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Abortion Doctor Klopfer Loses Medical License

Fichter: Klopfer has displayed grave disregard for women's health

INDIANAPOLIS - Early this morning the Indiana Medical Licensing Board found longtime abortion doctor Ulrich Klopfer guilty of five of nine charges brought against him. The Board took disciplinary action against Klopfer by suspending his medical license for a minimum of six months, issuing a fine and requiring certain training if he should ever petition to reinstate his medical license. Klopfer was before the Board because of 1,833 abortion violations listed in an administrative licensing complaint filed in Sept. 2014 by Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller and additional charges filed in an amended complaint in Jan. 2016. Testimony before the Board took more than 12 hours.

Klopfer's alleged violations stem from record keeping and informed consent law errors he made while doing abortions in Gary, South Bend and Fort Wayne. According to the alleged violations in the Attorney General's 2014 complaint, Klopfer submitted 1,818 termination of pregnancy reports with missing or incorrect information. He failed to submit two termination of pregnancy reports within three days as required by law for abortions performed on 13-year-old girls. Six times, he failed to ensure informed and voluntary consent was provided by properly credentialed staff. Qualified staff was not available to monitor patients who had received sedation. Finally, he failed to obtain informed and voluntary consent for seven patients at least 18-hours prior to the abortion procedure.

"The Indiana Medical Licensing Board's decision to suspend Klopfer's medical license effectively puts an end to his decades of shameful practices in Indiana," said Mike Fichter, President and CEO of Indiana Right to Life. "Klopfer has displayed grave disregard for women's health, as evidenced by his failure to comply with basic health standards and simple reporting requirements. Among his violations are the appalling failures to report abortions on time for 13-year-old girls. During

the testimony, Klopfer had the audacity to admit that once he did an abortion on a 10-year-old girl, 21-weeks pregnant by her uncle, and her sent her back home with her parents rather than notify authorities to the abuse."

"We are thankful justice has finally been served and we are grateful that Attorney General Zoeller saw this process through. Klopfer will no longer compromise the health of Hoosier women."

Klopfer ran abortion facilities in Fort Wayne, Gary and South Bend, Ind. Klopfer has performed no abortions in Fort Wayne since he lost his legally-required back-up doctor with admitting privileges on Dec. 31, 2013. Klopfer surrendered his Gary abortion facility license in June of 2015 and his South Bend abortion facility license was revoked in June of 2015.

Indiana Right to Life's mission is to protect the right to life, especially of unborn children, through positive education, compassionate advocacy and promotion of healthy alternatives to abortion.

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