Pro-lifers preparing to battle new abortuary

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A new abortion clinic may be on the horizon in South Bend, Indiana, and local pro-lifers are discussing how they plan to oppose it.

South Bend has been without an abortion clinic since November 2015 when the state revoked the medical license of Ulrich Klopfer, who also had abortion facilities in Fort Wayne and Gary that were shut down by the state. Now Texas-based Whole Woman's Health Alliance has applied to open an abortuary in South Bend.

Tom Gill, who heads St. Joseph County Right to Life, reacts to that news.

"We're really disappointed to hear that a new abortion clinic is coming to South Bend, but it isn't a total surprise," Gill tells OneNewsNow. "There isn't another abortion clinic nearby so we expected it – but we are still are very disappointed."

Whole Woman's Health fought a battle at the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn part of Texas' abortion clinic law, but also had some of its abortion clinics shut down.

"They have several locations in Texas and many violations of the Texas Health Department code," Gill says. "That's one of the ways we were able to close down the clinic that was here for so many years. In fact, that was the primary way we closed them down – by pointing out the fact that they had so many violations of the Indiana health code."

So far there's no formal game plan for opposing the South Bend clinic while the pro-life organization seeks additional information on the application, but Gill says it's certain there will be strong opposition. In the meantime, the group offers individuals an online letter of protest that goes directly to their elected officials.