

Dear Senators

I am concerned about the proposals and recommendations of the Lockhart Committee, on the Embryos Act 2002 and the Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002. I object to their recommendations because I believe in the sanctity of human life.

Cloning must be totally banned, and also the use of human embryos for research. I am also against the exploitation and maltreatment of women, by coercing them to such high risk extraction of human eggs; or to be used for hyper-stimulate ovulation for egg harvesting to supply their research work-manipulation and experimentation, which is mostly motivated by material gains and personal glory rather a genuine love for human beings. These actions completely disregard the value of human life and the dignity of a person. Human beings are not commodities, nor animals with mortal souls. If there are laws protecting animals and cruelty to animals, there must also be laws that will protect human beings from cruelty. It is horrifying to learn about the proposed mixing of human somatic cell nuclei with animal oocytes to create human embryo clones and human embryonic stem cells or for whatever purpose intended. All these are immoral and violate the law of God, who created human beings in His own image and likeness.

May you be enlightened, and hear the cry of the defenceless unborn who from the moment of conception can feel the pain of maltreatment and destruction, because they are living human cells with immortal souls. They have rights too. May there be also a greater concern and deeper respect for women who are most often subjected to exploitation, degradation, harassment and maltreatment.

Yours faithfully

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