

Energy and Commerce Committee Planned Parenthood Update and Q&A

Update

This week the committee will speak with **Dr. Deborah Nucatola**, Senior Director of Medical Services at Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the woman featured in the first video and.

The committee will also speak with one of the tissue procurement organizations, **StemExpress**, this week. The committee continues to be in touch with **Advanced Bioscience Resources, Inc. and Novogenix Laboratories**, as well as PPFA for additional briefings and interviews.

As briefings and interviews proceed, committee investigators are compiling a list of important document requests to determine the most effective path forward in this investigation.

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Frequently Asked Questions/Answers

Q: What is the committee investigating?

A: The series of videos released over recent weeks have raised a number of important questions, including:

- Are abortion providers profiting from the transfer of fetal tissue?
- Are abortion providers changing procedures in order to maximize the harvesting of fetal tissue?
- Are patients getting informed consent when fetal tissue is donated?

The committee has sent several letters to PPFA and other tissue procurement organizations to get to the bottom of these questions. The committee will use **every investigative tool** available to answer these questions and **protect the most innocent, vulnerable** among us.

Q: Who are you talking with?

A: The committee has been briefed by **Dr. Raegan McDonald-Mosley**, the Chief Medical Officer of PPFA. The committee will also speak with **Dr. Nucatola**, Senior Director of Medical Services at Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the woman featured in the first video and.

The committee is also in communication with representatives from **Advanced Bioscience Resources, Inc., Novogenix Laboratories, and StemExpress**, in an effort to schedule briefings with each of these organizations. There are a number of other individuals from **PPFA** who the committee also intends to speak with in our search for the facts.

The committee will not rule out any additional letters, briefing requests, document requests, etc. as this investigation moves forward. **Because Planned Parenthood performs about 30 percent of the abortions in the United States, the**

investigation may lead to additional conversations and questions in addition to those listed above.

Q: What are your next steps?

A: The committee will continue to conduct briefings and interviews over the next several weeks, gathering important facts to move this investigation forward. Traditionally, investigations involve a thorough fact-finding phase, followed by a report or possible hearings, and potentially legislation to address the issues uncovered in the investigation. **With lives on the line, the committee will work as diligently and efficiently as possible in this investigation.**

Q: Will you seek to defund Planned Parenthood?

A: We want to take every action possible and appropriate to protect the taxpayer. Our focus now is finding the facts in this investigation and having an important, honest, public conversation about what is happening. **Educating the public about what is really happening and determining if laws are being violated is fundamental in our ongoing commitment to protect the sanctity of life.**

Q: What other accessible and affordable women's health care options are available aside from Planned Parenthood?

A. Women today are empowered with quality and affordable health care choices. There are [20 comprehensive care clinics for every Planned Parenthood](#).

Women have access to important, life-saving health care services from many other places other than Planned Parenthood. As [Rich Lowry writes](#), "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings — without aborting babies. State health departments provide free cancer screenings — without aborting babies. Community health centers provide a range of medical services — without aborting babies."