Yesterday, President Obama issued an executive order allowing federal tax dollars to go towards funding embryonic stem cell research. Congressman Pence **strongly opposed** this decision by the Administration to
weaken protections for the unborn, using taxpayer dollars

In an op-ed in today's ***USA Today*** , Family Research Council President **Tony Perkins** makes the case that

Congress should refocus resources on what is working now, by increasing funding for cord blood and other types of adult stem cell research. The best way to do so is to pass the legislation sponsored by Reps. J. Randy Forbes, R-Va., and Daniel Lipinski, D-Ill . Putting patients first is a strategy we can all embrace.

Congressman Pence has signed on as a cosponsor to the "
Patients First Act
," a bill sponsored by Congressman Randy Forbes which would direct the NIH to prioritize funding for stem cell research to those projects with the greatest potential for near-term clinical benefits and which utilize stem cell lines obtained in an ethical manner.

Congressman Pence believes that these are the kinds of positive alternatives that better represent the wishes of millions of pro-life Americans while encouraging the kind of promising scientific research which is saving lives and leading to breakthroughs in disease treatment.