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Statement of Gov. Whitman Regarding Attorney General's Alert to Law Enforcement in Wake of Buffalo, NY Doctor's Murder

Gov. Christie Whitman today issued this statement following the Attorney General's notice to law enforcement agencies to be on alert for possible violence at women's health clinics:

"The recent murder in Buffalo, NY of a doctor who performed abortion services makes us sadly aware of the potential for violence at women's health clinics in New Jersey. "

"The Attorney General has once again made it clear to the state's law enforcement personnel that the laws of this state will be strictly enforced and violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. "

"While we all cherish our right to free speech, we equally value the right of every member of our society to be safe from harm. I want to assure all New Jerseyans that we will do everything in our power to protect them."