

## STOP federal funding for research on human-animal embryos

Welcome to the *Write for Life* newsletter, which helps you write one letter a month to support effective, pro-life public policies.

### Update on Proposed Rules for Humane Disposition of the Bodies of Abortion Victims

The Texas Department of State Health Services, which regulates abortion facilities, has proposed new rules regarding the treatment of the bodies of aborted babies. The rules are pro-life, and we strongly support them. Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice Texas, and other abortion advocacy organizations strongly oppose the changes.

The main changes are that the rules prevent two methods that treat the remains of the victims of abortion in two particularly inhumane ways. The changes would prevent “grinding and discharging into a sanitary sewer system” and incineration and placing the remains in a landfill.

The rules may be adopted and go into effect later this fall.

Since the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973, the Supreme Court prevents states from protecting unborn babies from most abortions. However, the State of Texas has a moral obligation to prevent the victims of abortion from being treated like medical waste.

### NIH Proposes Funding Research on Human-Animal Embryos

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has proposed using our tax dollars to fund research that involves the creation of human-animal embryos. That research would involve combining human embryonic stem cells with animal embryos. The NIH is asking for comments, and we strongly urge you to voice your opposition.

There are serious ethical problems with research on human-animal embryos:

1. The research will require human embryonic stem cells. Those cells can only be obtained through the destruction of living, human embryos — human life at the earliest stage.
2. The resulting embryos are at risk of developing into animals with human brains or human sex organs, capable of creating human offspring.

This assault on the dignity of human life should not be funded by the federal government.

### URGENT: Submit your comments online by September 6, 2016:

The process of submitting comments is somewhat difficult, but it will only take a few minutes.

Your comment is critical to letting the NIH know that the public will not stand for the use of our tax dollars for highly unethical research.

#### Visit the following website:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rfi/rfi.cfm?ID=57>

### Sample Message:

*I am writing because I oppose the use of tax dollars for research on the creation of embryos that combines human embryonic stem cells with animal cells.*

*The use of embryonic stem cells necessarily involves the destruction of human embryos to harvest those cells. Our tax dollars should not be used for research that requires the destruction of human embryos.*

*I also believe there is a risk that the embryos may be created that could develop into life forms with human brains or human reproductive organs.*

Your name

Your address