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Hilde Surbaugh, Advocacy Coordinator for Planned Parenthood,
asked me to forward this on to Senate Offices.

**Information Alert from Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin
AB 808 Prohibiting the sale of human body parts**

Since you and your staff are likely receiving calls about AB 808, we thought we would provide you with some background information.

- Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin (PPW) is not impacted by the provisions contained in AB 808 as in accordance with federal law, none of our clinics sell human organs and tissues. While federal law prohibits the sale of human organs, it regulates human organ and tissue donations. None of PPW's clinics offer patients the option of donating fetal tissue nor are any of our clinics equipped to provide donation services. PPW, therefore, has no position on AB 808 as it is currently written.

- As written, AB 808 attempts to ban reasonable payment associated with the removal, retrieval, transportation, processing, preservation, quality control or storage of fetal tissue that is donated for medical or scientific research.

Federal Rules and Regulations: Both the National Organ Transplant Act (NOTA), adopted by Congress in 1984, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Revitalization Act of 1993 prohibit the sale of human organs and tissues for research or transplantation. Both do permit "reasonable payments" associated with the removal, transportation, importation, process, preservation, quality control, and storage of the organs and tissue for donation. The NIH Act also requires a woman to consent -- in writing -- to the abortion before the option of fetal tissue donation is discussed, and it prohibits her from knowing or restricting the identity of the recipient. According to the last Government Accounting Office (GAO) report, issued in March 1997 (GAO/HEMS-97-61), there have been no violations regarding tissue purchase donation restrictions.

Why Attack Fetal Tissue Donation? The anti-choice group Life Dynamics Incorporated, led by Mark Crutcher, has developed attacks on fetal tissue donation as a new tactic in its goal to make abortion "unavailable by any means necessary." Other anti-choice groups have blindly followed their lead.

For more information regarding research on fetal tissue call any of the following institutions:

Alliance for Aging Research, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, American Academy of Otolaryngology -- Head and Neck Surgery, American Association for Cancer Research, American Association for Dental Research, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American Association of Dental Schools, American Association of Immunologists, American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Medical Association, American Pediatric Society, American

Psychiatric Associations,
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, American Society for Cell Biology,
American Society for Microbiology, American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental
Therapeutics, American Society for Reproductive Medicine,
American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology,
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, American Thoracic Society, American
Veterinary Medical Association, Americans for Medical Programs,
America's Blood Centers, Association of Academic Departments of Otolaryngology -- Head and
Neck Surgery, Association of American Medical Colleges, Association of Independent Research
Institutes, Association of Medical School Microbiology and Immunology Chairs, Association of
Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, Association of Professors of Dermatology, Citizens for
Public Action,
College of Problems of Drug Dependence, Cooley's Anemia Foundation,
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, East Carolina University School of Medicine,
Emory University School of Medicine, Endocrine Society, Federation of American Societies for
Experimental Biology, Federation of Behavioral, Psychological and Cognitive Sciences, Fred
Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Jeffrey Modell Foundation, Johns Hopkins University, Joint
Council of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, Krasnow
Institute for Advance Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, National Alliance for Eye and
Vision Research, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, National Caucus of Basic Biomedical
Science Chairs, National Health Council, National Organization for Rare Disorders, National
Osteoporosis Foundation, National Spinal Cord Injury Association,
New York University School of Medicine, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Pharmaceutical
Research and Manufacturers of America, Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research,
Society for Pediatric Research, Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, The Genome
Action Coalition, The Health, Safety and Research Alliance of New York State, Inc., or The Protein
Society Tourette's Syndrome Association.

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