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### **ANA COMMENTS ON STEM CELL RESEARCH**

**SILVER SPRING, MD** – The American Nurses Association (ANA) supports President Obama’s decision to lift restrictions on federal funding of human embryonic stem cell research. ANA believes in the ethical use of stem cells for research and therapeutic purposes that impact the public’s health. ANA endorses the federal funding of stem cell research conducted within strict scientific and ethical guidelines.

While ANA recognizes there are opposing views on stem cell research, including within ANA, we believe the benefits to be realized for the many individuals who suffer from diseases and disabilities outweigh this dissent. ANA encourages participation in the ethical, legal, and social debate surrounding stem cell research by all communities.

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