Rebuttal to Argument Against Proposition 14

Nobel Prize winning medical researchers, doctors, and 70 patient advocate organizations have studied Prop. 14 and urge a YES VOTE. (32)

- Stem Cell Research is a critical area of medical advancement that is discovering therapy breakthroughs and cures for currently incurable diseases and injuries. (32)
- The United States National Institutes of Health (NIH) has partnered with California’s Stem Cell Funding Institute to advance therapies because of California’s track record of success. (30)
- Funding research for new therapies and cures is from bonds, not a tax. Average cost to State equals less than $5 per person annually, with no state payments until 2026, the 6th year of California’s economic recovery. (27)
- These new treatments and cures could restore health and reduce healthcare costs for Californians. (14)
- California funding is essential; funding from Washington, DC is unpredictable and unreliable. (22)

Opponents ignore years of the funding institute’s progress, including over 2,900 medical discoveries and 92 FDA-Approved Clinical Trials, and high marks from the Citizen’s Financial Accountability Oversight Committee, Chaired by California’s Controller. (20)

ECONOMIC JOB RECOVERY STIMULUS – PROVEN HISTORY (6)

The University of Southern California Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics issued a 2019 report validating hundreds of millions of dollars in new revenue, $10.7 billion in economic stimulus, and tens of thousands of new jobs, created by California’s Stem Cell funding. This history demonstrates Prop 14 will provide an Economic Job Recovery Stimulus. (44)

SUPPORTED BY 70 PATIENT ADVOCATE ORGANIZATIONS, the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, AND SCIENTISTS, INCLUDING: (44)

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VOTE YES ON 14

IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE OR THE LIFE OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE. (16)

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