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October 10, 2024

The Honorable Merrick Garland
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Attorney General Garland and Director Wray:

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government of the Committee on the Judiciary, I remain concerned with the Biden-Harris Administration's continued weaponization of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act against pro-life Americans. As the Subcommittee continues to conduct oversight over the Department of Justice's (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) enforcement of the FACE Act, serious questions remain about the disparity in prosecutions between Americans supporting life and the violent attacks on pregnancy resource centers that occurred in the wake of the leak of the draft Supreme Court opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.¹

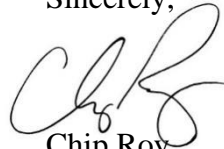
Congress has a sacred duty to preserve the rights of the American people, including the First Amendment, against any overreach by the executive branch. As we examine how to best protect Americans' fundamental freedoms, the Subcommittee must first understand how the DOJ and FBI use the FACE Act. Accordingly, we formally request that you preserve all existing and future records and materials relating to FACE Act cases as part of our oversight of the use of this law. Specifically, DOJ and FBI must take all reasonable steps to prevent the destruction of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information, that are or may be responsive to this congressional inquiry.

¹ See, e.g., CatholicVote, *Tracking Attacks on Pregnancy Centers & Pro-Life Groups*, CatholicVote.Org (September 3, 2024).

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The House Committee on the Judiciary has jurisdiction over criminal law and federal law enforcement pursuant to House Rule X.² If you have any questions about these requests, please contact committee staff at (202) 225-6906. Please confirm by 5:00 p.m. October 24, 2024, that you will comply with the Subcommittee's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chip Roy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chip Roy
Chairman
Subcommittee on the Constitution
and Limited Government

cc: The Honorable Mary Gay Scanlon, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government

² Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, Rule X (2023)