

In Support of HB 18-1121
Concerning the Termination of State Funding for Higher Education Institutions that Engage in the
Trafficking of Aborted Human Body Parts

The Center for Medical Progress conducted an undercover investigation into the illegal profiting from the sale of fetal parts in 2015. The investigation led to criminal referrals to the Department of Justice and FBI for the investigation of 8 organizations including Planned Parenthood from the US Senate Judiciary Committee.¹

In December 2017, the Orange County California District Attorney announced that the DaVinci companies (TPO) had admitted guilt and agreed to a \$7.8 million dollar settlement.² They had illegally trafficked fetal body parts with Planned Parenthood of Orange & San Bernardino Counties.

We know that on April 7, 2015 the Center for Medical Progress took their investigation into the selling of aborted fetal parts to Denver Colorado.³ We learned in the unedited video that Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains had already engaged in flat fee contracts to purchase fetal placenta with a University research center. They were now interested in the unseemly enterprise of maximizing their income from a Tissue Procurement Organization (TPO) for the sale of fetal parts. Dr. Savita Ginde, Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood Vice President and Medical Director, is seen on several occasions over the course of the video promoting the idea of a per specimen payments even though the actual PP costs would be negligible since the TPO would bear the cost of procurement.

It is because of this evidence that the Colorado General Assembly should take steps to ensure that our institutions of higher learning that are supported by our tax dollars are not engaged in illegal trafficking in fetal parts. HB 18-1121 will send a strong message that profiting from aborted fetuses is not what Coloradoans stand for.

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