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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ALLOW FOR INCREASED STEM CELL RESEACH**

WASHINGTON, DC— Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, today released the following statement in response to President Obama signing an executive order that will allow for increased research on embryonic stem cells.

“Sometimes medicine advances through inspired discoveries in the laboratory, and sometimes through brilliant insights at the patient’s bedside. But today, an extraordinary medical breakthrough was achieved with the stroke of a pen. With today’s executive order, President Obama has righted an immense wrong done to the hopes of millions of patients. The President’s action today unlocks the enormous potential of life-sustaining medical progress against a wide range of serious illnesses and injuries, all within strong ethical guidelines.”

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