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Editor:

If this state continues to place its head in the sand and ignore companies on the cutting edge of medical stem-cell research, it will continue to fall behind ("Legislation aims to lift stem-cell ban," April 16).

Stem-cell research is the future and many in this country can and will benefit from the positive research that will come from this exciting field of science. Michigan needs to make an all-out effort to save this industry from relocating, taking its staff and a potential windfall with it. The biomedical field is a major player in this country and it makes little sense to ignore these players, but Michigan at times makes very little sense.

Michigan should change the laws now pertaining to stem-cell research. So many birth defects and injuries could be helped by stem-cell research and ignorance is not the path to follow. We can debate for years to come the moral and ethical dilemma but I believe the potential benefits outweigh the negative hype.

Stop running cutting-edge companies out of the state and encourage them to stay and grow. If our lawmakers can't find a way to open the door for stem-cell research, then we need to change our lawmakers.

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