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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), I thank you for your leadership and support for the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 (H.R. 3), recently passed by the House.

AAAS, the world's largest multi-disciplinary general scientific society, representing the interests of ten million scientists worldwide, and publisher of the prestigious peer-reviewed journal *Science*, has a longstanding interest and expertise in stem cell research. We strongly believe that it is only through federal support of diverse avenues of stem cell research that we may better understand the potential value and limitations of each approach.

Along with millions of patients, their families and physicians, and elected officials of both major parties, we in the scientific community are hopeful that one day this measure will be signed into law.

AAAS stands ready to continue to work with you and the U.S. Congress in addressing this complex subject in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan I. Leshner".

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