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The Honorable Butch Otter
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July 30, 2015

Dear Governor Otter:

I have the pleasure of presenting you with a letter from Idaho legislators, asking for your support and leadership in determining whether Planned Parenthood's operations here stand in violation of either state or federal laws.

As I wrote previously, the disturbing video evidence of moral corruption and possible criminal activity by Planned Parenthood officials demands vigorous action by the states. That evidence has only mounted with the release of two additional videos since my letter of July 16th.

U.S. Senators Crapo and Risch have signed letters directed to the Secretary of Health & Human Services, asking for an investigation by her department into the practices of Planned Parenthood. It is my understanding that Secretary Burwell has already spurned their request.

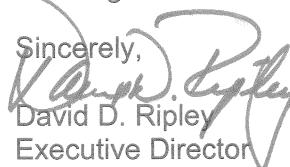
It seems obvious that if Planned Parenthood is to be held accountable, the task will fall to the states. As of this writing, some 11 states have already reached that conclusion, and I pray you will soon add Idaho to that list.

As Idaho's chief executive and senior law enforcement officer, we believe you have both the legal and moral authority to determine whether Planned Parenthood is operating within the bounds of decency and the law here in Idaho. While Planned Parenthood operates clinics in just two Idaho counties – their organization's conduct affects women, girls and families across Idaho. Put another way: There is no doubt that this is a statewide issue, demanding appropriate action by our state government. You have at your disposal the political and legal authority to defend Idaho citizens, and we urge you to fearlessly exercise that authority to determine whether Planned Parenthood is operating outside the law. Given your character, values and high office, we believe you are the one person in Idaho we can count on to meet this grave moral and social

challenge.

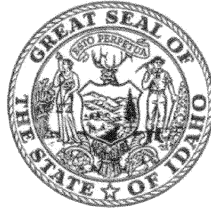
Thank you for your time and consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure



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July 30, 2015

Dear Governor Otter:

We write to ask for your leadership in conducting a thorough, determined investigation of Planned Parenthood operations here in Idaho in light of the very troubling videos which have recently surfaced showing top Planned Parenthood officials conspiring to traffic in aborted baby parts and other fetal tissue.

The very possibility that this kind of abuse of human decency is being practiced in the State of Idaho militates for such an investigation. These videos raise that possibility.

Additionally, the fact that the individuals recorded in these videos are senior medical personnel for the national organization is evidence that such practices, if implemented in Idaho, would be condoned throughout Planned Parenthood's operation and are reasonable grounds for an investigation. The public statements by the organization's president defending the individuals only heighten our concern that this kind of thing is happening in Idaho.

Here are just a few of the questions which we believe must be pursued in an official and thorough investigation of Planned Parenthood's operation in Idaho:

- Is Planned Parenthood engaged in harvesting cells, tissue and body parts from aborted babies here in Idaho?
- If so, what kind of consent forms are used with the mothers? If they exist, are they sufficient to provide a reasonable person with enough information to make an informed decision about whether they want their baby's remains used in medical experiments?
- Is there any form of compensation to Planned Parenthood and/or its doctors from research firms, universities, or any other entities in exchange for the provision of body parts and tissue? How are the rates for this compensation determined?
- Does Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest or its national affiliate receive charitable contributions from these research firms above and beyond the direct compensation associated with the direct sale of human organs?

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- Does Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest have contracts with specific firms to supply organs and tissue on an on-going basis?
- How does Planned Parenthood deal with the apparent demand for specific organs from purchasers? Do abortionists receive a quota of specific body parts? What steps do they take to make sure they meet the customer's demand for organs or tissue?
- What adjustments are made by the abortionists in performing abortions to ensure that they harvest the viable tissue and organs?
- Are there price differentials charged customers for body parts from more mature preborn babies? That is, does Planned Parenthood receive a premium for organs harvested from a 30-week old baby as opposed to one which is only 14 or 16 weeks old, or visa versa?
- Does Planned Parenthood use a partial birth abortion procedure when harvesting organs from more mature preborn children?

Obviously the questions alone are dark and troubling. Yet, in light of the public evidence before us, these and other questions must be pondered, investigated, and answered.

We recognize that the answers will not come easily. We therefore ask that you give careful consideration to appointing a special prosecutor to lead this investigation – one who could also aid and assist any county prosecuting attorney who may choose to join this effort. Another option might be the appointment of a special task force from several agencies to get to the bottom of what is happening in the abortuaries operating in Idaho.

As of this writing, we are aware that a number of states have begun their own investigations of Planned Parenthood operations within their borders, and we urgently request that you take the necessary steps to ensure that a similar, vigorous effort is made in Idaho.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


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