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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO CONCERNING THE USE OF ABORTED FETAL BODY PARTS AND, IF THE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT COMPLY, REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY BROUGHT BY THE CONGRESSIONAL SELECT INVESTIGATIVE PANEL AND TO INVESTIGATE THE RECALCITRANCE OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AND THE BOARD TO COMPLY WITH NUMEROUS CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.

WHEREAS, information from the university of New Mexico health sciences center and the board of regents of the university of New Mexico was sought by the house select panel, the congressional select investigative panel and several New Mexico legislators involving the health sciences center's use

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1 of aborted fetal body parts for medical research and
2 transplantation; and

3 WHEREAS, none of the parties requesting information have
4 been satisfied with the results, and there appear to be
5 discrepancies in information provided to congress at different
6 times; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico legislators are simply trying to get
8 at the truth of the university of New Mexico health sciences
9 center's activities regarding:

10 A. information provided to the house select panel
11 before and in response to the select panel's subpoenas;

12 B. the health sciences center's relationships with
13 other abortion providers;

14 C. the expansion of the university's practice of
15 medical and surgical abortions at its hospital and clinics
16 within the last fifteen years;

17 D. the types of research or education that use
18 aborted fetal body parts that have been or are being carried
19 out by the health sciences center or within the university of
20 New Mexico and any other uses to which aborted fetal body parts
21 have been put by the health sciences center or the university
22 of New Mexico over the last twenty years, including
23 transplantation; and

24 E. the select investigative panel's allegations
25 concerning the health sciences center's disregard for federal

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1 and state informed-consent provisions by the health sciences
2 center's staff and its providers of aborted fetal body parts
3 and the allegations that the university of New Mexico may have
4 provided valuable consideration for the acquisition of aborted
5 fetal body parts; and

6 WHEREAS, certainly, New Mexico legislators should be able
7 to have questions answered by a state institution that is
8 within the legislature's policy sphere; and

9 WHEREAS, state taxpayers have a right to the information
10 being sought, albeit within the confidentiality limits of the
11 Inspection of Public Records Act;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative
14 finance committee be requested to hold a public hearing on
15 these and any other issues the committee believes to be
16 relevant to medical research at the university of New Mexico
17 using aborted fetal body parts; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the health sciences center
19 and the board of regents of the university of New Mexico refuse
20 or fail to provide the full disclosure sought by the committee,
21 the governor be requested to initiate an investigation into the
22 decisions of the health sciences center and board of regents
23 related to the legislative request on this matter, as well as
24 the truth of the center's activities and the board's reluctance
25 to discuss this matter; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
2 provide a copy of the investigation report to the legislature
3 before January 16, 2018; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the chair and director of the legislative
6 finance committee and the governor.