

June 26, 2017 **VIA FAX**

The Honorable Hector Balderas Attorney General 408 Galisteo Street Villagra Building Santa Fe, NM 87501

Re: Congressional Criminal Referrals of UNM and Southwestern Women's Options

Dear Attorney General Balderas:

On June 23, and again on December 21, 2016, the U.S. House Select Panel on Infant Lives referred the University of New Mexico (UNM) and the Southwestern Women's Options (SWO), a very late-term abortion business, to your office for criminal investigation and prosecution.

The Select Panel alleged that UNM and SWO violated state and federal law, and even UNM's own internal policies regarding fetal tissue procurement and experimentation, and informed consent.

Not only are these practices illegal, but they exploit women at a vulnerable time during the later stages of pregnancy, and create a climate where pregnant women may be coerced into having unwanted abortions by university departments and an abortion business seeking extra financial gain.

I understand that you have begun an investigation and have received documents from UNM and SWO.

It is also my understanding that all the apparent criminal conduct at UNM and SWO alleged by the House Select Panel on Infant Lives *still continues today*.

Because these allegations of criminal conduct are very serious, and if confirmed, are literally putting innocent lives at stake, I urge you to move through the investigative process with a true sense of urgency.

Your office has had these allegations for a full year. As you can appreciate, this case is of great public concern, especially since UNM and SWO benefit from state tax money. Many, including Operation Rescue, are following it closely.

I encourage you to work quickly to complete the criminal investigation, and bring prosecutions, if warranted, against UNM and SWO *as quickly as possible* in order to protect women and their babies from further exploitation and harm, and in the interest of justice.

Sincerely,

Troy Newman President

Operation Rescue