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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I served as a full-time faculty member in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center until 1982 and thereafter at the University North Carolina until 1999. I am certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and in Maternal-Fetal Medicine by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. My major academic interests were preterm birth, high-risk obstetrics and all aspects of labor and delivery. I am a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and I served on the Committee on Ethics including two years as the Chair of the committee. Currently I am Co-Editor-in-Chief of *The Obstetrical & Gynecological Survey*, a journal with wide distribution among American and foreign obstetrician/gynecologists.

I have reviewed the illustration of the partial birth abortion procedure that is found on the web site, [http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/pba/partial-birth\\_abortion.jpg](http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/pba/partial-birth_abortion.jpg). Based on my 37 years of experience in clinical obstetrics, during which time I performed many deliveries of premature infants, I can testify that this illustration accurately depict a fetus of approximately 24-26 weeks gestation and the anatomical and spatial relationships are accurate. Also, I believe the illustration accurately depicts one of the steps in the method of abortion described by Dr. Haskell in his presentation entitled "Dilatation and Extraction for Late Second Trimester Abortion," at the National Abortion Federation Risk Management Seminar in September 1992.

Sincerely,



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