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June 16, 2016

The Honorable Candice Miller  
Chairman, Committee on House Administration  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Chairman:

We hereby request a special meeting of the Committee on House Administration pursuant to clause 2(c)(2) of Rule XI to consider a committee resolution for the purpose of considering the majority's proposal to authorize an additional \$490,000 from the reserve fund to the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Brady  
Ranking Member



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Dear Madam Chairman:

Please abandon the pursuit of using valuable Committee funds for the purposes of financing the Select Panel of the Energy and Commerce Committee. The additional \$490,000 will bring the investment of the reserve fund to \$790,000. This is in addition to whatever money the Energy and Commerce Committee has already put towards this matter.

This panel is nothing more than a political weapon targeting women, doctors and valuable research. On May 24, 2016, one hundred and eighty one House Democrats – including all of the Democrats on this Committee – wrote Speaker Ryan and asked him to disband the Panel, which is not operating under regular order or with the long standing, bipartisan tradition of Committee operations that most of our other Committees enjoy.

Select Panel Republicans have denied Democrats access to committee records, and have issued unilateral subpoenas without the notice, consultation, and reporting required by House rules.

Select Panel Republicans have demanded documents and information that Congress has no right or need to know, including personal financial information and records of victims of rape. They have also demanded that universities, research institutions, and clinics turn over the names of their researchers, students, lab and clinic staff and doctors while simultaneously refusing to enact rules to safeguard individual safety and privacy.

Select Panel Republicans have also used manufactured and misleading “exhibits” to make public accusations of criminal misconduct while refusing to explain the methodology behind or provide sources for their purported evidence.

We should not reward this catastrophe with more taxpayer dollars. Please withdraw this request or convene a meeting of the Committee to discuss these issues in public.

We look forward to your response and the noticing of a Committee meeting on this matter.

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The Honorable Mark Walker  
Committee on House Administration  
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Congressman Walker:

We are writing to urge you to join us in our written request to Chairman Miller, pursuant to clause 2(c)(2) of House Rule XI, to call a special meeting of the Committee on House Administration to consider and vote on a committee resolution to release an additional \$490,000 from the reserve fund to continue to pay for the Select Panel investigation of Planned Parenthood. If the Chairman does not timely act on our request, five committee members can schedule an open committee meeting on that subject.

While we oppose this funding, our concerns in this matter are both procedural and substantive. We believe the \$490,000 can only be released by a vote of the Committee in open session, as required by H. Res. 132, the committee funding resolution for the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress which created the reserve fund. Additionally, we believe a hearing is required to examine the nature of how these funds are being spent. It has been reported that key information about the Select Panel's work is being denied the Democrats. That is a departure from the longstanding, bipartisan operating procedure of many of our Committees.

We hope that you will join us in requesting Chairman Miller to hold an open meeting. A copy of our petition is included, and you can add your name by calling us at (202) 225-2061.

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The Honorable Barbara Comstock  
Committee on House Administration  
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Dear Congressman Comstock:

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The Honorable Rodney Davis  
Committee on House Administration  
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Dear Congressman Davis:

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The Honorable Richard B. Nugent  
Committee on House Administration  
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Dear Congressman Nugent:

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