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**Eichelberger Urges Aggressive Action Against All Regulators
Involved in the Chain of Murder at Philadelphia Abortion Clinic**

Hollidaysburg – On January 21, 2011, State Senator John H. Eichelberger, Jr. (R-Blair) responded to the recent reports of deaths and criminal conduct in connection with a Philadelphia abortion clinic: “The grand jury and news reports concerning the conduct of the serial murdering doctor in Philadelphia are so appalling on so many levels that they go to the very core of humanity. Every public official should feel compelled to speak out and take every possible urgent action. No individual in any way connected to this crime should be held without responsibility, including government employees.”

“In my opinion, the individual public employees responsible for regulating the safety of this clinic committed the most egregious violation of public trust I have ever seen,” said Eichelberger. The misconduct of these government employees was reckless and grossly negligent to the extent that criminal prosecutions may be in order”

According to the grand jury’s report, public officials and employees had received repeated reports about the abortion doctor’s dangerous practices over the course of two decades. The Pennsylvania Department of Health knew of clinic violations dating back decades. The Pennsylvania Department of State was repeatedly confronted with evidence. Philadelphia Department of Public Health officials regularly visited the human waste-clogged offices. Nearby hospital officials treated some of the pregnant mothers who suffered grave complications. Yet, no action was ever taken. “When an individual has been placed in a position of public trust and taken on the responsibility of acting to protect public safety, a choice not to act clearly can itself be a criminal act,” Eichelberger stated.

“Although this case is about more than the debate over the legality of abortion, we cannot hide from the fact that it does shine a serious light on that debate – particularly on the argument that the legality and regulation of abortion will prevent the kind of backroom slaughterhouses evidenced here,” noted Eichelberger.

In addition to the regulatory issues, a full investigation into the finances of this clinic should be undertaken with particular attention given to the potential uses of public funds.

“I am calling on my fellow legislators, the Governor of the Commonwealth, and the Mayor of Philadelphia to immediately begin investigating the public employees and their actions as outlined in the grand jury report.”

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