

Representative's Brandtjen Statement on Fetal Tissue Bill:

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Madison- State Representative Janel Brandtjen (R- Menomonee Falls) has issued the following statement regarding the use of fetal tissue for medical research.

“Late last week a group of doctors from the Medical College of Wisconsin were quoted in the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel as being opposed to the practice of using fetal body parts for research. They correctly reminded us that not only is the research unethical, it is unnecessary. The major breakthroughs in stem cell research have come from adult cells. Dr. Michelle Cretella, President of the American College of Pediatricians states that ‘Fetal tissue research, like embryonic stem cell research, has failed to produce a single successful treatment for human disease.’ The money trail involving fetal tissue research leads to a malicious union between the UW System and Planned Parenthood. I am deeply disappointed that the Wisconsin Manufacturer and Commerce (WMC) have bought into this unethical practice.”