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June 26, 2020

The Honorable William Barr
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Barr:

Five years ago, our country was horrified by the release of gruesome undercover videos exposing the monetization of baby body parts by Planned Parenthood. As you may recall, public outrage against the Center for Medical Progress's (CMP) videos spurred a high-profile probe by the House Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives and the Senate Judiciary Committee. Just last month, CMP published another video, on May 26, 2020, including recently unsealed sworn testimony from Planned Parenthood executives about the sale of body parts from aborted babies. This recent media underscores Planned Parenthood's role in the trafficking of aborted baby body parts.

Since the House Select Investigative Panel (the Panel) and the Senate Committee inquiries, Members in both chambers sent several letters to the Department of Justice (DOJ) requesting follow up on multiple criminal referrals. The Department confirmed receipt of the criminal referral letters and that the Department had brought these referrals to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. That, however, was several years ago. Considering the new data, we respectfully request the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide a written update on the status of criminal referrals, including referrals of Planned Parenthood affiliates, made by the House Select Panel on Infant Lives.

In a shocking compilation of incriminating testimonies released in May, Planned Parenthood executives openly admit to trafficking human fetal tissue from aborted infants. For instance, uncovered exchanges in the video footage between Dorothy Furgerson, MD, the Director of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte (PPMM), and research company, StemExpress, outline a contract for PPMM to sell fetal body parts to StemExpress at a rate of \$65 per useable specimen. In total, the Center for Medical Progress projects PPMM profited \$250,000 in revenue from fetal tissue sales.

This admission is not only morally repugnant, to strip an unborn child for parts and sell them to the highest bidder, it is also a federal crime. 42 USC §289g-2 (P.L. 109-242, amend. 2006) clearly states that it is illegal for any person to “solicit or knowingly acquire, receive, or accept a donation of human fetal tissue for valuable consideration.” Planned Parenthood’s recent revelation is not only in direct violation of 42 USC §289g-2 (P.L. 109-242, amend. 2006), but further reveals a proclivity to deny the truth to elected officials and to the American people.

Given this new information, and in conjunction with Planned Parenthood’s erroneous application and qualification for \$80 million in taxpayer dollars in the form of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, we feel it is particularly appropriate at this time to request an update on the status of the Department’s investigation into Planned Parenthood and its affiliates. After intentionally siphoning millions of dollars in PPP loans from small businesses in need, it is clear Planned Parenthood continues to engage in legally suspect actions that merit investigation.

There is no longer any doubt that Planned Parenthood failed to convey the full truth to the public and to Congress regarding the sale and commoditization of fetal body parts. Therefore, it is critical the Department of Justice refocuses its attention on the issue. We respectfully request that the DOJ not only provide an update on the status of their investigation but an explanation of steps it is taking to prioritize the enforcement of fetal trafficking laws altogether.

Respectfully,



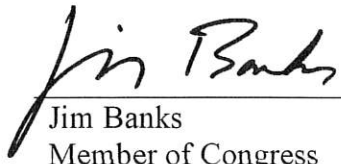
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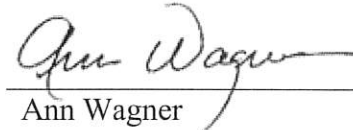
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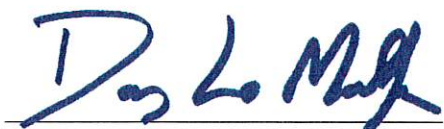
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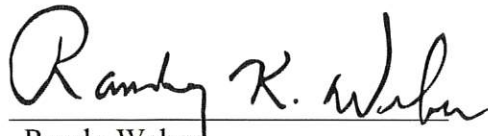
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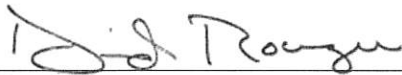
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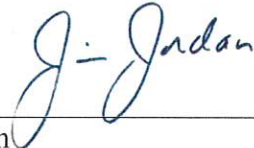
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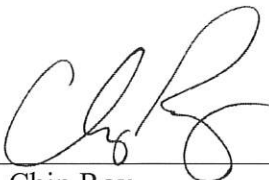
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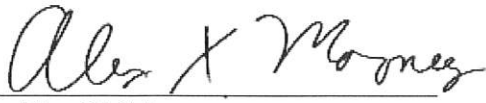
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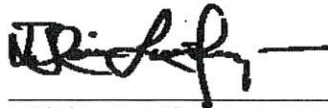
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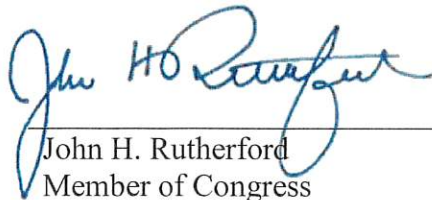
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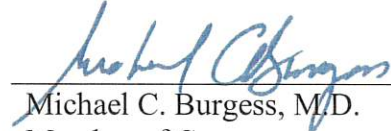
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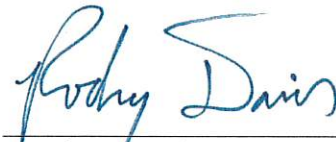
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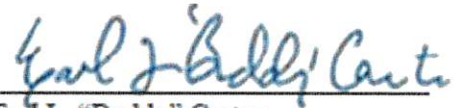
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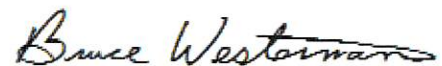
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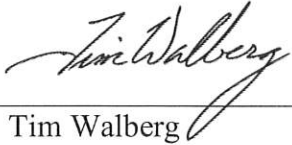
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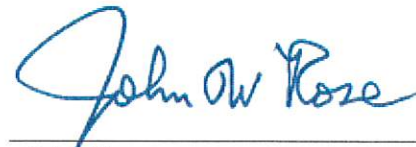
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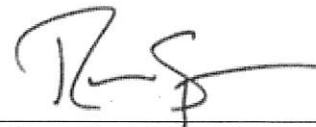
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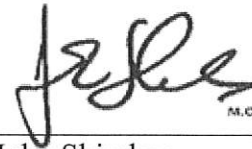
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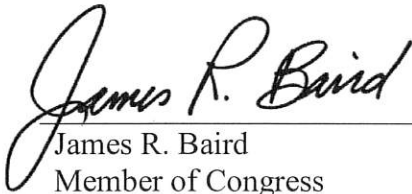
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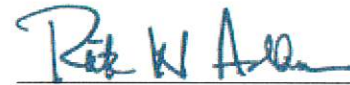
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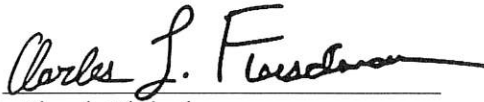
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