

August 24th, 2015

The Honorable John Kasich
Governor of Ohio
77 S. High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor Kasich:

After the revelation of Planned Parenthood's admitted practice of harvesting **and profiting from the sale of body parts of** aborted unborn babies, and with the Ohio Attorney General undertaking an investigation into potential illegal activities of Planned Parenthood **in Ohio**, we call upon you to exercise your leadership to more fully protect defenseless unborn human life.


We the undersigned, representing thousands of Ohio citizens across the state, request that you use your executive prerogative to eliminate all allocations of taxpayer funding to Planned Parenthood, its affiliates and all other abortion providers, whether those funds are tied to Medicaid or other line items in Ohio's budget.

According to the Treasurer of State's online checkbook, Planned Parenthood received over \$1.3 million in taxpayer dollars in Ohio during fiscal year 2014ⁱ. This money is funding that is being distributed through the Ohio Department of Healthⁱⁱ. Therefore, Governor Kasich, we believe that in order to ensure that Ohio leads the nation in both protecting **human lives** and taxpayer dollars, your action to stop the distribution of these funds is needed now.

We also request that you work in tandem with Ohio's Auditor of State to conduct an extensive audit of these organizations' use of such taxpayer funding, and to ensure that violations of federal and/or state laws, including the misuse of taxpayer funds, are charged and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

We, the undersigned Ohio organizations, all of whom share the mission of standing for the protection of defenseless unborn human children, call upon you today to move to make Ohio a safer place for pregnant women and unborn children. Please take action against Planned Parenthood today.

For Life,



Linda Theis, President, Ohio ProLife Action, Inc.



Jack Hart, President, Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati



Paula Westwood, Executive Director, Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati



Molly Ann Smith, President, Cleveland Right to Life



Phil Burress, Chairman, Citizens for Community Values Action

(The following individuals and organizations are in agreement with the above statements):

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Tom Raddell, Director, Life Link

Dale Claes, Chairman, Marion Citizens for Life

Fr. Tom Haran, St. Monica Catholic Church, Bedford, Ohio

Tom Guarente, President, LifeWorks Ohio

Barbara Fox, Director, LIFE Pregnancy Center, Washington Court House

Gary Anderson, State Culture of Life Director, Ohio State Council, Knights of Columbus

Robert Collins, State Deputy, Ohio State Council, Knights of Columbus

ⁱ <http://ohiotreasurer.gov/Transparency/Ohios-Online-Checkbook/Advanced-Search?LevelOfGov=State&fiscalYear=all&KeyWords=planned+parenthood>

ⁱⁱ [Department of Health > 2014 > Subsidies & Shared Revenue > State Assistance - Various > State Assistance Not Else Classified > Federal Public Health Programs > Community Health Services & System Development Program > General Operations](#)