

# St. Mary Catholic Church & Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

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Mr. Steve Bennett, Pres. & CEO  
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Dear Mr. Bennett,

I am writing to express my disappointment at seeing your company on the Life Decisions International Boycott List. To be on the List means you have donated to Planned Parenthood (PP) in some capacity within the past five years. PP is not a benevolent organization concerned with women's rights. **PP is the largest abortion provider in the U.S., performing over 335,000 abortions per year.** Their criminal practices, unsafe practices, and fraudulence include but are not limited to:

1. Criminal Practices:

- a. Ten states (Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin) have either stopped funding Planned Parenthood or greatly reduced their funding, largely because of their crimes revealed by videos taken by Live Action (<http://www.liveaction.org>). The videos uncover the following practices:
  - a. Covering up child sex trafficking.
  - b. Illegally not reporting child rape.
  - c. Lobbying against protections for babies born alive after failed abortions.
  - d. Lying about abortion related deaths.
  - e. Lying about offering mammograms and misinforming women about the scientific facts of pregnancy.

2. Unsafe Practices:

- a. A PP clinic in Delaware has shut down temporarily due to five emergency calls made after botched abortions in less than five weeks. Two nurses at the clinic quit their jobs and urged the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services and the Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline to do an investigation of the practices at the clinic. The nurses state the doctor does not wear gloves when performing abortions, uses unsterile instruments, and the rooms are not cleaned between patients.
- b. Planned Parenthood of Illinois, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation agreed to pay the family of Tonya Reaves \$2 million after she died from hemorrhaging from a botched abortion in 2012 at a PP clinic in Chicago, Ill.
- c. 25-year-old Diana Lopez was 19 weeks pregnant when she went to a Planned Parenthood clinic in Los Angeles for an abortion on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Before the day was over, Ms. Lopez bled to death from a botched abortion.

3. Fraudulence:

- a. Planned Parenthood agreed to pay \$4.3 million to settle a federal civil suit brought by Karen Reynolds (a former employee) claiming that it fraudulently billed Medicaid for women's health services provided by some of its Texas clinics from 2003 to 2009.
- b. Abby Johnson, also a former employee, has filed suit against PP of the Gulf Coast for fraudulent Medicaid billing. This suit is pending.
- c. A suit has also been filed against PP of the Heartland by former employee, Sue Thayer who was driven out of the abortion business after she expressed her views that Planned Parenthood put its profit motive ahead of the care and well-being of women. This suit is also pending.

If PP truly cared about women as their motto implies, "Care. No Matter What." why do these practices occur at their facilities throughout the country?

Additionally, in fiscal year 2013/2014, PP was provided with more than \$528 million in taxpayer funding. They sincerely do not need money from your company. It's hard to imagine a respectable company like yours giving money to an organization like Planned Parenthood anyway. I ask you to stop funding them as soon as possible.

Sincerely,