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I understand that the State of Arizona has passed such a measure and that you are working to have similar bills introduced in Congress and in other state legislatures.

I appreciate the anguish that parents who have a still birth experience, and I commend you for your work to help address both the emotional turmoil that these families face when a wanted pregnancy turns into a tragedy and the need for greater investments in research that will help identify the factors that contribute to stillbirths..

Although the specific issue of the types of certificates issued by state agencies in these matters is not one that the Planned Parenthood Federation of America has taken a position, we are very interested in your efforts to support increased funding for research into the causes of stillbirths. Planned Parenthood Federation of America has a long-standing history of support efforts aimed at enhancing maternal health and increasing the likelihood of a healthy infant. You may wish to contact Chris Korsmo, the director of our Governmental Relations Department in our Washington, D.C. office (202-973-4870) to discuss on-going legislative efforts to ensure that adequate resources are directed towards this very tragic problem.

Again, I deeply appreciate your contacting me about your activities and hope you will stay in touch with our public policy staff in Washington, D.C. about your work.

Sincerely,



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