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Laurence J. O'Connell, Ph.D., S.T.D.
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Dear Dr. O'Connell,

It has come to my attention that Advocate Health Care Systems is contemplating expanding their abortion indications to include destroying the fetus because it has Spina Bifida. This is truly a barbaric outrage. Turman's Spina Bifida are treated every day in this country and become competent, innovative, and creative citizens who are both loved and loving. Abortion for Spina Bifida is not indicated unless one is committed to a practice of eugenics.

Sincerely yours,

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