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# Walorski asks state to reject South Bend abortion clinic

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Republican Rep. Jackie Walorski is asking the Indiana State Department of Health to reject an abortion provider's application to open a clinic in South Bend.

The northern Indiana congresswoman said in a letter Monday that St. Joseph County has made "tremendous progress" in reducing the number of abortions in recent years.

 **Rep. Jackie Walorski**  
about a week ago

October 23, 2017

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


Dr. Bone:

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's Capital's South Bend abortion facility was terminated for concerning health and safety violations in 2013. 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

Every human life is precious and deserves our protection. Yesterday I sent a letter to the Indiana State Department of Health urging them to protect the sanctity of life by rejecting the application for a new abortion clinic in South Bend. Click below to read it:

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That coincides with the closure of a South Bend clinic that stopped providing abortions in 2015 after the state revoked Dr. Ulrich Klopfer's license.

Indiana lawmakers in recent years have passed laws making it more difficult for clinics to get state approval to operate.

The pending application to open a new clinic in South Bend was made by Texas-based Whole Woman's Health Alliance (<https://wholewomanshealth.com/>).

The nearest abortion providers to South Bend are currently in Merrillville and Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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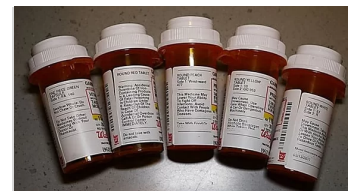
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