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Statement of The ALS Association

The ALS Association Applauds President Barack Obama's Decision to Lift Restrictions on Federal Funding for Embryonic Stem Cell Research

President Barack Obama's decision today to lift restrictions that have limited federal funding for embryonic stem cell research will significantly aid the search for the causes and cure of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. The Association looks forward to working with the Administration, Congress and the National Institutes of Health to appropriately implement this vital new policy.

The ALS Association believes that stem cell research is a rapidly-evolving field that holds the potential to provide benefit to people with ALS in the future. The continuing pursuit of stem cell research with appropriate scientific review and ethical guidelines directly furthers the mission of The ALS Association in finding a cure for and improving living with ALS.

The ALS Association directs and funds a range of stem cell research projects in the search for new discoveries and potential therapies for Lou Gehrig's disease. For more information from The ALS Association about stem cell research, click on http://www.alsa.org/research/stem_cells.cfm.