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Cecile Richards
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Dear Ms. Richards:

I write to express my shock and concern regarding a Planned Parenthood lobbyist who recently advocated in support of post-birth abortion before a state legislature. It is my sincere hope that your national organization will fully repudiate that radical position and hold your lobbyist fully accountable. It is beyond question that babies born alive, despite being targeted for abortion, are entitled to full legal protection. However, your organization publicly argued that the rights of American citizens are not even bestowed upon birth, but rather at an arbitrary time that benefits your abortion agenda.

The position your abortion lobbyist advocated was wrong and you should be the first to admit it. As an organization that received over a half billion dollars in federal taxpayer money last year, I respectfully request answers from Planned Parenthood to the following questions:

1. At what point do you believe Constitutional rights extend to American citizens if not at birth? If your organization does not believe birth is the deadline for protection against abortion, at what point, in your opinion, is a child's life deserving of legal protection?
2. Will Planned Parenthood repudiate its lobbyist and any other employee who advocates for post-birth abortion? If not, please explain why.
3. Was your lobbyist trained and/or ordered to advocate for or against late-term abortions and post-birth abortions? If so, please detail how and by whom. If not, please explain why.
4. How will Planned Parenthood ensure that babies that survive abortion and are born alive will be transferred to a health care facility to receive the proper medical treatment they deserve?

Any organization receiving taxpayer funding should not lobby in support of expanding abortions, especially controversial propositions like infanticide which dramatically calls into question the way Constitutional rights are bestowed upon every person born in this country. I look forward to hearing your responses to my questions. Thank you for your time and consideration to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marsha Blackburn
Member of Congress