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The Honorable Mike Enzi
Chairman, Senate Budget Committee
624 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Price
Chairman, House Budget Committee
207 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Enzi and Chairman Price:

As a coalition of groups representing millions of Americans nationwide, we are writing to you today to express our full support of using the reconciliation process to defund Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses of taxpayer funding under several mandatory programs such as Medicaid.

Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses do not need or deserve taxpayer funding. Most recently, undercover videos show that Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion business, is engaged in unethical and possibly illegal abortion practices connected to the trafficking of unborn children's organs for profit. A credentialed forensic analysis firm confirmed that these videos have not been manipulated or deceptively edited.

No trace of concern for women's health appears in these videos. Instead, the videos detail Planned Parenthood's willingness to manipulate abortion methods – possibly even using the banned partial-birth abortion procedure – to more easily obtain hearts, lungs, brains, and other organs to be sold to tissue brokers. This, despite the fact that mothers are required to sign a consent form stating that the abortion method will in no way be changed to procure these body parts. Further, the videos show that this manipulation of abortion methods can result in babies being born intact, with a heart beating or able to be restarted, and therefore alive.

These videos offer just a glimpse into the abortion industry's day-to-day horrific practices. Over one million abortions are performed annually in the United States, with nearly 330,000 occurring in Planned Parenthood facilities, all the way up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, past the time when recent studies show that a substantial percentage of these children can be saved if treated with the best techniques of modern perinatal medicine. Regardless of whether Americans identify as pro-life or pro-choice, we should all be able to agree that taxpayer dollars should not be subsidizing an already cash-flush industry.

Instead, these tax dollars would be put to better use at local community health centers, which provide all the same health services Planned Parenthood does (and usually more), but do not abort the lives of unborn children and callously harvest their body parts for profit.

For these reasons and more we support using the reconciliation process to end Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood and other abortion businesses. Using this process will ensure that pro-abortion extremists in the Senate will be unable to further filibuster Congressional action on this urgent issue. We

hope that sending a bill that defunds Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers to the President's desk would help educate Americans and encourage them to watch the videos about the atrocities committed by Planned Parenthood.

Sincerely,

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