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Rep. Pitts calls on Congress to ban cloning, “before it’s too late”

Congressman doesn’t want Congress to be judged by failure to stop human cloning

Washington—Congressman Joe Pitts (R, PA-16) took to the House floor this morning to call on his colleagues to pass a ban on human cloning. His speech on the floor follows.

“Every member of this body is mindful of his or her legacy. That’s good. And there’s an issue facing this nation that should cause is all to consider that legacy carefully.

“The issue is cloning and it’s closer to reality than you think. We learned that from Korean scientists last month.

“But we have the ability to stop it here, before it’s too late.

“Senior members of this body should ask: do you want your legacy to be that we stood by as scientists starting cloning human beings?

“And Members leaving this body after next year should ask: do you want to tell your grandkids someday that you had a chance to act to stop cloning but did nothing?

“If we do nothing, Mr. Speaker, cloning will come.

“And this Congress will be judged not by job numbers or our national energy plan or highway dollars, but by our failure to stop human cloning.

“I don’t want that on my conscience; no one does.

“But our lack of action will make us responsible for its arrival.

“Let’s leave a good legacy, a legacy that guards the uniqueness of life.

“Stop human cloning.”

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