

ACRL Allen County Right to Life

Compilation of Statements from Elected Officials Concerning the Recent Discovery of Fetal Remains, September 16, 2019

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb

I am deeply disturbed that more than 2,000 fetal remains were found at the Illinois home of a deceased former northern Indiana abortion doctor. Earlier this year, the United States Supreme Court upheld Indiana's fetal remains law and the courts lifted the injunction on that law two weeks ago. The Indiana State Department of Health developed and provided guidance to licensed providers. I support calls for a federal investigation."

Congressman Jim Banks, Indiana

"We need to determine how Dr. Klopfer was able to get away with this for so long, and how we only know about it now that Dr. Klopfer is deceased. We also need to know how many people working at the Women's Pavilion were aware of Dr. Klopfer's crimes. I also hope we learn if any of those same staff now work at the Whole Women's Health clinic in South Bend, and how closely those two organizations are tied."

Senator Braun Statement on Fetal Remains Found in Abortion Doctor's Indiana Home - September 12, 2019

"I was deeply saddened to learn that an abortion doctor in Northern Indiana kept nearly 2,500 fetal remains in his house. These human remains deserved to be treated with dignity and respect. It is imperative we learn the facts behind how this happened." - Senator Mike Braun

Indiana Senator Todd Young

"The discovery of more than 2,000 remains of aborted children is extremely disturbing and illustrates why protecting the unborn is as important now as

it has ever been. We need to know more about this despicable situation so that we can ensure it never happens again.”

Senator Liz Brown, Indiana State Senator, District 15

The discovery of the remains of over 2000 aborted babies is disheartening and disturbing. Those who had championed and protected the work of Dr Klopfer are equally at fault. My hope is that an investigation into this will prevent future tragedies. I also hope that at least now these aborted babies will all receive a dignified internment.

Rep. Martin Carbaugh, Indiana State Representative, District 81

The vile actions of Dr. Klopfer desecrates the memories of the 2,246 children found in his Illinois home. This doctor operated in several local cities including Fort Wayne, and it’s my hope an investigation may bring closure to those now wondering if their child was treated in such a barbaric manner.

Rep. Christopher Judy, Indiana State Representative, District 83

The sanctity of human life is precious, and I find the actions of Dr. Klopfer disgusting and appalling. As lawmakers, this is why we go to such lengths to strictly regulate this abhorrent practice. A thorough investigation is needed to ensure this type of atrocity never happens again.

Rep. Ben Smaltz, Indiana State Representative, District 52

I cannot speak strongly enough against Dr. Klopfer’s abominable and genuinely disgusting actions. His legacy of death lives on in the hearts of the mothers and fathers, and we are reminded of these depraved acts by each and every of the 2,246 children discovered at his home. Every person, regardless of age, should have their human dignity respected by being properly buried.

Rep. David Abbott, Indiana State Representative, District 82

“The news that over 2,200 fetal remains of aborted babies were found on the property of Dr. Klopfer in Will’s county Illinois is not only disturbing but horrific. News of this magnitude is reminiscent of Nazi Germany of WWII. We treat animals going to slaughter with more dignity than Dr. Klopfer treated these aborted babies. It is hard for me to believe that he acted alone and that this location is an isolated event. This should be a wake up call to all, and we should demand a full investigation of all his offices within the State of Indiana.”

Remains Found on Illinois Property After Death of Dr. Ulrich Klopfer, Who Performed Abortions for Decades in Indiana

MISHAWAKA, Ind. – U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-Ind.) today released the following statement on reports that more than 2,000 fetal remains were found on the Illinois property of Dr. Ulrich “George” Klopfer, who for decades performed abortions in South Bend, Ft. Wayne, and Gary, Ind.:

“Reports that more than 2,000 fetal remains were found on the property of longtime South Bend abortion doctor Ulrich Klopfer are sickening beyond words. He was responsible for thousands of abortions in Indiana, and his careless treatment of human remains is an outrage.

“Every human life is precious, and every woman and baby deserves care and respect. This tragic case shows why abortion providers must be held to strict guidelines and face rigorous oversight. I will be looking into federal legislation to ensure the remains of aborted babies are always treated with dignity, including in the case of chemical abortions.

“State and federal authorities should conduct a full investigation into this case and take any steps necessary to protect Hoosiers, including the unborn, from unsafe practitioners.”

BACKGROUND

In 2017, Congresswoman Walorski sent a letter to the State Health Commissioner urging the ISDH to deny the Whole Woman’s Health Alliance application to open an abortion clinic in South Bend. This summer, a federal judge ruled the clinic could open despite being denied a state license.

Last week, Congresswoman Walorski spoke at a hearing on the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, legislation that would prohibit infanticide and ensure babies born alive after abortion attempts receive the same medical care and legal protections as babies born any other way.

Walorski represents the 2nd Congressional District of Indiana, serving as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Statement from Congressman Baird - Saturday, September 14, 2019

"The recent discovery of more than 2,000 fetal remains on Dr. Ulrich Klopfer's property is abhorrent and heartbreaking. First and foremost, protecting the lives of the unborn will always be a priority. But for the lives that are lost, they must be treated with dignity and respect. In Indiana, the State Legislature has led with policy that requires clinics performing abortions to properly dispose of remains. We need to explore similar policy on the federal level to ensure oversight is in place to prevent this type of unjustified recklessness from ever occurring again."

Official Statement from State Representative Christy Stutzman (R-49) Regarding the Recent Discovery of Human Fetal Remains at the Property of Dr. Ulrich Klopfer

"On Friday, September 13, 2019, the family lawyer of recently deceased Dr. Ulrich Klopfer contacted authorities in Will County, Illinois after discovering over 2,200 medically preserved human remains on the family property. Because these were human fetal remains, and because Dr. Klopfer owned and operated three separate Indiana abortion facilities, I am joining several of my colleagues in the Indiana state legislature to request that our State Attorney General Curtis Hill conduct an immediate investigation into the origin of these remains as well as to conduct a thorough investigation of into every facility Dr. Klopfer owned or where he was employed in any capacity. These human remains must be properly identified, and under current state law, should be given a proper and dignified burial. We are requesting the full cooperation of the Illinois authorities involved in this case, as we consider the strong possibility that these human remains were transported across state lines illegally and kept without proper oversight or in adherence to state licensure requirements. We don't know how many women or how many families will be affected by this case, but it is incumbent upon us to thoroughly and effectively look into this breach of trust and this blatant disregard for the sovereignty of our laws and the rights of the patients and families affected by this case. We will not rest until justice is served to the victims, both living and deceased and until

steps are taken to ensure that this atrocity never happens again. - State Representative Christy Stutzman (R-49 - Middlebury)"

STATEHOUSE (Sept. 15, 2019) – State Rep. Ron Bacon (R-Chandler) urges Indiana’s Attorney General to investigate the Indiana abortion clinics where Dr. Ulrich Klopfer performed abortion procedures.

“The revelation of over 2,200 fetal remains being found on the property of the late Dr. Klopfer in Illinois is seriously disturbing,” said Bacon. “Since these remains were found in Illinois, we are very concerned there may be other remains in the Indiana clinics where he performed abortions.”

Klopfer was a doctor at clinics in Gary, South Bend and Fort Wayne. Klopfer passed away earlier this month on September 3. The Will County Coroner’s office in Illinois is now in possession of the fetal remains found by Klopfer’s family at his home.

State Sen. Liz Brown (R-Fort Wayne), State Rep. Christy Stutzman (R-Goshen) and State Rep. Denny Zent (R-Angola) have joined Bacon in urging the Indiana Attorney General’s office for a formal investigation.

“We would like for an investigation done with the three counties involved to ensure that no fetal remains are being stored there and if Indiana fetal remains were illegally transported across state lines,” said Bacon.

State Rep. Ron Bacon (R-Chandler) represents House District 75, which includes portions of Warrick, Pike and Spencer counties.

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Indiana GOP via Twitter

As Republicans, a core tenet of our platform is the sanctity of life. That’s why this news is appalling & saddening. We stand with Hoosiers & groups like the @irtl that are bringing attention to these deplorable actions.

Candidate for Fort Wayne Mayor, Tim Smith released the following statement today regarding the finding of over 2,000 medically preserved fetal remains on the property of Ulrich George Klopfer, a late abortion doctor who used to operate clinics in Fort Wayne, South Bend, and Gary.

“I was saddened to learn of the finding of over 2,000 medically preserved fetal remains at the home of Ulrich George Klopfer this week. I sympathize with all those who have been impacted by the revelation of this news. I support those who are calling for a full investigation into this matter. Authorities must work to find out why and how this happened and what can be done to prevent such an atrocity in the future. At a time when people like Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Senator’s Warren, and Schumer are advocating for abortion up to birth and against measures designed to protect babies who are born alive we must remain committed to fighting for the most vulnerable at every level. If elected Mayor of Fort Wayne I will work to expand access to quality healthcare for women while making sure people like George Klopfer are never allowed to prey on residents of our city again”.

Former US Congressman and Indiana Secretary of State, Todd Rokita

“It’s bad enough that abortions occur, but then to learn that they are done at the hands of people like Dr. Klopfer, with such disrespect and with such a decrepit mentality, is heart wrenching and disgusting. As a society we should expect better of ourselves and that starts with a new-found respect for life....one that I believe is coming. All women, babies and innocent life should be treated with care and respect. Indiana authorities should be investigating this as well.”

INDIANAPOLIS – Marc Tuttle, President of Right to Life of Indianapolis, issues the following statement regarding the discovery of 2,246 medically-preserved fetal remains on the property of a recently-deceased abortionist, Dr. Ulrich Klopfer, who performed abortions in Indiana.

“The discovery of the remains of over 2,000 aborted children at the home of the late abortionist, Dr. Ulrich Klopfer, is shocking and heartbreaking, to say the least. Dr. Klopfer performed abortions in Indiana and the reports of

these fetal remains should open the eyes of Hoosiers across the state to the humanity of the unborn child, and the gruesome indignity that is the reality of abortion. These children were human beings, and should have been given the dignity and respect that all humans deserve. The discovery of these unborn children underscores the need for state officials to continually monitor the abortion industry in Indiana to make sure travesties of this sort do not occur. We are joining the call of pro-lifers across Indiana to state authorities to investigate and determine if the unborn children found on Dr. Klopfer's property are in any way related to abortion facilities or abortion personnel here in Indiana."

Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List) President Marjorie Dannenfelser offered the following statement in support:

"The entire nation is rightly horrified by late abortionist Ulrich Klopfer's depravity in stockpiling the bodies of his tiny victims. Like Kermit Gosnell's 'House of Horrors,' this gruesome discovery exposes the reality of the abortion industry, which destroys innocent babies for profit on a similar scale every day, dismantling the lie that abortion is health care. Confronted so starkly with the undeniable humanity of the unborn child, we must not look the other way. We thank Indiana Congresswoman Jackie Walorski for her leadership and stand with Indiana Right to Life, Allen County Right to Life and other allies in calling for a thorough investigation into the many unanswered questions that remain."