

MARSHA BLACKBURN

7TH DISTRICT, TENNESSEE

DEPUTY WHIP

COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND COMMERCE
VICE CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE ON
THE BUDGET

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4207

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
2266 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
TELEPHONE: (202) 225-2811

DISTRICT OFFICES:
305 PUBLIC SQUARE, SUITE 212
FRANKLIN, TN 37064
TELEPHONE: (615) 591-5161

128 N. 2ND STREET, SUITE 202
CLARKSVILLE, TN 37040
TELEPHONE: (931) 503-0391

July 27, 2015

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Madam Attorney General:

The release of two graphic online videos that show Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. (PPFA) leadership in conversation with individuals interested in purchasing fetal body parts is deeply disturbing.


42 U.S.C. §289g-2 notes that “it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly acquire, receive, or otherwise transfer any human fetal tissue for valuable consideration if the transfer affects interstate commerce.” Violators may be “imprisoned for not more than 10 years.”

According to their website, PPFA is a tax-exempt corporation under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) and had a net revenue of \$1.21 billion in fiscal year 2013. A large portion – 45% - of that revenue - \$540.6 million was provided by U.S. taxpayers.

The harvesting of human fetal body parts for sale is an activity which shocks the conscience. Moreover, the tragic ethical considerations, potential for criminal violations, and involvement of taxpayer subsidies raise issues of great public importance.

As a result, we request the Department of Justice to conduct an immediate and thorough investigation into the practices of PPFA regarding the sale of fetal body parts.

Sincerely,



Marsha Blackburn
Member of Congress

Steve Escalante

Brett Guthrie

Ken Calvert

John Gammage

John Hruschak

Vicky Hartzler

John Hays

Pete Olson

Gregory E. Koch

Tommy Harbo

K. Michael Conaway

Cynthia Lummis

Christi Foem

Mike Math

Mark Sp

Lamar Smith

Doug Roussin

Mark Hertz

April LeFevre

Blaine Luetjens

John Kline

Steve Pearce

Sam Cole

Rob Wittman

Evan H Jenkins

Gregg Harper

Mr O'Don

Bill Salter

Mike Fagan

Chris Flinn

Rob Blue

Fy Zik

John Moolenaar

Bruce Westman

Jeff Puumala

John

John Paterliffe
Karl Pappas

Jeff Miller
Raymond

Robert B. Adelman

Ken Yeh

Jim Biederstein

Tom Baratta

Ray Boy

Michael M'Kul

Ted S. Galt

Antonia Comstock

Dan Rusk

Matt Shum

Jim Walberg

Walter B. Jones

Tim Murphy

John Cantor

Mark Shuler

Justin Scott

Steve Unruh

Louis Schmitt

Le M. Bilikis

Chris Collins

Alex X. Mooney

OT 2017

D. Q. E.

Justin K. Williams

Kevin McCarthy

502 Wilson

Nolan Rottgen

Dan Brat

Steve King

Leonard Lance

Kent Franks

Justin

Sam P. Green

Steenhake

Tim Heelskamp

Pat Teirin

Rene Z. Ellner

Mo Brooks

Bruce R. Wansley

Al Young

Ben Fournier

Devin Black

Patrick T. McHenry

Jeff Gutt

Rep. Duff

Bill Hwang

Paul Wolf

Frank Hill

Paul Ryan

Trey Gowdy

Mark E. Walker

Burr Comer

Keith J. Rothfus

Keel Hummer

Andy Barr

John

Jim Jordan

Gody Rice

Billy Long

Rand Kelle

Bill Johnson

Sam R

Proctor

Session

Lynn Whitfield

Ron E. Jatta

C.W. Bourstaph

Randy Nye

Mike Kelly

Lynn Jenkins

Steve

Dan

Michael

Bill

Carrie

Jane

Alba (LA-05)

Ken Buck

~~Jack~~ TN-04

Dan O'Ree

Jackie Walorski

D-d Rouzer

Crescent Hardy

Richard Hudson

Joseph R. Pitts

Sam B. M'Lee

Martha Foley

Mary Pompeo

Paul Wagner

John Messer

Paul A. Gosar, MS

Glen Grothman

Dan Schaffert

Randy H. Weber

Don Buehler

Mark Velthuis