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Dear Candidate:

Illinois Right To Life Action, formerly Illinois Citizens for Life, is surveying candidates running for public office on the vital issues of abortion, the use of fetal tissue and stem cells for research, and protection and care of the terminally ill, the infirm, and aged. **Results from this survey will be published on our website**, and will be distributed in your political jurisdiction as well as throughout Illinois prior to the June 28, 2022, General Primary Election.

We are enclosing a survey for you to complete and we would appreciate it if you would complete and return it by **May 31, 2022**, using the enclosed envelope, or FAX the survey to us at **312-422-9302**. You may also scan and e-mail your completed survey to **Jerry@IllinoisRightToLife.org**. As a candidate, I'm sure you will want to take advantage of having us educate voters in your district for you on where you stand on the Life issues.

Please take the time to read the material on physician-assisted suicide for question #9 for the federal survey and question #12 for the state survey. This material is available on our web site, [www.illinoisrighttolife.org/physician-assisted-suicide/](http://www.illinoisrighttolife.org/physician-assisted-suicide/), and will be most helpful for you on these questions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 312-392-0384. Thank you for your time and response.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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**RIGHT TO LIFE**  
**CANDIDATE SURVEY 2022**  
General Candidate\* Questionnaire  
On Pro-life Issues

1. Do you support legislation that would prohibit abortions, except to prevent the death of the mother?

Yes  No

2. Do you support legislation that prohibits tax-payer funded abortions, except to prevent the death of the mother?

Yes  No

3. Do you support legislation prohibiting physician-assisted suicide?

Yes  No

4. Do you support legislation prohibiting the use of tax dollars for human embryonic stem cell research?  
(See primer on stem cells and human cloning on back)

Yes  No

5. Do you support defunding Planned Parenthood?

Note: Planned Parenthood (PP) received over \$559 million in its fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. This is 43% of its revenues. PP performed 323,999 abortions in the U.S. in fiscal year 2014-2015. A recent undercover national investigation of various PP facilities exposed that PP was selling aborted baby body parts for profit, allegedly against federal and state laws.

Yes  No

6. Would you oppose legislation to force healthcare personnel (e.g., doctors, nurses, pharmacists) and healthcare facilities (e.g., hospitals and crisis pregnancy centers who do ultrasounds) to refer or give written information to patients as to where the patients can get abortions contrary to their consciences?

Yes  No

7. Are you an incumbent?

Yes  No

Print Name Cary Mathews Date Signed 23 May 2022

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Please return or FAX to: Illinois Right To Life Action, PO Box 3141, Joliet, IL 60434-3141 by **May 31, 2022**. For additional information, call IRLA at **312-392-0384**. Our fax number is **312-422-9302**. You may also scan and email your completed survey to **Jerry@IllinoisRightToLife.org**.

\* While we realize that these questions do not directly affect the office you are seeking, we would appreciate your taking a moment to fill out the questionnaire and return it to us since our voters are interested in your positions on these important matters.

## **PRIMER ON STEM CELLS AND HUMAN CLONING: WHAT REALLY ARE THE FACTS?**

Much [but not all] of the following information on stem cells, what they are and what they do, comes from the National Institutes of Health website over the years – (<http://stemcells.nih.gov/>). Quotations in #1 below are from the NIH website on stem cells [Stem Cell Basics].

### **1. What are stem cells and where are they found in the body?**

“Stem cells have the remarkable potential to develop into many different cell types in the body during early life and growth. In addition, in many tissues they serve as a sort of internal repair system, dividing essentially without limit to replenish other cells as long as the person or animal is still alive. When a stem cell divides, each new cell has the potential either to remain a stem cell or become another type of cell with a more specialized function, such as a muscle cell, a red blood cell, or a brain cell.”

“Stem cells are distinguished from other cell types by two important characteristics. First, they are unspecialized cells capable of renewing themselves through cell division, sometimes after long periods of inactivity. Second, under certain physiologic or experimental conditions, they can be induced to become tissue- or organ-specific cells with special functions. In some organs, such as the gut and bone marrow, stem cells regularly divide to repair and replace worn out or damaged tissues. In some adult tissues, such as bone marrow, muscle, and brain, discrete populations of adult stem cells generate replacements for cells that are lost through normal wear and tear, injury, or disease.”

### **2. How are adult stem cells used to help people?**

The National Marrow Donor Program ([www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org)) uses human bone marrow and Viacord ([www.viacord.com](http://www.viacord.com)) works with stem cells from new born umbilical cord blood to help thousands of people each year on over 80 diseases including leukemias, Lymphomas, cancers and much more.

### **3. What diseases are currently being treated by human embryonic stem cells?**

**None!** There is not one study showing that any disease has been cured or treated with human embryonic stem cells! There have been trials, but no final conclusions. Supporters of embryonic stem cells had many opportunities to show the benefits of human embryonic stem cells, but produced nothing. Those who opposed using embryonic stem cell research showed the many benefits to humans from adult and cord blood stem cells. Destroying new human lives (human embryos for stem cells) for experimentation is immoral and unethical, and it is clear that the advances these researchers seek are and can likely be done better and sooner with adult stem cells.

### **4. What is human cloning and what has human cloning to do with the stem cell debate?**

Human cloning is the term used by scientists to describe the process of creating new life by making duplicates of biological material. The cloning technique used to clone Dolly the sheep is called “somatic cell nuclear transplantation”. This is the same technique for cloning a human being. The process involves removing the nucleus of an unfertilized egg and replacing it with the nucleus of a somatic cell. [A somatic cell is any cell of the human body, except sperm or ovum cells (called germ cells). Thus, your skin cell is a somatic cell and contains in its nucleus the 46 chromosomes that you received from your mother (23 chromosomes) and your father (23 chromosomes) that make you unique.] The unfertilized egg with the now transplanted nucleus is stimulated by an electrical stimulus to make it start to divide and grow and if it does begin to grow, it is a live human being. As Frankensteinian and unnatural as this is, a new human life will be created by human cloning. Researchers in Illinois seek human cloning because they know that cloning will produce human embryos and they can take the stem cells from these embryos (which will kill these new human lives).

**Visit [www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/current-stem-cell-benefits-in-humans/](http://www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/current-stem-cell-benefits-in-humans/)  
to see how adult stem cells are treating over 100 diseases.**