

FINDINGS

OVERALL CONCLUSION

- Like the seventeen other federal and state investigations into the fraudulent Daleiden/CMP video allegations, the Select Panel found no evidence of wrongdoing by health care providers, researchers, or tissue procurement companies.

FETAL TISSUE RESEARCH

- Fetal tissue remains a critical resource for research on a wide array of conditions and diseases -- including Alzheimer's diseases, ALS or "Lou Gehrig's Disease," diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and the Zika virus – that impact millions.
- Researchers use fetal tissue because it has distinct properties that cannot be replicated and plays a distinct role in advancing our understanding of fetal and human development and seeking treatments and cures.
- Congressional and state-level attacks on fetal tissue donation have thwarted life-saving research, causing the kind of delay that "results in the additional deaths of people who could have been rescued."

THE SELECT PANEL ENDANGERED DOCTORS AND WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE

- Reproductive health care providers are under attack in this country for performing safe and legal abortions and the fraudulent Daleiden/CMP videos and follow-on investigations have increased the risk by targeting individuals and falsely accusing them of egregious criminal misconduct.
- The safe and legal reproductive health care services that Planned Parenthood and others provide are critical to the health and wellbeing of women and their families and, for some, the only chance they have to receive this high-quality care.
- Legislative restrictions on reproductive health care harm women's health.

THE SELECT PANEL FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF WRONGDOING

- Planned Parenthood does not profit and actually loses money when it facilitates fetal tissue donation, as do other clinics.
- The law allows and should encourage relationships between universities and community partners – such as the relationship between the University of New Mexico and

Southwestern Women's Options – that provide opportunities for medical training and research.

- Tissue procurement organizations consistently explained – and submitted supporting documents to demonstrate – that their costs related to fetal tissue procurement exceed amounts charged and received, and there is no evidence of unlawful profit in connection with these services.
- There is no evidence that patients were misled or coerced into consenting to donate fetal tissue and witnesses confirmed that they have had no patient complaints.
- The key concern for providers is the safety of their patients and they do not alter the timing or method of performing abortions or violate the “partial birth abortion ban” to enhance fetal tissue donation.
- There is no evidence to support Republican allegations of “babies born alive during abortions.”

REPUBLICAN ABUSES

- Panel Republicans squandered more than \$1.5 million taxpayer dollars pursuing a “viciously partisan” attack on women's health care and life-saving research.