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Senator Stroebel Calls for Investigation of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin *Joins Representative Kremer following Center for Medical Progress*

Madison, WI – Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg) joined Representative Jesse Kremer (R-Kewaskum) in calling for an investigation of the Wisconsin affiliate of Planned Parenthood. A video was released which shows a July 25, 2014, conversation between investigators posing as a fetal tissue procurement company and Planned Parenthood’s Senior Director of Medical Services, Deborah Nucatola.

Among other grizzly statements, Ms. Nucatola cavalierly discusses techniques for increasing the “success” for harvesting specific body parts and admits “behind closed doors” the national organization communicates with local affiliates on establishing relationships with entities seeking tissue and organs.

Planned Parenthood initially responded by calling the video “heavily edited”. Yesterday, it argued the video showed “selective editing that twists and distorts what was said on the tape.” Among other statements (while Ms. Nucatola enjoyed her food and wine), she noted “[s]o then you’re just kind of cognizant of where you put your graspers, you try to intentionally go above and below the thorax, so that, you know, **we’ve been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I’m not gonna crush that part,** I’m going to basically crush below, I’m gonna crush above, and I’m gonna see if I can get it all intact.”

Senator Stroebel remarked, “Planned Parenthood is in the business of harvesting baby body parts, even to the point of changing techniques to only “crush” certain parts of the body to preserve other more desired parts – there is no other way to interpret the statements.

“I am immediately calling on the Secretary of the Department of Health Services Kitty Rhoades, Governor Walker, and those legislators who are willing to stand in opposition to this sickening practice to investigate whether the Wisconsin affiliate of Planned Parenthood has participated in the illegal harvesting of baby body parts.”

Senator Stroebel represents the 20th Senate District which includes parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Calumet and Sheboygan Counties. He lives in Cedarburg with his wife Laura and eight children.

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