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**Statement of Opposition
Re: S. 388 (Krueger)/A.3218 (Sweeney)**

**Advance directives requiring option for human embryo destruction
("donation for research purposes").**

The New York State Right to Life Committee (NYSRTL) **opposes** research on living human embryos.

S.388 (Krueger)/A. 3218 (Sweeney) would require the execution of advance directives prior to undergoing an in vitro procedure. The form for written consent would mandate inclusion of the option "donated for research purposes" for those embryos who are cryopreserved (stored) and subsequently abandoned [Section 131-3(b)].

Research on human embryos is unethical and violates the Belmont Commission, the Nuremberg Code, the Hippocratic Oath and other codes of ethics by deliberately killing members of the human family.

Furthermore, the requirement to offer destructive research on human embryos would violate the ethical, moral, and religious guidelines observed by certain in vitro programs and providers.

Lethal research is conducted on human embryos by some researchers. Until there is a ban on this relatively recent practice, many ethicists and scientists object and advocate following the established standards protecting human subjects. New York State should act as a guardian of human lives and not act to condone, support, or expand embryo-destructive research.

Particular researchers and institutions are attempting to obtain more human embryos for experimentation. If this bill is passed, a state-authorized vehicle will be set up for pro-embryo-research interests to expand their reach. To require all in vitro programs to become potential supply pipelines for human embryos would override the ethical protections certain providers have already rightfully put in place.