immense potential of embryonic stem cell research to relieve human suffering." [source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 5/27/05]
- The Capital Times after the vote: Rather than listen to the facts, Mark Green "sought to put up roadblocks to stem cell research" while "tens of thousands of Americans with life threatening diseases like Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, severe heart problems and other painful illnesses are left frustrated as they hope for government funding for stem cell research to find a breakthrough to help them." [source: The Capital Times, 5/27/05]

Led the fight to ban, and even impose criminal penalties on, proven methods of stem cell research.

- Cosponsored HR 534, legislation to ban and impose criminal penalties on proven methods of stem cell research, then voted in favor of it three times. [sources: Vote #37, 2/27/03; HR534, Vote #38, 2/27/03; HR534, Vote #39, 2/27/03]
- Voted in favor of HR 2505, legislation to ban and impose criminal penalties on proven methods of stem cell research, four 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]

Has radical views about stem cell research that are far outside the mainstream.

- Green says: "We ought not be moving forward on research that has the potential to create crops of people to be cut down for experimentation." [Source: Green Press Release, 2/12/03]
- Green says: stem cell research is "little more than 'manufacturing' human life simply to destroy it in the name of 'scientific progress'". [Source: Green Opinion Column, 4/23/02]
- Green says: "Clearly, time is running out for us to manage this potentially dangerous technology." [source: Green Press Release, 2/12/03]