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## **Funding hope; now end research ban**

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If you take him at his word, you know how serious A. Alfred Taubman is about changing Michigan's primitive ban on stem cell research. "I've known people who I've seen die," Taubman said this week. "Had embryonic stem cell research been around, I believe they'd be alive today."

Strong words, from a guy who has now pledged \$1.4 million of his own money to help open up Michigan's powerful research institutions to this important work. Now, we just need legislators to get the picture -- that Michigan's particularly restrictive laws are anti-science, anti-research and just downright silly.

The issues involved in stem cell research are not analogous to those in the abortion debate, though opponents have done a clever job of making them seem so. Here's hoping that Taubman's support -- and his money -- will help educate folks in Lansing and around the state about the true potential for this kind of research.