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## State denies license for new abortion business to operate in South Bend

## ISDH states Whole Women's Health Alliance failed to meet requirement of being reputable and responsible

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Right to Life has learned through a public information records request that the Indiana State Department of Health has denied a state license to Whole Women's Health Alliance (WWHA) to operate a new abortion facility in South Bend.

The Department's denial letter states: "Based upon the Department's review, the Commissioner finds WWHA failed to meet the requirement that the Applicant is of reputable and responsible character and the supporting documentation provided inaccurate statements and information."

"This is great news for women, unborn children and the South Bend community," states Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter. "We applaud the state for its due diligence in this matter and thank the thousands of Hoosiers who made their voices heard. We will remain vigilant in this matter should an appeal to the license denial be attempted."

Fichter notes that Indiana Right to Life generated over 36,000 e-mails from concerned citizens since the application for a proposed South Bend abortion facility first surfaced in October.

In the denial letter provided to WWHA by the state, it is noted that a person may not provide abortions unless holding a license issued by the state.

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