

## Bund gegen Anpassung

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To Chief Judge Thomas E. Malone and all Judges of the Kansas Court of Appeals Kansas Judicial Center 301 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Topeka, KS 66612-1502 USA

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## Stop the war on abortion immediately! Reinstate Dr. Ann Kristin Neuhaus' Medical License Now!

Dear Sir,

We are disgusted to learn that – in collusion with fanatic anti-abortion groups – the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (KSBHA), in June 2012, illegally revoked Dr. Ann Kristin Neuhaus' medical license and charged her with ruinous procedural costs because she was giving access to legal abortion care. Although a Kansas District Court annulled this illegal decision last month, KSBHA refuses to restore Dr. Neuhaus' rights and decided to appeal this impartial court decision instead.

We have learned that, from 1999-2007, Dr. Neuhaus was acting as medical consultant on abortion care, providing 2<sup>nd</sup> opinions to Dr. George Tiller as required by Kansas Law on potential late term abortions. In 2003 she advised abortions for eleven young girls – the youngest was a 10-year-old girl raped by her uncle. Due to the expected serious physical and mental health issues these girls had to suffer from, abortion care was clearly indicated.

After her colleague, Dr. George Tiller, who had also relentlessly, but unsuccessfully been harassed by the authorities, was murdered in 2009 by a fanatic religious anti-abortionist, KSBHA, pushed and assisted by the radical Operation Rescue, put every effort on chasing after Dr. Neuhaus. It was a convicted felon, who has been sentenced to two years prison for trying to blow up an abortion clinic in 1987, who was able to set in motion the case against Dr. Neuhaus. And KSBHA, whose members included a former Operation Rescue attorney, finally revoked Dr. Neuhaus' medical license by making use of her confidential patients' records of 2003, which were illegally confiscated for this very purpose.

We strongly condemn the illegal prosecution of Dr. Ann Kristin Neuhaus by the State's authorities and urgently appeal to you that this prosecution be immediately stopped and Dr. Neuhaus be protected

against any medieval-like witch-hunting such as the persecution by fanatic religious anti-abortion activists.

Having access to legal and safe abortion care is a fundamental human right and has to be guaranteed by a democratic state based on the rule of law. Otherwise, as we all know very well from European history, the denial of this fundamental human right is a reliable characteristic trait of fascist dictatorships such as those of Hitler and Franco. All the more, we are deeply concerned about the fact that in the United States highly professional and humanitarian-minded doctors like Dr. Neuhaus are infamously persecuted for advising legal abortion care.

We will follow the case of Dr. Neuhaus closely and we will inform the public, in particular of the German-speaking countries, about it.

We request the Kansas authorities to immediately restore Dr. Neuhaus' medical license and to take appropriate action for Dr. Neuhaus' full rehabilitation!

Sincerely,

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