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Honorable Loretta Lynch  
United States Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Attorney General Lynch:

According to recent press accounts the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (Planned Parenthood) has been engaged in the illegal, unethical, and morally depraved practice of fetal tissue collection and sale. This practice is in contravention against the National Organ Transplant Act (NOTA) of 1984, which explicitly made it “unlawful for any person to knowingly acquire, receive, or otherwise transfer any human organ for valuable consideration for use in human transplantation if the transfer affects interstate commerce.”<sup>1</sup> Not only is the prohibition language simply worded and very clear, Section 301 also clearly defines the penalty for engaging in the prohibited collection and sale of human organs as a fine of no more \$50,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.<sup>2</sup>

Planned Parenthood’s Senior Director of Medical Research Debra Nucatola was videotaped admitting to not only facilitating the sale and purchase of fetal organs, but also to knowing that employees at Planned Parenthood affiliates were using illegal medical techniques to evacuate fetuses from a mother’s uterus in order to preserve as many internal organs as possible. Specifically, they were using a technique to turn around a live child inside the uterus so

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<sup>1</sup> National Organ Transplantation Act of 1984, Pub.L. 98-507, 98 Stat. 2339-2348, Sec. 301 (Oct. 19, 1984).

<sup>2</sup> Id.

that she or he could be pulled out feet first so as to not damage the necessary internal organs. This is identical to a partial-birth abortion procedure, which is explicitly outlawed by the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003.<sup>3</sup>

In light of the video tape of Ms. Nucatola, I respectfully request that the Department of Justice launch an investigation into the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, including Debra Nucatola, the practices used at its affiliates, and the role the central office plays in allowing this practice to occur and thrive within the organization. I also ask that criminal charges be brought against Planned Parenthood and Debra Nucatola for the obvious violation of the aforementioned federal laws.

Sincerely,



Lynn Jenkins, CPA  
Member of Congress

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<sup>3</sup> Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, Pub.L. 108-105, 117 Stat. 1201 (Nov. 5, 2003) 18 U.S.C. § 1531.