



Campaign to Prohibit All Human Cloning in Missouri Launched Today!

A coalition of concerned Missouri citizens, doctors, and academics today launched the “Cures Without Cloning” initiative to prohibit human cloning in Missouri. Dr. Lori Buffa, of St. Peters, Missouri, filed proposed ballot language with the Secretary of State’s office this morning.

“The Missouri Constitution currently allows for human cloning. It allows for the same cloning method that created Dolly the Sheep,” said Dr. Buffa, who serves as chair of CWC. “This initiative will ensure this dangerous, unproven, unnecessary practice is prohibited, and allow us to focus on safe research that leads to lifesaving cures and treatments.”

The initiative would amend the Missouri Constitution to prohibit the practice of human cloning, and would prohibit taxpayer funding of human cloning experiments. [{click here to read the initiative}](#).

Missourians Against Human Cloning wholeheartedly supports this short, straightforward, scientifically accurate amendment for the following reasons:

1. The Cures Without Cloning Initiative will close the cloning loophole that currently exists in our Missouri Constitution.
2. The Cures Without Cloning Initiative will ensure that none of our tax dollars can be spent on human cloning experiments.
3. The Cures Without Cloning Initiative will allow researchers in our state to focus on the many avenues of ethical research that provide real cures and treatments and real hope for those suffering from diseases.

The Initiative does NOT:

1. prohibit stem cell research – this is not a stem cell issue, it is a human cloning issue
2. stop the search for cures and treatments to alleviate suffering

3. repeal Amendment 2

I hope that each of you will join in supporting this important initiative. It is not enough to file an initiative. Once the ballot title is certified by the Secretary of State, all of us who support this initiative will need to circulate petitions and secure the signatures to place this important legislation before the voters in 2008. The goal is to collect at least 200,000 signatures with a volunteer effort. This will take all of us working together to spread the word across our state. Please sign up today to help with this important effort.

Thank you,
Jaci Winship