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The Honorable Loretta Lynch
Attorney General, Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 5111
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The Honorable John Koskinen
Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service
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Dear Attorney General Lynch and Commissioner Koskinen:

I am writing to urgently request investigations into illegal activity allegedly committed by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its affiliates. On July 14, 2015, an undercover video by the Center for Medical Progress was made public. It features Deborah Nucatola, Planned Parenthood's senior director for medical research, discussing her organization's sale of human organs harvested from aborted unborn children – which is a federal crime under 42 U.S.C. § 289g-2.

In detailing how to “crush” an unborn person while leaving intact key organs by using an ultrasound, Nucatola spoke of different organs' respective value in relation to demand – i.e. a price – and referred to them as being on a “menu.” She also indicated that these activities are dealt with by affiliates to avoid legal entanglements at the national level. In addition, the Center for Medical Progress released alleged advertisements from a fetal tissue purchaser found in Planned Parenthood clinics that contain language referring to “profit” for “financial benefit to your clinic.” These facts, illustrating an appalling disregard for human life, would discredit Planned Parenthood's official response that the transactions in question are legal scientific donations with reimbursement for costs.

Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest provider of abortions – over 300,000 per year – which make up more than a third of its revenue of over \$1 billion. It also receives over \$500 million per year in taxpayer funding while maintaining tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

In the strongest possible terms, I ask the Department of Justice to thoroughly and fully investigate the foregoing allegations of criminal enterprise on the part of Planned Parenthood and affiliates. I further ask the Internal Revenue Service to investigate this matter to the extent that selling organs for profit would have implications for tax-exempt status.

Thank you for your review of this correspondence and I look forward to your prompt and thorough reply. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Assistant, Robert Vega, at 202.225.6605 or robert.vega@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Kenny Marchant
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cc: The Honorable Sylvia M. Burwell, Secretary of Health and Human Services