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Human Cloning Proponents Political Spending Spree Continues

St. Louis, MO (April 20,2007) The most recent MEC report indicates human cloning proponents contributed \$133,834 from their PAC, Supporters of Health Research and Treatments to a number of legislators on both sides of the aisle. The wealthy bio-tech special interests have vast resources and have consistently spent substantial sums to influence legislators and promote unethical, unproven human cloning research in our state.

As widely reported, human cloning proponents gave state Sen. Chris Koster's (R-Harrisonville) campaign for Attorney General \$235,000 this year including \$125,000 from James Stowers and \$75,000 from Supporters of Health Research and Treatments. Clearly, they are focused on buying undue influence within this important public office just as they have bought a constitutional amendment.

Other notable recipients of the bio-tech spending spree were Attorney General Jay Nixon's (D) campaign for Governor (\$25,000) and state Sen. Chuck Graham (D-Columbia) re-election campaign (\$5,000).

“Clearly, the biotech special interest groups who spent over \$30 million to buy a tricky constitutional amendment continue to spend large sums of money in an effort to control our state government. Even after the large payments reported this quarter, the cloning proponents PAC still has \$678,211 to hand out. How long do they expect taxpayers to believe they aren't after our money?” said Jaci Winship, Executive Director of Missourians Against Human Cloning.

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