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The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
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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,

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