

ASK MICHAEL STEELE TO CORRECT HIS STANCE ON EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH!

The following quote was ascribed to Lt. Governor Michael Steele in the February 12th edition of the Washington Post:

"I support embryonic stem cell research. However, I am cautious of the science and want the scientists and politicians to be smart in how we approach it," he said on WBAL in Baltimore. "I don't want this research to go forward without some moral compass to guide the research."

The article goes on to claim that he support techniques used by NIH scientists that extract the cells "without destroying the embryo".

Of course we realize that any "moral acceptability" of this research on embryos is bogus. While the cell-extraction process may, by itself, not be fatal to the tiny person, he or she was engendered for the sole purpose of being a "cell source" and his/her ultimate destiny is indeed destruction. Even if he or she were allowed to live and grow, the tiny person, by having cells removed from him/her without his/her free consent, suffers criminal attack upon his or her own person. Such is **never** morally licit!

Knowing the liberal proclivities of the Washington Post, we had thought it possible that he was misquoted. A number of pro-life people emailed his office to request clarification. None was ever received. Moreover, his website, www.michaelsteeleformaryland.com (created pursuant to his campaign for U.S. Senate) makes no reference whatsoever to his position on embryonic stem cell research. In light of this and subsequent events, we no longer believe he was misquoted.

Some reported that at the Catholic Men's Conference in Baltimore on Saturday March 4th, Mr. Steele reiterated his opposition to embryonic stem cell research. **NOT TRUE!** According to the Catholic Review, he stated that while he is against both abortion and capital punishment, he is only "very much concerned" about embryonic stem cell research! Why does he not oppose embryonic stem cell research as he opposes the other two??

Please contact the Lt. Governor and make known to him your disappointment in his anti-life position regarding embryonic stem cell research.

- To reach him via his campaign headquarters, go to the site <http://www.michaelsteeleformaryland.com/contact-us.asp>.
- He can also be emailed at ltgovernor@gov.state.md.us or called at 1 (800) 811-8336 or (410) 974-5156.