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The Honorable Kristina Box, MD, FACOG  
State Health Commissioner  
Indiana State Department of Health  
2 North Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dr. Box:

I am writing in regards to the recent application from Texas-based Whole Woman's Health Alliance to open an abortion facility in South Bend, Indiana.

Over the past couple years, St. Joseph County has seen tremendous progress in reducing the number of annual abortions. In fact, Indiana State Department of Health records show that annual abortions have dropped nearly 50 percent since Dr. Ulrich Klopfer's South Bend abortion facility was terminated for committing health and safety violations in 2015. Furthermore, the annual abortion rate for Indiana as a whole has dropped for eight consecutive years.

Indiana and its leaders have worked hard to make meaningful strides to combat the rate of abortions within the state. These crucial gains in protecting the sanctity of life would be undermined should the application receive the state's approval.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reject the application from Whole Woman's Health Alliance, sending a powerful signal that Indiana cherishes the value of life and will continue the push to reduce the state's abortion rate. Please do not hesitate to contact me should I be able to provide additional information.

Sincerely,



Jackie Walorski  
Member of Congress