

# “Imagine”

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<i>SCRIPT</i>	<i>FACTS</i>
<p><b>ANNCR:</b> Imagine a world without cancer. A world where a spinal cord injury doesn't mean life in a wheelchair. Imagine a world without Parkinson's or a world where cherished memories aren't lost to Alzheimer's.</p> <p>Embryonic stem cell research could hold the key to finding cures for our most serious illnesses.</p>	<p><b>Stem Cell Research Holds Potential</b> “Scientific experts believe that stem cells have tremendous potential in benefiting human health. Stem cells are thought to be a unique biological resource because these cells apparently have the potential to develop into most of the specialized cells and tissues of the body, including muscle cells, nerve cells, and blood cells. As the American Association for the Advancement of Science has characterized the promise of stem cells research: "Research on these cells could result in treatments or cures for the millions of Americans suffering from many of humanity's most devastating illnesses, including Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, spinal cord injury, and heart disease." Potentially, stem cell research can help virtually every American family. It has been estimated that over 128 million American are afflicted with conditions that may benefit from embryonic stem cell research.” [Letter of Senator Orin Hatch (R-UT) to HHS Secretary Thompson, 6/13/01]</p>
<p>But instead of supporting this promising science and moving us forward – Senator John Sununu is holding us back.</p> <p>He's voted with President Bush time and again <i>against</i> stem cell research. Even supported Bush's veto of legislation last year that would have funded new research.</p>	<p><b>Sununu opposed funding for stem cell research.</b> Senator Sununu voted against the passage of a bill that would allow the use of federal funds in research on embryonic stem cell lines derived from surplus embryos at in-vitro fertilization clinics, but only if donors give their consent and are not paid for the embryos. The bill would require the Health and Human Services Department to conduct and support research involving human embryonic stem cells that meet certain criteria, regardless of when stem cells were derived from a human embryo. [HR 810, Vote #206, 7/19/06. CQ, 7/19/06]</p> <p><b>Sununu Voted Against Stem Cell Research</b> On April 11, 2007, Senator John Sununu voted against S. 5, a bill to allow for the use of federal funds in research on embryonic stem cell lines derived from surplus embryos at in vitro fertilization clinics, but only if donors give their consent and are not paid for the embryos. The bill passed 63-34: R 17-32; D 44-2 (ND 40-2, SD 4-0); I 2-0. [4/11/07, <a href="#">Senate vote #127</a>]</p>

<p>Now the senate is one vote away from overriding the President's latest veto threat. One vote away from potentially finding a cure for millions of Americans.</p>	<p><b>One Vote Shy; Democrats Focus on Sununu</b>          "The Senate is expected to pass legislation this week that would ease the Bush administration's limits on federal financing of embryonic stem cell research. The measure, passed by the House, is identical to the bill that passed the Senate 63 to 37 last year before being vetoed by President Bush. Senate Democrats now think they have 65 votes, one shy of what is needed to rebuff a veto. Senator Bob Casey, left, a freshman Democrat from Pennsylvania who campaigned as a social conservative, has said he will vote against the bill. Democrats hope for support from Senator John E. Sununu, Republican of New Hampshire, who may face a tough race next year." [New York Times, 4/10/07]</p> <p><b>Reid Seeks One More Vote For Bill</b>          Sen. Harry Reid on Thursday called on Nevada health activists, patients and parents of sick children to increase pressure on senators who voted against a bill that removes restrictions on the use of embryonic stem cells to develop disease cures. Reid said supporters of embryonic stem cell research are one vote shy in the Senate of being able to override an anticipated veto by President Bush. [Las Vegas Review-Journal, 4/13/07]</p>
<p>Call John Sununu at 202-224-2841. Tell him to vote <i>for</i> stem cell research...and override Bush's veto. It's a life or death decision.</p> <p>Paid for by Americans United for Change.</p>	