

## United States Senate

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Dear Don,

Thanks very much for getting in touch with me and letting me know what's on your mind regarding Planned Parenthood.

I am pro-life. I have a deep and abiding respect for life in all of its forms. During my time in the Senate, I have been proud to support numerous pro-life measures.

The videos recently released by the Center for Medical Progress are deeply disturbing and raise serious questions regarding the legality of the organization's activities.

In response, 50 Senators, including myself, have asked the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to determine whether or not Planned Parenthood is violating federal law and whether or not they are in compliance with medical ethics.

On August 3, 2015, I also voted for legislation introduced by Senator Joni Ernst to redirect all federal taxpayer dollars currently spent at Planned Parenthood to thousands of centers across the country that provide women's health services. Under this legislation, federal taxpayer dollars that could be spent at four Planned Parenthood centers in Tennessee would be spent instead at 173 Tennessee community health centers that provide services for women's health, such as prenatal care and mammograms. These dollars could also be spent for women's health services offered at state, county and local health departments.

I continue to believe that what women in crisis need most is our care and support. I support adoption as an alternative to abortion and encourage efforts to make adopting a child easier. I'll be sure to keep your comments in mind as these issues are discussed and debated in Washington and in Tennessee.

Sincerely,



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