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LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

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The Honorable Nydia Velázquez
Chairwoman
House Small Business Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer
Ranking Member
House Small Business Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Velázquez and Ranking Member Luetkemeyer,

As CEO and President of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) and on behalf of our hundreds of thousands of members and supporters across America, I implore this committee to demand full transparency and accountability from the Small Business Administration (SBA) on the distribution of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans to Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA).

We have witnessed the Biden Administration obstruct proper Congressional oversight time and time again, and CWALAC refuses to sit idly by while hard-earned taxpayer dollars are funneled towards the destruction of human life—all under the guise of COVID-19 small business relief.

During her confirmation hearing, SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman promised to review and enforce PPP eligibility requirements to address numerous reports of unlawful loan approvals, including \$80 million in aid to nearly 40 PPFA affiliates. Funding continued to flow unchecked to these ineligible entities when she took office.

Under Administrator Guzman's leadership, SBA approved at least \$17 million in additional loans to PPFA, including a \$10 million loan to its Greater New York affiliate just before the program exhausted funds and closed entirely. Consider how many mom-and-pop main street businesses could have benefited from those dollars. According to agency reporting, the overall average loan size for 2021 PPP lending was \$42,000.¹ Approximately 238 small businesses were sacrificed to federally finance that one abortion business alone.

We ask that the committee continue to seek answers as to how such large sums of pandemic aid were awarded without deference to program rules or longstanding safeguards like the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortions in most cases. SBA leadership under the Trump Administration issued formal correspondence to PPFA requesting that PPP funds be returned. As of today, that request has yet to be fulfilled. Furthermore, SBA repeatedly fails to provide complete, accurate metrics on loans specifically made to PPFA, thus limiting the ability of your committee to adequately perform its oversight responsibility and pursue preventive reforms. This is unacceptable.

¹ https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2021-06/PPP_Report_Public_210531-508.pdf

Congress and the American people deserve the truth. We cannot stop until these egregious cases are resolved, taxpayer dollars are returned, and those engaging in fraudulent behavior are brought to justice.

Sincerely,

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