

February 18, 2017

Dear President Mark Schlissel,

We the undersigned members and groups of the University of Michigan community ask that you immediately halt our school's participation in the fetal trafficking industry. We find it unconscionable that the university we love so much would be part of this barbaric practice. All human beings ought to be treated with respect and dignity.

An extensive Congressional investigation completed by the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives found that

- The University of Michigan conducts research using fetal tissue obtained from tissue procurement businesses and universities, with the university acknowledging 8 such studies since 2010. Advanced Bioscience Resources and Novogenix have supplied fetal tissue to UMich. Those companies have been referred by the House Select Panel on Infant Lives to the Riverside, CA District Attorney (ABR) and US Department of Justice (Novogenix) for criminal prosecution for their role in the baby body parts trade. The Panel found the need for further inquiry into whether or not UMich's practices violate federal law.
- There is evidence that the University of Michigan may be non-compliant with IRB standards on informed consent requirements.
- Physicians and medical students from the UMich Health System staff a local Planned Parenthood clinic. Planned Parenthood Federation of America was referred by the Senate Judiciary Committee to the US Department of Justice for criminal prosecution for their role in the baby body parts trade.

We ask that you conduct an investigation into the use of aborted baby parts at University of Michigan to determine if any further wrongdoing has occurred and to fully comply with any further criminal or Congressional investigations. The reputation of our school and all those associated with it is at stake. We cannot be complicit in fetal trafficking anymore.

While we value and encourage medical research into life-saving treatments, the simple fact is that fetal tissue of aborted babies has not been and is not necessary for life-saving treatment or disease research. The abortion industry uses fruitless research to pressure women for their consent to hand over their aborted children for profit. The university could continue to pursue its mission without using tissue and body parts from aborted babies.

If the University of Michigan does not immediately halt all trafficking of the remains of aborted babies, we will continue to alert our fellow students, donors, alumni, and parents that the school is involved in potentially illegal, and certainly immoral, activity, and encourage donors and alumni to cease donating to the university.

We care too much about our university community to allow it to be dragged down by the abortion industry.

Sincerely,  
Students for Life at the University of Michigan