



RHTP Stands with Planned Parenthood

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Washington, D.C. - In response to the release of heavily-edited videos attacking Planned Parenthood for allegedly selling fetal tissue and congressional efforts to defund this trusted and essential health service provider, the Reproductive Health Technologies Project (RHTP) issued the following statement by RHTP President & CEO Jessica Arons:

“The false accusations leveled at Planned Parenthood are a shameful example of politicizing fetal tissue donation to further a right-wing agenda of stigmatizing and discrediting abortion providers. Approximately 2.7 million people rely on the quality, compassionate, and comprehensive reproductive health services, including abortion care, which Planned Parenthood provides throughout the country—and RHTP will always defend its ability to do so. A right to abortion or any other health care service means little without access.

“We are appalled that abortion opponents would go so far as to try to demonize fetal tissue donation, which could lead to scientific advances in treating serious medical conditions such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, diabetes, and more. Women who want to donate tissue to potentially lifesaving medical research after having an abortion should have the option to do so.

“RHTP calls on elected officials to ensure that Planned Parenthood’s network of clinics remains eligible for government funding to continue to provide vital services such as contraception, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and cancer screenings.”

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Founded in 1982, the mission of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project is to advance the ability of every woman of any age to achieve full reproductive freedom with access to the safest, most effective, appropriate and acceptable technologies for ensuring her own health and controlling her fertility. To fulfill this mission, we seek to build consensus in support of an education, research and advocacy agenda for reproductive health and reproductive freedom. We seek consensus through a process of dialogue among diverse communities about technological developments and their global implications.