

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

September 9, 2015

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte:

As Members of the House Judiciary Committee, we are writing in regards to the series of undercover videos released by the Center for Medical Progress that purport to show clinicians, researchers and staff of Planned Parenthood and its affiliates engaged in unprofessional and illegal behavior.

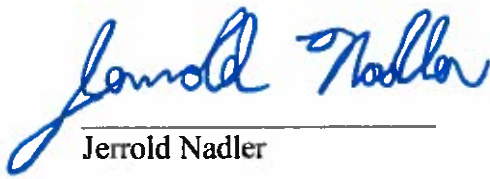
While it has always been clear that these videos were heavily edited in an attempt to misrepresent the actions of those recorded, it has come to our attention that these edits, deliberate distortions of context, and incorrect transcriptions go even further than was initially apparent. An expert report conducted by the research firm Fusion GPS that was submitted to Congressional leadership on August 27, 2015 found that the videos "do not present a complete or accurate record of the events they purport to depict." The report found that not only is content edited out of the shorter videos in a way that makes the conversations appear seamless and that critical context is often left out, but that even the longer videos that purport to show the entirety of a particular conversation are also heavily edited. The expert report concluded that the manipulated videos "have no evidentiary value in a legal context and cannot be relied upon for any official inquiries unless supplemented by CMP's original material and forensic authentication that this material is supplied in unaltered form."

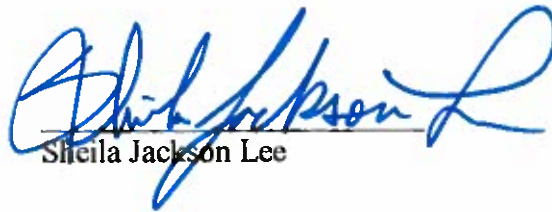
Four Congressional committees, including the House Judiciary Committee, have launched investigations related to the videos. We believe that without the full, unedited source footage, it is impossible for thorough and transparent Congressional investigations to proceed. The full, unedited source footage must be made available to Members of Congress, other federal and state investigators, and ultimately to the public. Only then can there be a fair and complete investigation.

Sincerely,

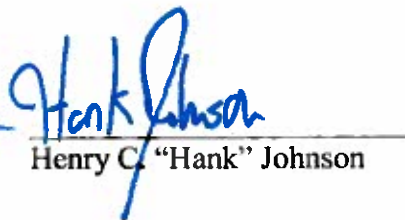

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Scott Peters