



## Office of the Governor

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm

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### **Statement from Governor Granholm on Presidential Veto of Stem Cell Research Bill**

LANSING - Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today issued the following statement regarding President Bush's veto of the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007:

"I am increasingly disappointed that the president continues to disregard the resounding voice of the American majority, medical and scientific researchers, and patient advocacy groups who favor embryonic stem cell research. Stem cell research offers great hope to those who suffer from disabilities and disease. We must now rely on strong bipartisan support from Congress to override the president's veto and return that hope to these individuals. I also want to encourage the Michigan Legislature to pass bills introduced in both the House and Senate that would lift restrictions on embryonic stem cell research and improve treatment and provide life-saving cures to Michigan residents with incapacitating illnesses."

Earlier this month, Governor Granholm and 13 other Democratic governors sent a letter to President Bush urging him to sign the bill that would have eased restraints on federally funded embryonic stem cell research.

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