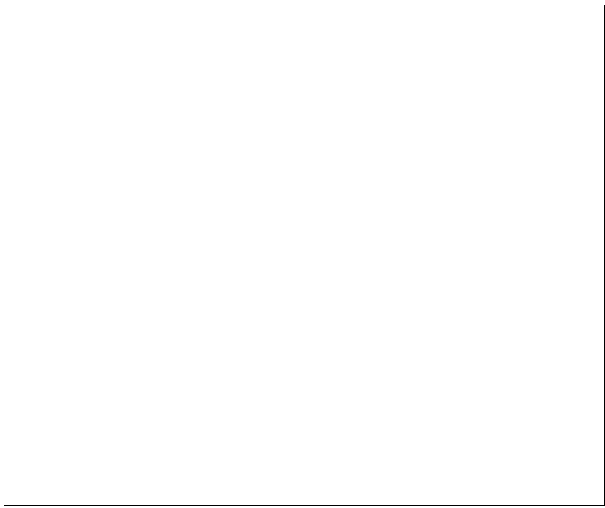


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EDITORIAL: South Bend should resist new abortion clinic

The gains that have been made in the pro-life movement in Indiana are continually under attack and under the onslaught of countermeasures to turn the tide back to killing more babies.

An application has reportedly been made by an Austin, Texas-based nonprofit to open an abortion facility in South Bend. St. Joseph County had been abortion-free since Dr. Ulrich Klopfer, the abortion doctor who had a clinic in Fort Wayne for many years, had his medical license suspended for health and safety violations and ceased doing abortions there in 2015. The nonprofit has asked the Indiana State Health Department to waive certain abortion-licensing requirements because surgical abortions would not be provided, the report said.



An Indiana State Department of Health report showed 7,277 abortions were performed in the state last year, representing an 8.5 percent drop from 2015. The report showed nearly all abortions were carried out at six

licensed clinics in Indianapolis, Merrillville, Bloomington and Lafayette. Abortion opponents point to tighter state laws approved by the Republican-dominated Legislature for the decline even though federal judges have blocked some of those laws from being enforced.

“Abortion activists in South Bend have been voicing their desire for an abortion facility in town since Klopfer’s closure, so it’s not surprising they lured a business to attempt to locate there,” said Mike Fichter, president and CEO of Indiana Right to Life. *“Abortion data from 2016 shows us that abortions on St. Joseph County women were down nearly 50 percent from 2015, the last year Klopfer did abortions in South Bend. In 2016 when women had to travel out of town instead of just down the street for an abortion, they had more time to consider the positive alternatives to abortion, and seek help from free resources like South Bend’s local pregnancy resource centers. We hope pro-life supporters will rise up to voice their concerns over the possibility of a new abortion facility in their community.”*

We hope so, too.

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