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Via Email (Chancellor@ucdenver.edu) and U.S. Mail

Dr. Jerry Wartgow
Chancellor
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Dear Dr. Wartgow,

It has come to my attention that the University of Colorado Denver may have conducted an NIH-funded fetal tissue research project. In light of the troubling reports and an admission from Colorado State University that they purchased aborted fetal body parts from StemExpress and Advanced Bioscience Resources, Inc. (ABR) as a part of a separate NIH-funded project, I am concerned that the University of Colorado Denver may also be participating in the purchase and trafficking of aborted fetal tissue.

As you may know, StemExpress and ABR have both been implicated in the ongoing Center for Medical Progress investigation exposing the issue of buying and selling of aborted babies' body parts and are both currently the subject of multiple state and federal investigations. Dr. Tony Frank, President of Colorado State University, in a response to an inquiry I sent regarding reports of Colorado State University's purchase of aborted fetal tissue, has acknowledged that a very similar NIH-funded project at Colorado State University has used aborted human fetal tissue, and further acknowledged that the tissue was purchased from StemExpress and ABR.

I respectfully request that within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter, you or another authorized representative of the University of Colorado Denver provide a written explanation, including all relevant documents, of the University of Colorado Denver's NIH-funded "Humoral Immunity; Astrocyte Injury; And Demyelination In Neuromyelitis Optica" project. I expect this request to include the date of any fetal tissue purchase, the body parts purchased, the source of the body parts purchased, the price paid by the University of Colorado Denver for the body parts, and all other relevant information about any fetal purchases by the University of Colorado Denver.

I also respectfully request that, should it be the case that the NIH funded fetal tissue research being conducted by the University of Colorado Denver Neurology Department is purchasing or acquiring aborted babies' body parts for experimentation or for other purposes, the University of Colorado Denver immediately revoke this practice and thereafter refrain, cease, and desist from any further purchases of aborted babies' body parts.

The buying and selling of aborted babies' body parts raises serious legal and ethical concerns. It is a practice that many Coloradans find deeply disturbing and should have no place at a publically funded state university.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I expect to hear from you within fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Lamborn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Lamborn
Member of Congress