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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Upton,

Thank you for your stalwart defense of the right to life and for the important work your Committee has done in investigating Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry. It has come to my attention that the abortion industry may be currently engaged in additional, very serious legal violations. I respectfully request your support in investigating the reporting practices of abortion providers across the United States, including in my home state of Louisiana.

I have been presented with compelling evidence by Louisiana residents that abortions are routinely being performed on minors without the regard to the requirements to report these procedures to appropriate authorities. One of the largest clinics in Louisiana has openly admitted to engaging in a pattern of such abuses, and we strongly suspect similar practices may be utilized elsewhere to protect the clinics' profits and to avoid negative public perception.

Additional evidence has been presented to show that abortion providers have a pattern of violating various federal laws. Though state health departments, such as the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, have investigated and confirmed these allegations, the state offices seem to have limited ability and jurisdiction to fully address the most serious concerns.

As leaders in the defense of human life and proponents of safe and quality health care, we must lead the way in ensuring patients receive the best medical attention at every stage of life, including in the womb. Again, I respectfully request you to join me in investigating the reporting practices of the abortion industry in Louisiana and nationwide.

If abortions must occur in instances of rape, incest or life of the mother, we must ensure State and Federal laws are adhered to and violators are prosecuted to the fullest legal extent. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your reply.

Respectfully



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Member of Congress