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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Feinstein:

In December 2016, majority staff of the Senate Judiciary Committee prepared a report for the Committee entitled, "Human Fetal Tissue Research: Context and Controversy" (report). The Chairman provided a link to this report, which contained redactions of selected information, in a letter to the Attorney General and then-Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) dated April 24, 2017. In this letter, the Chairman asked that we contact the Committee in writing if we determine that we need to seek access to unredacted copies of any of these records in order to further investigate these matters.

The Department of Justice (Department) appreciates the offer of assistance in obtaining these materials, and would like to request that the Committee provide unredacted copies of records contained in the report in order to further the Department's ability to conduct a thorough and comprehensive assessment of that report based on the full range of information available. At this point, the records are intended for investigative use only—we understand that a resolution from the Senate may be required if the Department were to use any of the unredacted materials in a formal legal proceeding, such as a grand jury.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter. The Department looks forward to coordinating with the Committee to obtain the requested unredacted records. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may provide any additional information in furtherance of this request.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen E. Boyd".

Stephen E. Boyd
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