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Dear Friends:

Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! (2 Peter 3:18)

Cheryl and I recently returned from a wonderfully positive and encouraging experience that we wanted to share with you.

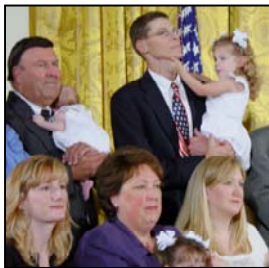
We were among 150 individuals present in the East Room of the White House for the President's stem cell speech. He vetoed the embryonic stem cell bill (his first veto after



nearly six years as president) and signed the ban on fetal farming – two actions strongly advancing the pro-life cause.

Not surprisingly, little media coverage was given to the event, and even less coverage was given to his remarks. (We have enclosed that speech and hope that you will find it as encouraging as we did.) Allow me to attempt to communicate some of the energy in the room that, unfortunately, will not come through in his excellent remarks.

As the President delivered his speech, standing behind him was a line of families and “snowflake” babies. (Part of the process in fertility clinics involves freezing human



embryos created for in vitro fertilization, many of which are not used. Some scientists and politicians want to use these unused embryos for stem cell research, but Christian agencies are instead obtaining these embryos and arranging



adoptions for them. A “snowflake” baby is a child that was once a frozen embryo but has now been adopted by a loving family and brought full term to delivery.) Seated in front of the President were some of the genetic donors who gave embryos for adoption. Also in the crowd were several children and adults who had been treated successfully using adult stem cell therapies. (“Adult” does not have the same meaning to which we are accustomed; an adult stem cell is a stem cell obtained after birth. In fact, an excellent

source of adult stem cells includes the placenta and umbilical cord from just moments after delivery – these are considered adult stem cells! Currently, 72 successful medical treatments are available using adult stem cells, but there are none using embryonic stem cells. Nevertheless, the hype from the post-modern left as well as the media is to promote the unproven and destructive embryonic stem cell research.)



Also in attendance in the East Room were congressional sponsors and leaders who have been instrumental in promoting adult stem cell therapy and other pro-life measures. (Seated in the row on the left are House Members such as Roscoe Bartlett of Maryland, Dave Weldon of Florida, Joe Pitts of Pennsylvania, and Mike Pence of Indiana. Seated in the row on the right are Senators such as Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, Sam Brownback of Kansas, and Jim DeMint of South Carolina. And on

the far end of the front row is Representative Chris Smith of New Jersey, the head of the House Pro-Life Caucus – the largest caucus in the House of Representatives.)

Significantly, almost immediately after the president vetoed the embryonic stem cell bill, pro-life Members of the House were able to sustain his veto by a vote of 235-193, thus ensuring that a bad bill promoting embryonic stem cell research and the destruction of human embryos will not become federal law.



The President was interrupted on several occasions throughout his remarks by applause and standing ovations. Sometimes that response was initiated by snowflake parents and at other times by the Members of Congress. In fact, almost humorously, there were several times when the meeting took on almost a revival feel as various individuals, fully absorbed in the President's remarks and unconscious of their surroundings or the dozens of cameras and reporters crowded into the room, uttered "Amen!" in strong approval of what was being said.

It was a truly remarkable gathering – a high-energy event, and a very encouraging development in the continued progress in the culture war. We hope that you enjoy the President's comments as much as Cheryl and I did.

Thanks for all you do for WallBuilders and for America!

God bless!

David Barton

Enclosure