Good afternoon. I am Arina Grossu, Director of the Center for Human Dignity at Family Research Council. With the previous speakers, I am here today to call attention to Planned Parenthood’s gruesome practices and betrayal of women and children. I urge Congress to place an immediate moratorium on taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood while it and the states investigate the extent of their lawbreaking.

Over the last few weeks we have seen first-hand the horrific underbelly of Planned Parenthood’s baby organ trafficking industry.

We watched in shock as the Senior Director of Medical Services at Planned Parenthood nonchalantly talked about trafficking intact baby hearts, lungs, and livers. And then in this morning’s video we tragically came face to face with an 11 week unborn child whose organs were trafficked. We heard first hand from a brave woman who unsuspectingly took a job collecting these baby organs from Planned Parenthood.

When an organization’s top doctors talk about receiving per organ payments of $30 to $100, and haggling over prices, this is baby organ trafficking. When a top doctor describes having a huddle at the beginning of the day, “yielding what [was] needed,” and working with affiliates so “they understand what the end-game is,” this is baby organ trafficking. When the Vice President and Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains said, “I think a per-item thing works a little better, just because we can see how much we can get out of it,” this is baby organ trafficking.

The videos reveal that Planned Parenthood changes abortion methods to harvest intact organs. A top official described what may have been the banned partial birth abortion. President of Planned Parenthood’s Medical Director’s Council said she would talk with her abortionist about using a “‘less crunchy’ technique to get more whole specimens.” Is this woman-centered care as Planned Parenthood falsely advertises or are vulnerable women and their helpless children used by Planned Parenthood to line their pockets with more profit?

Planned Parenthood is performing barbaric and grotesque activities and yet received $528 million in combined federal, state and local government grants and contracts in 2013-2014, and has a reported revenue of over $1.3 billion.

Planned Parenthood has now been caught red-handed in baby organ trafficking, endangering women by changing abortion methods to procure intact organs, possibly violating the partial-birth abortion ban, helping sex traffickers cover up the trafficking of minor girls, sexual abuse cover-up, scheduling sex selective abortions and accepting money to abort black babies.

Why are we funding such a depraved organization with our hard-earned taxpayer money? This must stop. Enough is enough.

The Family Research Council urges Congress to pass the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015, now introduced in both the House by Rep. Diane Black (R-Tenn.) and the Senate by Senator James Lankford (R-Okla.). We also call on other states to join the nine that have
already announced state investigations of their Planned Parenthood centers. We urge an immediate moratorium on federal funding of Planned Parenthood during the course of the investigations.

Women have been lied to when told by Planned Parenthood that their babies are just “blobs of tissue.” Blobs don’t have intact baby hearts, lungs, and livers. Human babies do. And human babies are not for sale. Planned Parenthood consistently exploits and betrays women and children for profit and must not receive one dime of taxpayer money.