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Abortion Provider Assassinated in Wichita, Kansas

Los Angeles/Oakland, CA) - The Pacific Institute for Women's Health extends our most profound condolences to the family and clinician staff of Dr. George Tiller, a tireless advocate that since the 1970's did not waiver in his valor to provide women and girls with the highest quality of reproductive health care.

Dr. Tiller was assassinated in cold blood yesterday in front of his Wichita, Kansas, church as morning services began. Among the many life saving procedures that Dr Tiller offered women, he was one of the few physicians in the country to provide late-term abortions. He had been continuously targeted by anti-choice advocates and had already survived a previous attempt on his life in 1993 when he was shot in both arms. His staff and patients were routinely harassed and his clinic was recently vandalized. The clinic was also bombed in 1986, although Dr. Tiller was not injured in that incident.

As women's health advocates we must all stand together to support women and girls – all over the world – who depend on the courage and commitment of doctors, like Dr. Tiller, to give them life-saving reproductive health services. Let it be known, that this act of terrorism will not hinder or stunt our quest for safe and accessible sexual and reproductive health care services.