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Senate Panel Blocks Life-Saving Cures, Turns Back on Patients and Voters

Senate impedes modernized stem cell research, despite vote of the people in 2008

SOUTHFIELD – **Michigan Citizens for Stem Cell Research and Cures Managing Director Sophia Eichner** today released the following statement after the Senate Health Policy Committee approved harmful legislation, Senate Bills 647-652, that will restrict stem cell research and stymie investments and discoveries. In 2008, Michigan voters supported and passed Proposal 2, which would modernize Michigan 's outdated stem cell laws.

“The Senate chose to play politics with life-saving research that can cure and treat patients with incurable diseases and injuries across Michigan . In 2008, the voters of Michigan said loud and clear that Michigan must join the effort to bring new hope to our patients and their families – a decision the Senate Health Policy Committee today has ignored. While the Senate Health Policy Committee has turned its back on patients, their families and the people of Michigan, we are hopeful that other leaders in Michigan will put patients and discoveries before politics and reject this attempt to impede cures and treatments that can save lives.”

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