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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This responds to your letter dated April 24, 2017, to the FBI and Attorney General concerning criminal referrals you made on December 13, 2016, to the FBI and Department of Justice. These referrals were accompanied by a Majority Staff Report to the Committee, *Human Fetal Tissue Research: Context and Controversy*, which detailed allegations of paid fetal tissue transfers and criminal conspiracy made against eight organizations. I apologize for the delay in responding to your inquiry.

We can confirm the Criminal Investigative Division (CID) of FBI Headquarters received your referrals and sent them to the relevant FBI field offices for review and whatever action is deemed appropriate. Should the field offices have any questions pertaining to findings within the Majority Staff Report, they will be certain to contact your office.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, and I hope this information is helpful to you. As always, we appreciate your continuing support of the FBI.

Sincerely,

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1 - Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Ranking Member