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Hon. Eric Holder  
Attorney General of the United States  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear General Holder,

I write to call to your attention to recent incidents at several health centers operated by affiliates of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. These incidents suggest that an individual or multiple individuals are engaged in activities that violate several federal criminal statutes relating to sex trafficking involving minors. We believe these incidents should be investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and, if appropriate following that investigation, prosecuted by the Department of Justice.

These incidents occurred at Planned Parenthood health centers in Arizona, Indiana, New Jersey, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. In each, a man has sought information about services relating to testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, abortion, and services for minors. In conversations with our staff, he has disclosed that he is involved in the sex trade, that some of the women involved are minors, and that some are in the United States illegally.

Members of our staff have made it clear to this man that Planned Parenthood's first priority is the welfare of our patients, including minors seeking medical testing and treatment, and that we are obligated to comply and will comply with applicable state laws relating to reporting of suspected instances of conduct that endangers the welfare of minors.

These multi-state visits from men claiming to be engaged in sex trafficking of minors may be a hoax. In the past, Planned Parenthood affiliates have been approached by a small, organized group of people, opposed to our mission, who have misrepresented their circumstances to gain access to our health centers. Once inside, these people have recorded "undercover" videos of their conversations with our clinic staff and then selectively and maliciously edited the videos in an attempt to cast Planned Parenthood in a negative light. This may be happening once again. If so, this kind of activity should be firmly condemned.

However, if the representations made by this man are true, we believe that they indicate possible violations of at least the following federal criminal statutes: 18 USC 1591 (sex trafficking of children in interstate commerce), 18 USC 2421 (transporting an individual in interstate commerce for purposes of prostitution), 18 USC 2422 (inducing an individual to travel in interstate commerce for purposes of prostitution), and 18 USC 2423 (transporting a minor in interstate commerce for purposes of prostitution).



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For further information concerning these incidents, or if we can be of assistance in any other way, please contact Roger Evans, Senior Director, Public Policy, Litigation & Law at [roger.evans@ppfa.org](mailto:roger.evans@ppfa.org) or Ellen Gertzog, Director of Affiliate Security, at [ellen.gertzog@ppfa.org](mailto:ellen.gertzog@ppfa.org). You may reach both of them by telephone at 212-541-7800.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cecile Richards'.

Cecile Richards