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Via Email and US Mail

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Dear Dr. Wolk,

Videos recently released by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) have surfaced showing barbaric, unethical and potentially illegal actions relating to the trafficking and sale of aborted babies, the human organs of aborted babies and other aborted baby body parts by some Planned Parenthood Federation of America affiliates; including Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains right here in Colorado.

In one recently released CMP video, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains' Vice President and Medical Director, Dr. Savita Ginde is shown negotiating a deal regarding the sale of babies' body parts and agreeing multiple times to illicit pricing per body part harvested, and proposing ways to avoid legal consequences. Both federal and state law is clear that it is unlawful for "any person to knowingly acquire, receive, or otherwise transfer any human fetal tissue for valuable consideration if the transfer affects interstate commerce." (42 U.S.C. 289g-2 & C.R.S. 25-2-111.5)

On behalf of our constituents and the people of Colorado, we request that your Department exercise its authority to initiate an investigation of all Planned Parenthood Federation of America affiliates operating in Colorado for violations of all applicable state and federal laws and to take necessary legal action to end such practices.

Investigations have been initiated in multiple states to ensure Planned Parenthood Federation of America affiliates are in compliance with the law. We ask your office to coordinate with Governor John Hickenlooper, and any other appropriate state agencies, to do the same in Colorado.

Finally, regardless of any personal views of legalized abortion, a civilized society cannot allow unethical and illegal medical practices such as the harvesting of aborted human organs and babies for monetary gain. We appreciate your attention to this pressing matter and look forward to your prompt response.

Respectfully,

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