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Governor

Kristina M. Box, MD, FACOG
State Health Commissioner

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Representative Jake Teshka
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Rep. Teshka,

I'm responding to your March 24 letter. The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is following all licensure processes and requirements outlined in statute and the Indiana Administrative Code for the Whole Women's Health (WWH) surgical abortion license application. This process is outlined in [IC 16-21-2](#) and [410 IAC 26](#).

As required by 410 IAC 26-2-2, the Department has performed a preoccupancy inspection of WWH for its surgical license application. Per administrative code, this survey is limited to verifying compliance with the physical plant requirements. If any deficiencies are found, WWH is required to submit an acceptable plan of correction that details compliance actions before a provisional license may be issued. This is the same process for all healthcare facilities IDOH licenses.

Regarding submission of terminated pregnancy reports (TPRs) for the months of November and December, IDOH identified an issue with this entity's submitted records during an internal review of TPRs and TPR data. The Department is investigating this issue. Further, the Department informed WWH that a surgical license will not be issued now, pending the investigation and resolution of this issue.

Lastly, your letter mentioned a "computer glitch." Our system is functioning properly and there are no known system issues with TPR reporting. If issues are identified, we correct them or put in place an internal auditing process to timely catch errors. We have worked closely with our technology team to ensure any technical system issues brought to our attention are addressed in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kristina M. Box, MD, FACOG'.

Kristina M. Box, MD, FACOG
State Health Commissioner

To **promote**, **protect**, and **improve** the health and safety of all Hoosiers.