

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Mr. Steve Burke  
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Mr. David Rhodes  
President, CBS News  
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Mr. Ben Sherwood  
President, Disney-ABC Television Group  
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Dear Mr. Burke, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Sherwood:

In recent months, national attention has been drawn to a collection of undercover videos exposing a gruesome network of trafficking of infant body parts in America by abortion provider, Planned Parenthood. Astonishingly, your networks are effectively ignoring the entire affair, or worse, contributing to defense of the indefensible.

According to data from the Media Research Center, in the two months after the release of the first Center for Medical Progress (CMP) video on July 14, “ABC, NBC and CBS have only aired one minute and 13 seconds of these videos (with audio) during their news shows.” This amounts to only 0.13% of the more than 16 hours of video footage released by CMP—a practical blackout of coverage of the videos.

Furthermore, in the one minute and 13 seconds where those news segments did show the videos, they showed a white-washed version of the videos—failing to include some of the most pertinent and horrific elements of these videos such as lab technicians callously picking through a pile of babies legs, arms and hands in a Petri dish.

The data reveals a glaring truth: rather than inform the public about the potentially unlawful activities of Planned Parenthood exposed in the CMP videos, network leaders have deliberately misrepresented the content. There are edited videos, but the entire unedited videos are also available for those who care to see, and they are far worse than the shorter sound bites could show.

These videos raise a number of legal and ethical concerns, and by their very nature, deserve to sit in the media spotlight as a major story. Despite your news networks lack of coverage, the videos have received national attention; Congress is now investigating the allegations in the videos and the use of taxpayer funds by Planned Parenthood, and even presidential candidates from both sides of the aisle have discussed these videos. We see no excuse for your failure to cover these stories and no merit to any claims that they are not newsworthy. These same views were raised to you in an August letter from Media Research Center founder and president, Brent Bozell, and more than two dozen other community and civic leaders. To date, those inquiries remain ignored. Whether you think the Media Research Center deserves a response, Americans across the country certainly do.

In failing to cover this story, you provide unequivocal evidence that your coverage is politically driven and that journalistic integrity has been abandoned. It is imperative that you cover this dramatic assault on women and children. The public relies upon your national reporting of stories that affect our nation. We as lawmakers depend on the free press for the truth—at least about vital stories such as this. Please do not continue to deprive people of that. We urge your networks to shine your journalistic light where you have thus far shown neglect and darkness.

Sincerely,



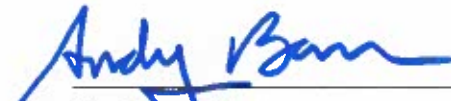
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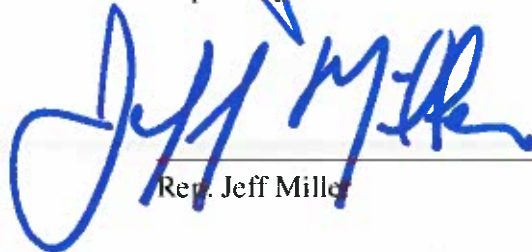
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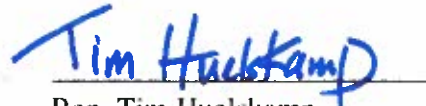
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