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Ms. Linton,

As of today three disturbing videos have come to light that detail gruesome abortion practices taking place at Planned Parenthood. The content of these videos include details of modifying abortion techniques in order to preserve certain parts of a baby's body for compensation. These videos raise serious questions as to whether Planned Parenthood is violating Section 498A and 498B of the Public Health Service Act – the latter which makes it unlawful “to knowingly acquire, receive or otherwise transfer any human fetal tissue for valuable consideration.”

Whether you are pro-choice or strongly pro-life, as I am, Americans have agreed that harvesting the organs and tissues of aborted babies for profit or compensation is both unethical and unlawful.

While Congress intends to conduct thorough investigations over Planned Parenthood's potentially illegal harvesting-for-profit practices, I and many of my constituency are troubled by the likelihood of similar organ-harvesting practices occurring at the Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast (PPGC) affiliate in Houston.

Considering the Gulf Coast facility receives almost half of its revenues from taxpayers through government contracts for health services, and the public has the right to know if these gruesome practices are occurring in our community, I request the following information from the Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast affiliate.

Data for the past three years:

1. The number of women who have undergone abortion procedures who consented to fetal tissue collection.

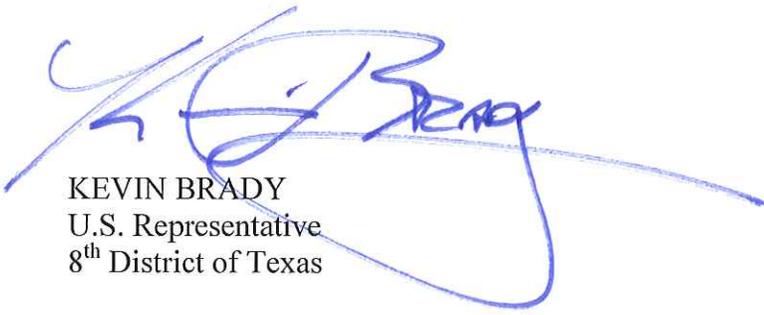
2. The number of samples PPGC provided and whether they were provided directly to researchers or to a broker who sold them to researchers.
3. The amount of money, compensation or valuable consideration received by PPGC for the samples in the same three-year period.

To place these potential harvest-for-profit procedures in perspective, it is important the public understand the larger picture of abortion practices at PPGC. I request accurate and timely data for the past three years in these areas:

4. The total number of abortions PPGC has performed broken down by the trimesters in which they were performed.
5. The total amount of money received by PPGC in payments for abortion and associated care.
6. The clinics where the abortions have been performed.
7. The amount of funds PPGC has received from government sources including Medicaid. Please specify each program through which funds were received and the amount attributable to each.

Thank you for attention to this request. I look forward to your timely response regarding the above information by August 28, 2015.

Sincerely,



KEVIN BRADY
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8th District of Texas