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Mr. R. Martin Palmer
21 Summit Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Dear R. Martin,

Thank you for your letter. I appreciate your interest in my position on stem cell research.

Like you, I believe research into the causes and cures of diseases should be a priority in our country. And, that is why I have proposed a permanent Research and Development tax credit to encourage companies to continue research into life-saving treatments. I have also proposed infusing billions of dollars into the National Institutes of Health by doubling its federal funding so that we can continue to search for cures for diseases that are claiming the lives of too many Americans. We have the technology and the mission to find these cures. I want to make sure that the resources are available, as well.

I oppose federal funding for stem-cell research that involves destroying living human embryos. However, I do support innovative medical research on life-threatening and debilitating diseases, including promising research on stem cells from adult tissue, which does not necessitate destroying human embryos.

As the campaign moves forward in these remaining days, your thoughts and ideas are always welcome. I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is stylized and cursive.

George W. Bush

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