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Vote 'no' Nov. 4 on Proposal 2

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This November, Michigan voters have the ability to save lives. Proposal 2 seeks to allow lethal research to be conducted on embryos in order to access stem cells which "may" be helpful in treating diseases. Scientists feel embryonic stem cells will be used to cure many diseases like diabetes.

Unfortunately, to date, no successes have been found with embryonic stem cells. Animal research has failed miserably. However, stem cells found in fetal cord blood and from adult cells have treated or cured more than 70 different diseases, all without killing an embryo. While some view the embryo as a "clump of tissue," it is far more than that.

As an obstetrician who has delivered close to 3,000 babies, I have seen first-hand what these tiny living embryos become. I have helped care for a couple who "adopted" an embryo on two separate occasions, nine months later to become their child. In order to obtain stem cells from an embryo, it must be killed. If widespread research were done on embryos, this couple would be childless.

Proposal 2 as written is confusing and deceptive. It *does not* prohibit human cloning. It allows for *unrestricted* experimentation on human embryos. There are no federal laws concerning research on human embryos so if Proposal 2 passes, there would be unrestricted research on embryos.

The proposal is not about stem cell research (already legal in Michigan), but about experimenting with live human embryos and cloning. This proposal is bad as it only will destroy life, not sustain it. For accurate information, log on to micause.com. Please vote *no* on Proposal 2. Thank you.