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The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Mr. Andrew McCabe
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Dear Attorney General Sessions and Acting Director McCabe:

We, the undersigned representing millions of Americans, strongly support an investigation into paid fetal tissue transfers involving Planned Parenthood.

In July of 2015 David Daleiden, an investigative journalist, released undercover videos recorded while posing as the head of a company interested in the fetal tissue procurement business. In numerous meetings with abortion providers and companies involved in the transfer of fetal tissue, Daleiden recorded doctors, executives, and staff-level employees discussing various aspects of the fetal tissue procurement industry. The videos and other materials acquired detailed the relationship between fetal tissue procurement companies, including Advanced Bioscience Resources, DaVinci Biologics, and StemExpress, as well as several abortion clinics.

The 114th Congress responded to the videos by holding hearings and initiating investigations that culminated in the House of Representatives creating the Select Panel on Infant Lives to further investigate the matter. The Select Panel found evidence of violations of laws protecting human research subjects and patient privacy; laws regulating anatomical gifts for transplantation, therapy, research, and education; laws protecting late-term and born-alive infants; and laws pertaining to public funding for fetal tissue research and abortion providers.

The Select Investigative Panel made 15 criminal and regulatory referrals of tissue procurement companies and abortion clinics, including Planned Parenthood affiliates, and investigations are underway around the nation. The Senate Judiciary Committee has made 7 criminal referrals to the Department of Justice. It appears that Planned Parenthood Federation of America learned that its affiliates were engaging in paid fetal tissue programs in noncompliance with 42 U.S.C. §289g-2. As to what transpired between Planned Parenthood Federation of America and these affiliates, the facts uncovered raise a reasonable suspicion that these organizations, and/or individuals employed by them, may have engaged in a conspiracy to violate the fetal tissue law (18 U.S.C. § 371).

The previous Administration decided to turn a blind eye to the wrongdoing, which led to the creation of the Select Panel. We request that the Justice Department continue the investigation into the practices surrounding this scandal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

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