**SAMPLE LETTER:**

Dear ACOG Leadership,

As a practicing OB/GYN, I share in ACOG’s desire to improve women’s health. Every day in my practice I work to help each patient I encounter. Furthermore, I’m amazed every time I see a woman’s strength and determination bring a new life into the world. As I work with pregnant women, I see my responsibility to care for two patients: mother and child. ACOG’s advocacy for elective, induced abortion runs counter to this holistic care I offer.

ACOG has done itself a disservice by advocating so strongly for a procedure that most OB/GYNs do not participate in. A 2011 study found only 14 percent of OB/GYNs willing to do an abortion if requested by a patient. ACOG’s dedication to abortion was obvious when Cecile Richards, former CEO of Planned Parenthood, spoke at the ACM. Planned Parenthood, as you know, is the nation’s largest abortion provider, doing more than 321,000 abortions a year (according to its 2016-2017 annual report).

If we truly have the best interests of women at heart, we should we willing to look objectively at abortion’s impact on maternal mortality, preterm birth, breast cancer and mental health. I urge you to reexamine ACOG’s commitment to abortion. Ultimately, I hope that one day ACOG will again advocate for the lives and health of both of our patients, both the pregnant woman and her unborn child.​ To continue a pro-abortion advocacy risks alienating the vast majority of ACOG membership, including myself who are frustrated with the monolithic stance of ACOG on this important and divisive issue.

Sincerely,