

HUMAN CLONING

Somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) and parthenogenesis are the scientific terms for the process by which a human being or animal is cloned. SCNT involves a donor egg from which the nucleus has been removed. That original nucleus is replaced with the nucleus from a cell of the person to be cloned. Upon stimulation, the egg then begins to divide and grow, yielding a cloned human embryo. SCNT is the exact process by which animals have been successfully cloned and birthed (i.e. Dolly the Sheep).

Once a human has been cloned, the embryo faces one of two fates:

- The cloned embryo can be implanted within a woman and carried to term which yields a cloned infant,
or
- The cloned embryo can be maintained in the laboratory for stem cell research purposes. When the stem cells are extracted from the embryo, the cloned human dies. Adult stem cells, which now successfully treat over 40 human diseases, have none of the ethical dilemmas of cloned embryonic stem cells.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Please use a pen and **print legibly** when signing the petition.
- 2) The signer should print his full name (first and last).
Correct Example: Lisa Smith
Incorrect Examples: L. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Bob Smith
- 4) The circulator may sign her own petition.
- 5) When the petition is full, please refold petition, fold tab over and tape, attach stamp, and mail.
- 6) Please call **(713) 782-5433** if you have any questions or need more information.

CIRCULATOR'S INFORMATION

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PETITION

PETITION to Governor Rick Perry, the Texas Legislature, and the Texas members of the United States Congress:

WHEREAS, human cloning is the creation of new human life;
WHEREAS, stem cell research involving a cloned human embryo results in the death of that embryo;
WHEREAS, human cloning leads to the commodification and the commercialization of human life;

THEREFORE, we, the petitioners, hereby ask our elected representatives to work passionately and expediently toward a legislative ban on all human cloning.

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STOP HUMAN CLONING NOW!

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