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To the Committee Secretary
Community Affairs Committee
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100, Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir or Madam

In light of the recommendations of the Lockhart Report, I am writing to express my objection to human cloning.

As cloning produces a living human embryo, I believe it is an ethically wrong procedure because it commercialises women's reproductive capacities and is dehumanising to the resulting embryos.

I believe it is wrong to interfere with a human embryo and ultimately sacrifice that life for the benefit of another life. I am, however, in support of the use of stem cells obtained ethically from adult tissue and umbilical cord blood in research and therapies and feel that these avenues should be fully explored rather than turning to embryonic cloning.

Thank you to the Senate for bearing in mind these important concerns and for making an ethically sound decision against human cloning.

Yours faithfully

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