

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 139

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO HOLD A PUBLIC  
12 HEARING WITH THE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AND THE BOARD OF  
13 REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO CONCERNING THE USE OF  
14 ABORTED FETAL BODY PARTS AND, IF THE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT  
15 COMPLY, REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATIONS  
16 AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY BROUGHT BY THE CONGRESSIONAL SELECT  
17 INVESTIGATIVE PANEL AND TO INVESTIGATE THE RECALCITRANCE OF THE  
18 HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AND THE BOARD TO COMPLY WITH NUMEROUS  
19 CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.  
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21 WHEREAS, information from the university of New Mexico  
22 health sciences center and the board of regents of the  
23 university of New Mexico was sought by the house select panel,  
24 the congressional select investigative panel and several New  
25 Mexico legislators involving the health sciences center's use

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1 of aborted fetal body parts for medical research and  
2 transplantation; and

3 WHEREAS, none of the parties requesting information have  
4 been satisfied with the results, and there appear to be  
5 discrepancies in information provided to congress at different  
6 times; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico legislators are simply trying to get  
8 at the truth of the university of New Mexico health sciences  
9 center's activities regarding:

10 A. information provided to the house select panel  
11 before and in response to the select panel's subpoenas;

12 B. the health sciences center's relationships with  
13 other abortion providers;

14 C. the expansion of the university's practice of  
15 medical and surgical abortions at its hospital and clinics  
16 within the last fifteen years;

17 D. the types of research or education that use  
18 aborted fetal body parts that have been or are being carried  
19 out by the health sciences center or within the university of  
20 New Mexico and any other uses to which aborted fetal body parts  
21 have been put by the health sciences center or the university  
22 of New Mexico over the last twenty years, including  
23 transplantation; and

24 E. the select investigative panel's allegations  
25 concerning the health sciences center's disregard for federal

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1 and state informed-consent provisions by the health sciences  
2 center's staff and its providers of aborted fetal body parts  
3 and the allegations that the university of New Mexico may have  
4 provided valuable consideration for the acquisition of aborted  
5 fetal body parts; and

6 WHEREAS, certainly, New Mexico legislators should be able  
7 to have questions answered by a state institution that is  
8 within the legislature's policy sphere; and

9 WHEREAS, state taxpayers have a right to the information  
10 being sought, albeit within the confidentiality limits of the  
11 Inspection of Public Records Act;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
13 NEW MEXICO that the legislative finance committee be requested  
14 to hold a public hearing on these and any other issues the  
15 committee believes to be relevant to medical research at the  
16 university of New Mexico using aborted fetal body parts; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the health sciences center  
18 and the board of regents of the university of New Mexico refuse  
19 or fail to provide the full disclosure sought by the committee,  
20 the governor be requested to initiate an investigation into the  
21 decisions of the health sciences center and board of regents  
22 related to the legislative request on this matter, as well as  
23 the truth of the center's activities and the board's reluctance  
24 to discuss this matter; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to

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1 provide a copy of the investigation report to the legislature  
2 before January 16, 2018; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the chair and director of the legislative  
5 finance committee and the governor.

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