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Richard Hodges
Director, Ohio Department of Health
246 N. High Street
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Re: Planned Parenthood

Dear Director Hodges:

I write to you concerning my Office's investigation of Planned Parenthood facilities located in the State of Ohio. I directed my staff to begin the investigation following the publication of videos of meetings with Planned Parenthood organizations in other states that contained references to selling fetal tissue and other potentially illegal practices.

After a thorough investigation, our office has found no indication that fetal tissue is being sold by the Planned Parenthood organizations in Ohio. However, in the course of our investigation, we learned that aborted fetuses are ultimately disposed of in landfill sites – apparently intermingled with other common residential and commercial trash. As you know, Ohio Administrative Code 3701-47-05 mandates that a “fetus shall be disposed of in a **humane manner**” (emphasis added).

I believe that disposing of the remains from an abortion by sending them to a landfill violates this rule. Because Revised Code Section 3701.341(B) provides that the director “shall apply to the court of common pleas for temporary or permanent injunctions restraining a violation *** of the rules,” my office will be forwarding you additional information.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine
Attorney General of Ohio

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