



July 15, 2009

Board of County Commissioners
Winchester Hall
12 E. Church Street
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Commissioner:

Recently the Frederick County Commissioners voted in favor of a \$25,000 grant to Life Technologies, Inc. There was much debate over the grant and the proper role of Frederick County Government in that process. Life Technologies, Inc. is a reputable biotech firm in Frederick County, and the money given to them by Frederick County and the State of Maryland could be an incentive to hire members of the Frederick community.

Maryland Right to Life acknowledges the debate over the proper role of government and concerns over fiscal solvency and job creation, but we would like to draw your attention to a higher concern. Though a reputable employer of many in the Frederick area, Life Technologies, Inc. has unfortunately chosen to invest much money into controversial research that destroys human embryos. Under the guise of seeking cures and treatments, this research guarantees the destruction of human lives in order to obtain usable stem cells.

We at Maryland Right to Life and our members and supporters in Frederick County and throughout Maryland abhor the degradation and destruction of innocent human life inherent in embryonic stem cell research. Although the \$25,000 grant to Life Technologies, Inc. is designated toward building expansion, it also serves as an endorsement of embryonic destructive experimentation performed within its walls.

It is important to also acknowledge the successes of stem cell research. Adult stem cell research, which is life affirming and neither harms nor destroys human life, has developed clinical treatments and cures for at least 73 disorders. Embryonic stem cell research, which guarantees the destruction of human life, has developed absolutely NO cures and NO treatments.

Our concerns regarding embryonic stem cell research are further discussed in an editorial piece featured in the July 12 issue of the *Frederick News-Post*. We strongly urge you to reconsider the grant to Life Technologies, Inc. and to reverse your decision to endorse life-destructive research.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Martin".

Angela Martin
Executive Director
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cc: Frederick County delegation to the General Assembly