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August 7, 2015

Ms. Cecile Richards  
President  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
434 West 33rd Street  
New York, NY 10001

Dear Ms. Richards:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, we are writing to seek additional assistance in obtaining information concerning the manner in which Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and its affiliates manage the donation and disposition of fetal tissue.

Specifically, we write to ask your assistance in obtaining informal interviews with Dr. Mary Gatter, who we understand is president of PPFA's Medical Director's Council, Dr. Savita Ginde, who we understand is vice president and medical director of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, and Ms. Melissa Farrell, who we understand is director of research for Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast.

As you know, in several recent videotapes made public, these individuals have made statements concerning the manner in which fetal tissue is procured. We are examining whether these statements accurately reflect PPFA's position on the acquisition and disposition of fetal tissue, and whether their statements, if accurate, are consistent with existing laws.

To further assist the committee's understanding of fetal tissue practices at PPFA and its affiliates, please also identify the appropriate representatives from PPFA affiliates, other than those referenced above, who are currently engaged in the donation and disposition of fetal tissue.

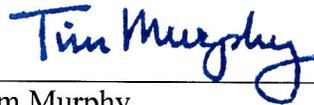
We would ask for your response to this request no later than Thursday, August 14, 2015. We further request that the individuals for whom interviews are requested be made available at the earliest possible opportunity.

Thank you for your attention to these requests. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Charles Ingebretson of the committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton  
Chairman



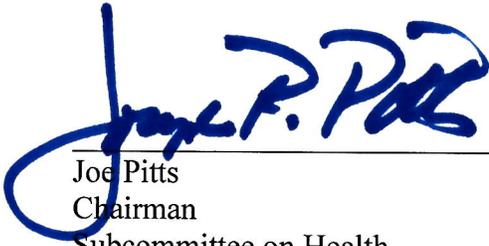
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