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HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

July 17, 2015

The Honorable Kathleen Kane
Attorney General
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Strawberry Square
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Dear General Kane:

Recent news reports have revealed shocking video of Planned Parenthood Federation Senior Director of Medical Services, Dr. Deborah Nucatola discussing, in great length, the procedure by which their employees extract unborn babies' organs and body parts during abortion procedures in order to maintain them for sale or transfer. Dr. Nucatola also goes on to describe, in vivid detail, how Planned Parenthood performs partial birth abortions. If these practices are occurring in Pennsylvania, they would be in stark violation of federal and state law.

U.S. federal law states 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." In addition, Congress passed legislation which was signed into law in 2003 banning the practice of partial birth abortions. This law has since been found constitutional by the United States Supreme Court.

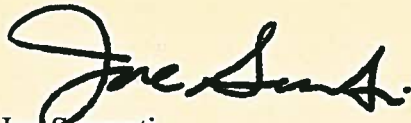
Further, the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act provides: "No remuneration, compensation or other consideration may be paid to any person or organization in connection with the procurement of fetal tissue or organs." Abortions performed after 24 weeks gestational age are also illegal under Pennsylvania law.

Investigations have recently been initiated in other states in order to ensure that the actions of Planned Parenthood are not in violation of well-established law. We are requesting that you coordinate with Governor Wolf's Secretary of Health Karen Murphy, Physician General Rachel Levine and Secretary of State Pedro Cortés to do the same here in Pennsylvania.

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As you well know, unfortunately in the past there has not been significant oversight of abortion practices in Pennsylvania. The Dr. Kermit Gosnell case is a stain on the Commonwealth that should not be forgotten. We feel very strongly that a formal inquiry in concert with the Executive Branch must immediately be initiated in light of the aforementioned testimony, to ensure that history is not similarly repeated. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Joe Scarnati
Senate President Pro Tempore



Mike Turzai
Speaker of the House

cc: Secretary of Health Karen Murphy
Secretary of State Pedro Cortés
Physician General Rachel Levine
Governor Tom Wolf