

"PUTTING THE BOOTS TO ALS"

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In Rugby, when you play a team that has a player that is CHEAP, A JERK, OUT OF CONTROL, AND HURTING A TEAMMATE, you get his number and everyone cleans the bottom of their boots on him. ALS is this bully and it has hurt my wife and children, taken the job I loved, and is taking away my physical abilities. I am fighting back and ask all who care about treating neurological diseases and spinal cord injuries, to start **PUTTING THE BOOTS TO THESE DISORDERS!**

The National Institute of Health is the main engine of funding medical breakthroughs in the United States. For 8 years the funding from the NIH to STEM CELL/GENE THERAPY has *flat-lined* and we are falling behind the world.

I ask that you take 10 minutes of time, just once a month, to send an email, letter, or phone call to the New Director of the NIH and ask Him/Her to move their budgeted dollars to these breakthrough treatment therapies.

The timelines for these therapies are 14 years, and while we wait, 750,000 people will die. 70,000 people will die from ALS. If we triple the budgeted dollars for STEM CELL/GENE THERAPY treatments, the time to clinics will be cut to 7 years. These breakthroughs will produce billions of dollars of tax revenue, and will relieve thousands of people from pain and death. America needs to get back on track and re-awaken its inventive spirit, and again become the pharmacy of the world.

THE FIGHT IS SIMPLE AND YOU CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT:

WRITE, EMAIL, OR CALL THE SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NIH...

CHECK EACH MONTH ON THE 5TH FOR NEW PEOPLE TO CONTACT FOR CHANGE.

OUR SECOND CONTACT IS:

President Barack Obama

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

The White House

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Talking Points:

- 1.) APPOINT A STEMCELL/GENE THERAPY FRIENDLY DIRECTOR TO THE NIH
- 2.) MOVE A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF NIH FUNDS TO STEMCELL/GENE THERAPY TECHNOLOGY
- 3.) PUT TOGETHER A STEMCELL/GENE THERAPY BIOTECHNOLOGY SUMMIT TO BRING AMERICAN PHARMA COMPANIES CLOSER TO THIS CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY
- 4.) DECLARE WAR ON ORPHAN DISEASES LIKE ALS, HUNTINGTON'S, SPINAL CORD INJURIES, AND NEURO MUSCULAR DISEASE