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ATTORNEY GENERAL
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Dear Attorney General Ferguson,

Recent reports have surfaced alleging improper, unethical, and illegal actions relating to the trafficking of human organs and body parts by some Planned Parenthood Federation of America affiliates. The actions outlined in recent media reports describe employees extracting organs and body parts from aborted babies and maintaining them for sale or transfer. Additionally, Dr. Deborah Nucatola, the Senior Medical Director for Planned Parenthood Federation of America, is seen in one video graphically describing performing partial-birth abortion procedures to preserve high-value organs. If these practices are occurring in Washington it would be a violation of both state and federal law – and completely unacceptable.

Federal law states, "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." Further, Congress passed a ban on partial-birth abortion, which the president signed, and the U.S. Supreme Court upheld. Again, any procedure to this effect would be illegal.

Therefore, on behalf of our constituents and the people of our state, we are formally asking you to investigate all Planned Parenthood Federation of America affiliates operating in Washington State for violations of all applicable state and federal laws pertaining to the trafficking of human organs and body parts, and to take the necessary injunctive action to end said practices.

Investigations have been initiated in multiple states to ensure their Planned Parenthood Federation of America affiliates are in compliance with the law. We further ask your office to coordinate with both Gov. Jay Inslee and his Secretary of Health, Dr. John Wiesman, to do the same in Washington.

Finally, regardless of personal views of legalized abortion, a civilized society cannot tolerate unethical medical practices such as the harvesting of human organs for monetary gain. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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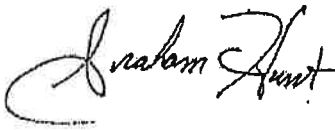
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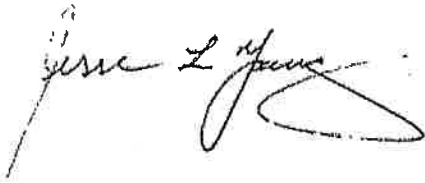
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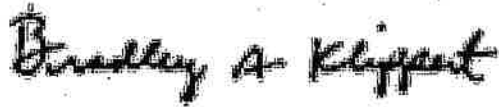
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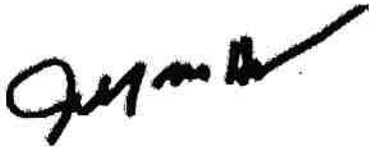
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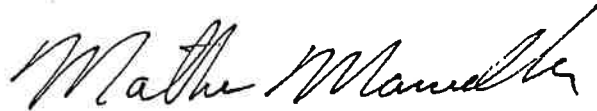
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cc: Governor Jay Inslee
Secretary John Wiesman, Department of Health