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The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), I thank you for your support for the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 (S. 5), recently passed by the Senate.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Alan I. Leshner'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Alan' being particularly prominent.

Alan I. Leshner