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**Live Action Calls for Replacement of NIH Director After He Says Taxpayers Will
Continue Funding Research Using Aborted Babies**

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who are killed by abortion should be mourned, not experimented on."*

Washington, D.C. (Dec. 18, 2018) - Last week, while many groups and members of Congress were pushing for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to end all taxpayer funding for fetal tissue research, NIH Director Francis Collins defended the research as scientifically and ethically justified. Collins said that researching alternatives to fetal tissue is "scientifically, highly justified." But he also said fetal tissue "will continue to be the mainstay," and added, "There is strong evidence that scientific benefits can come from fetal tissue research, which can be done with an ethical framework."

Statement from Live Action Founder and President, Lila Rose:

"Experimenting on the bodies of babies killed by abortion is never ethical, but only adds to the victimization of these innocent children. It creates a market for their deaths, as we've seen from video footage of Planned Parenthood employees callously joking as they sorted through dishes of arms, legs, eyes, and brains; haggling over prices for individual parts so

they could buy new Lamborghinis with the proceeds; and discussing putting mothers at greater risk by illegally altering abortion procedures to get more intact body parts to sell.

"Abortion is a barbaric and horrific human rights violation. It is unconscionable that taxpayers are forced to fund the gruesome baby body parts trade and that our tax dollars have been used to create demand for aborted children's parts.

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Live Action is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to exposing the truth about abortion and affirming the life of every child. Live Action exists to change hearts and minds about abortion through compelling educational media, human interest stories, and investigative reporting that exposes the lies and corruption in the abortion industry. With the largest online following in the pro-life movement, Live Action's videos and reaches millions of people every week. Find out more at <http://www.liveaction.org>

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