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In a letter sent to the Health Minister today, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) has asked the government to move immediately to ban all forms of human cloning.

“Human life is not a commodity to be designed and perfected upon, and human life should not be used as a means to some other end,” said Bruce Clemenger, Director of the EFC’s Centre for Faith and Public Life. “Human cloning is contrary to a commitment to the sanctity of human life.”

Once debated as a possibility, human cloning is now a reality in North America. American researches have announced that they have actually cloned a human embryo for research purposes and at least one other group has claimed that they intend to engage in reproductive cloning next year.

Last May the health Minister tabled draft legislation on Assisted Human Reproduction with the Health Committee. The bill as drafted would ban both therapeutic and reproductive cloning.

“We may not see the introduction of legislation banning these practices until next year,” added Clemenger. “The government must act now to ensure that Canadian laboratories and public money are not used in human cloning.”

The letter to the Health Minister is posted at
http://www.evangelicalfellowship.ca/resources/resource_viewer.asp?Resource_ID=130

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