

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 29, 2015

Mr. John Boehner  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives

Mr. Kevin McCarthy  
Majority Leader  
United States House of Representatives

Mr. Steve Scalise  
Majority Whip  
United States House of Representatives

Dear Speaker Boehner, Majority Leader McCarthy, and Majority Whip Scalise:

Since its inception, Planned Parenthood has repeatedly demonstrated their contempt for the sanctity of human life. Over the last few weeks, the degree of the organization's disregard was finally uncovered. So far, three videos have surfaced showing Planned Parenthood executives flippantly discussing the harvesting and sale of fetal tissue. We know based on Planned Parenthood's own statements that additional, more damning videos are imminent.

No longer can we allow Planned Parenthood to profit off of the destruction of innocent lives while using federal funds to do so. We applaud the efforts of our Senate colleagues to take swift action to defund this organization once and for all.

Senators Ernst, Lankford, and Paul have led the effort to introduce legislation that would terminate all federal funding for Planned Parenthood. This would strip Planned Parenthood of more than \$500 million in federal funding annually, which the organization currently uses to subsidize their ghastly practices. Instead, other women's health programs and entities will have access to this funding, including federally qualified health centers.

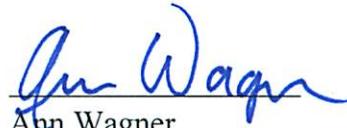
The House has introduced a number of policy options that would prohibit funding for Planned Parenthood and other organizations like it, including H.R. 3134, *the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015*, and H.R. 3197, *the Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2015*. Together, these bills have the support of the majority of the Republican conference. We look forward to working with our Senate and House colleagues and Leadership in both chambers to settle on the best policy solution.

We urge you to act swiftly to prevent another federal dollar for subsidizing the immoral practice of abortion. It is time for Congress and America to finally hold Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers accountable for profiting off of the destruction of life.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



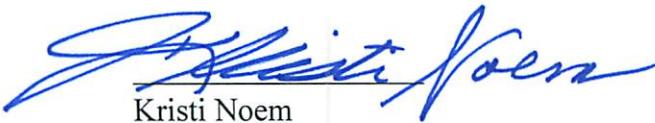
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