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December 5, 2011

The Honorable Cliff Stearns
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Stearns:

Thank you for your leadership in initiating a Congressional Investigation of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) and its affiliates through the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. It is indeed proper that this Committee—which has jurisdiction over legislation that authorizes the programs through which most of the taxpayer funds are provided to Planned Parenthood—examine the "institutional practices and policies" of PPFA and its affiliates' "handling of federal funding."

Both documented and alleged cases of fraud and abuse have been found within Planned Parenthood—the nation's largest abortion provider. These abuses include misuse of federal government funding, failure to comply with mandatory reporting laws for child sexual abuse and statutory rape, and a willingness to assist those allegedly engaged in sex-trafficking of girls as young as 14.

We commend you for your leadership and commitment to ensure accountability for Americans' tax dollars and to investigate the nation's largest abortion provider—heavily subsidized by the American taxpayer. As Members of Congress, we have a responsibility to ensure accountability and proper use of taxpayer dollars, particularly given the current economic climate when families across the country are facing grave hardships. We urge you to remain committed to ensuring that PPFA provides the requested documents to Congress so the American people can know about the actions of this organization that receives $363 million in taxpayer dollars every year.

We offer you our support and thank you for ensuring accountability with taxpayers' dollars.

Sincerely,

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