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

March 23, 2016

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education and Related Agencies
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairmen Rogers and Cole:

As you begin drafting the Fiscal Year 2017 Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) bill, we respectfully request that you include language that would end taxpayer subsidies to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., as well as their affiliates. We appreciate your past acknowledgement of this important issue and write to again express the ongoing significance of this matter, which has become even more critical since the scandal that developed last year when undercover videos revealed Planned Parenthood officials discussing the sale of human body parts.

Planned Parenthood's 2014-2015 Annual Report revealed they received $554 million in total taxpayer funding in one year, more than $1.5 million per day. Their internal audit also revealed that while taking over a half billion in taxpayer dollars, Planned Parenthood performed 323,999 abortions. In comparison, Planned Parenthood only provided prenatal services to 17,419 clients and 2,024 adoption referrals. That means abortions made up 94 percent of its pregnancy outcomes while the number of prenatal and adoption services remain extremely low.

Throughout the 114th Congress, the House has repeatedly and clearly expressed its concern for Planned Parenthood's abuse of taxpayer dollars. On September 18, 2015 the House passed H.R. 3134, the *Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015*, which would place an immediate moratorium on all federal funding to Planned Parenthood while Congress investigates the organization for potentially illegal actions. These funds would be reallocated to the more than 13,500 clinics nationwide that provide primary care to low-income and underserved populations that do not perform abortions. Additionally, legislation that would bar Planned Parenthood from receiving taxpayer funding passed both Chambers of Congress as a part of the Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act on January 6, 2016. It is clear that members of both the House of Representatives and Senate know that our nation's women and children deserve better.

As Congress considers health care reforms under the pressure of rising costs, we firmly believe that organizations that provide comprehensive health care and respect all life — both the born and unborn — are best equipped to offer the most effective health care services to those in need. For these reasons, we respectfully request your consideration of the will of the House to deny any and all funds to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. through the Labor-HHS appropriations bill.



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Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. Should you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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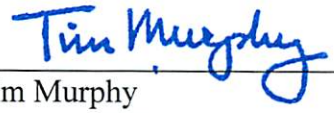

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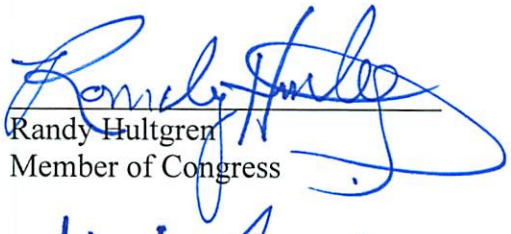

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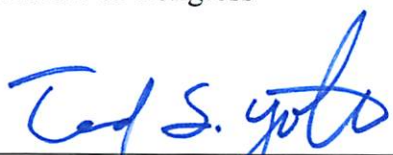

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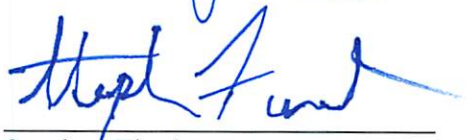

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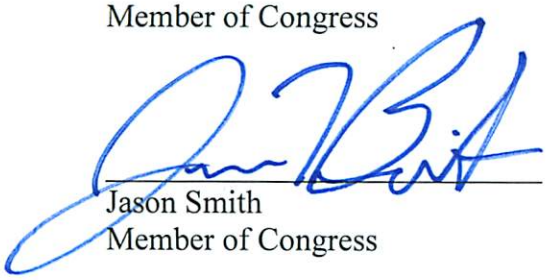

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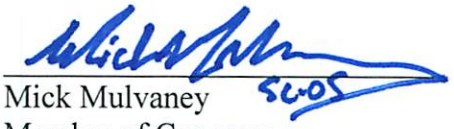

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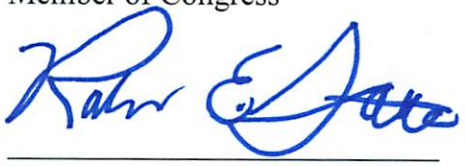

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