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To require an Inspector General report on domestic violent extremism against pregnancy centers.

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Pregnancy
5 Care Centers Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) Pregnancy centers are community-based,
2 non-profit organizations that provide compassionate
3 support and resources to women and couples facing
4 unexpected pregnancy and offer life-affirming alter-
5 natives to abortion.

6 (2) In 2019 alone, 2,700 pregnancy centers
7 across the United States provided almost 2,000,000
8 people free services and material items that were es-
9 timated to be worth approximately \$270,000,000.

10 (3) The services, which are generally provided
11 at no cost to the patient, included almost 732,000
12 pregnancy tests, more than 486,000 free
13 ultrasounds, 160,200 STI/STD tests, offering more
14 than 291,000 clients parenting and prenatal edu-
15 cation programs, offering more than 21,000 clients
16 after-abortion support, offering more than 881,000
17 students sexual risk avoidance education presen-
18 tations, providing nearly 1.3 million packs of dia-
19 pers, providing more than two million baby outfits,
20 providing over 30,000 new car seats, and providing
21 over 19,000 strollers.

22 (4) In 2019 alone, pregnancy centers were
23 served by 68,832 workers and 80 percent of these
24 workers (53,855) were volunteers. The pregnancy
25 centers employed nearly 3,800 licensed medical staff,

1 and over 6,400 licensed medical professionals volun-
2 teered their time and skills. In total, 10,215 licensed
3 medical staff provided care through pregnancy cen-
4 ters across the Nation.

5 (5) From 2016 to 2020, an estimated 828,131
6 unborn babies' lives have been saved through the
7 work of pregnancy care centers.

8 (6) Section 248 of title 18, United States Code,
9 established penalties (including prison sentences) for
10 anyone who intentionally damages or destroys the
11 property of a pregnancy center or "by force or
12 threat of force or by physical obstruction, inten-
13 tionally injures, intimidates or interferes with or at-
14 tempts to injure" any person because he or she is
15 obtaining services from or providing services at a
16 pregnancy center.

17 (7) In June 2022, the Department of Home-
18 land Security issued a Summary of Terrorism
19 Threat to the United States highlighting the danger
20 posed by domestic violent extremists, but this term
21 is not defined in statute and a common definition
22 does not exist within Federal agencies.

23 (8) On Friday, June 24, 2022, the Supreme
24 Court of the United States issued the landmark
25 *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* de-

1 cision holding, “The Constitution does not confer a
2 right to abortion; Roe and Casey are overruled; and
3 the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the
4 people and their elected representatives”.

5 (9) Seven weeks earlier, on Monday, May 2,
6 2022, a leaked draft opinion was published, consti-
7 tuting an unprecedented attack on the judicial
8 branch.

9 (10) Following the Dobbs leak, the United
10 States saw a rise of domestic violent extremism
11 against pro-life centers and organizations, pregnancy
12 care centers, and religious institutions. These terror
13 attacks included arson, fire bombings, vandalism,
14 and other property damage.

15 (11) Pregnancy centers alone reported more
16 than 60 attacks between May 3, 2022, and August
17 21, 2022.

18 (12) On May 3, 2022, Trotter House in Austin,
19 Texas, was vandalized and perpetrators graffitied
20 derogatory comments as well as digging up memorial
21 bricks and throwing them into the grass.

22 (13) On May 4, 2022, CareNet in Frederick,
23 Maryland, was also vandalized with pro-abortion
24 graffiti.

1 (14) On May 5, 2022, the Southeast Portland
2 Pregnancy Resource Center in Portland, Oregon,
3 had its windows broken and the building was spray
4 painted.

5 (15) First Step Pregnancy Resource Center in
6 Bangor, Maine, reported that its sign and sign hold-
7 er were ripped off.

8 (16) On May 7, 2022, both First Care Wom-
9 en’s Health in Manassas, Virginia, and Loreto
10 House in Denton, Texas, were vandalized with pro-
11 abortion graffiti.

12 (17) On Mother’s Day, May 8, 2022, after the
13 Office of Wisconsin Family Action was set on fire,
14 a “Communiqué” posted online and signed “Jane’s
15 Revenge” stated, “This was only a warning . . . Wis-
16 consin is the first flashpoint, but we are all over the
17 US, and we will issue no further warnings.”.

18 (18) The Communiqué further stated, “We de-
19 mand the disbanding of all anti-choice establish-
20 ments, fake clinics, and violent anti-choice groups
21 within the next thirty days . . .” and “we will not
22 stop, we will not back down”.

23 (19) Between May 7–8, 2022, Woman to
24 Woman Pregnancy Resource Center in Denton,
25 Texas, was vandalized.

1 (20) On May 15, 2022, BirthRight of Frederick
2 in Frederick, Maryland, was vandalized with pro-
3 abortion graffiti.

4 (21) On May 11, 2022, Family Life Services in
5 Ypsilanti, Michigan, was vandalized with pro-abor-
6 tion graffiti.

7 (22) On May 13, 2022, Alpha Pregnancy Cen-
8 ter in Reisterstown, Maryland, was vandalized with
9 spray paint of pro-abortion messages that were
10 signed “Jane’s Revenge”.

11 (23) On May 15, 2022, His Nesting Place
12 Home for Mothers & Children in Long Beach, Cali-
13 fornia, was attacked.

14 (24) On May 25, 2022, Next Step Pregnancy
15 Services in Lynnwood, Washington, was vandalized
16 with graffiti reading “if abortion isn’t safe, then you
17 aren’t either” and signed “Jane’s Revenge”.

18 (25) On May 18, 2022, employees’ cars and the
19 sign at Women’s Hope Medical Clinic in Auburn,
20 Alabama, were keyed.

21 (26) On May 27, 2022, Dove Medical Clinic in
22 Eugene, Oregon, was vandalized with pro-abortion
23 graffiti.

24 (27) Between May 28, 2022, and May 30,
25 2022, South Broward Pregnancy Center in Holly-

1 wood, Florida, was vandalized with pro-abortion
2 graffiti stating “if abortions aren’t safe, then you
3 aren’t either” and signed “Jane’s Revenge”.

4 (28) On May 30, 2022, a statement posted on-
5 line and signed “Jane’s Revenge” called for a
6 “Night of Rage”, saying, “[w]e need them to be
7 afraid of us”, “[carry] that anger out into the world
8 and [express] it physically”, and “[to] those who
9 work to oppress us: If abortion isn’t safe, you aren’t
10 either. We are everywhere.”.

11 (29) On June 2, 2022, the Community Preg-
12 nancy Center in Anchorage, Alaska, was spray
13 painted with pro-abortion graffiti, had its front door
14 broken, and had nails placed upright in the parking
15 lot.

16 (30) On June 2, 2022, Agape Pregnancy Cen-
17 ter in Des Moines, Iowa, was spray painted with vul-
18 gar pro-abortion messages like “god loves abortion”
19 and its windows were broken. A statement posted on
20 social media and signed “Jane’s Revenge” claimed
21 responsibility.

22 (31) On June 3, 2022, pro-abortion graffiti ref-
23 erencing Jane’s Revenge was spray painted on the
24 Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center in Washington, DC.

1 (32) On the weekend of June 4–5, 2022, pro-
2 abortion posters were plastered on the on the door
3 of CareNet Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget
4 Sound in Federal Way, Washington. CareNet’s sign
5 was also shredded.

6 (33) On June 6, 2022, the windows of Moun-
7 tain Area Pregnancy Services in Asheville, North
8 Carolina, were smashed and the sidewalk was spray
9 painted with “if abortions aren’t safe, then neither
10 are you”.

11 (34) On June 7, 2022, CompassCare Preg-
12 nancy Services in Buffalo, New York, was
13 firebombed and graffitied. A statement posted online
14 and signed “Jane’s Revenge” claimed responsibility.

15 (35) On June 8, 2022, or June 9, 2022, Op-
16 tions 360 in Vancouver, Washington, was vandalized
17 with red paint and graffiti saying “Jane was here.”.

18 (36) On June 10, 2022, a fire at Gresham
19 Pregnancy Resource Center in Gresham, Oregon,
20 was labeled by police as “suspicious”.

21 (37) On June 11, 2022, HOPE Pregnancy
22 Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had its win-
23 dows smashed and graffiti was spray painted on the
24 building.

1 (38) On June 14, 2022, another
2 “Communiqué” posted online and signed “Jane’s
3 Revenge” stated, “We have demonstrated in the
4 past month how easy and fun it is to attack . . .
5 From here forward, any anti-choice group who closes
6 their doors, and stops operating will no longer be a
7 target. But until you do, it’s open season, and we
8 know where your operations are.”.

9 (39) On June 15, 2022, 126 House Repub-
10 licans sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Gar-
11 land asking the Department of Justice to investigate
12 these acts of domestic terrorism.

13 (40) On June 19, 2022, the Lennon Center in
14 Dearborn Heights, Michigan, was vandalized, leaving
15 windows smashed and 3 glass doors shattered. The
16 Pregnancy Counseling Center of Redford Township,
17 Michigan, was graffitied. A statement posted online
18 claimed responsibility for both attacks and said
19 “Jane will have her revenge”.

20 (41) On June 24, 2022, Pregnancy Resource
21 Center of Salt Lake City in Salt Lake City, Utah,
22 was vandalized.

23 (42) On June 25, 2022, Life Choices in
24 Longmont, Colorado, was vandalized with spray
25 paint of pro-abortion propaganda.

1 (43) On June 25, 2022, Blue Ridge Pregnancy
2 Center in Lynchburg, Virginia, was vandalized with
3 pro-abortion spray paint which said “if abortion aint
4 safe, you aint safe”, among other pro-abortion prop-
5 aganda.

6 (44) On June 25, 2022, Tree of Life Pregnancy
7 Support Center in Paso Robles, California, had its
8 windows broken and was vandalized with spray
9 painted symbols. Police shared that Jane’s Revenge
10 had sent Tree of Life a letter saying that they in-
11 tended to cause harm and damage the center.

12 (45) On June 25, 2022, a statement posted on-
13 line and signed “Jane’s Revenge” claimed responsi-
14 bility for attacking Avenues Pregnancy Center in
15 Glendale, California, with spray paint saying “if
16 abortions aren’t safe neither are you”. Jane’s Re-
17 venge also posted a “communiqué”. The statement
18 said, “We will hunt you down and make your lives
19 a living hell. You started this war but we will win
20 it. So far its just been pregnancy crisis centers, but
21 tomorrow it might be your cars, your homes, or even
22 your lives. We support a diversity of tactics and we
23 will not step down in this fight.”.

24 (46) On June 25, 2022, Jane’s Revenge pub-
25 lished on its website, “Everyone with the urge to

1 paint, to burn, to cut, to jam: now is the time. Go
2 forth and manifest the things you wish to see.”.

3 (47) On June 25, 2022, Options Health in Con-
4 cord, California, and Informed Choices in Iowa City,
5 Iowa, were vandalized.

6 (48) Between June 25 and June 26, 2022,
7 Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center in Cortez, Colo-
8 rado, was vandalized.

9 (49) Between June 25 and June 26, 2022, pro-
10 abortion extremists claimed responsibility for attack-
11 ing some of the donors of First Image in Portland,
12 Oregon.

13 (50) Between June 25 and June 26, 2022, pro-
14 abortion graffiti saying “Your time is up”, “We’re
15 coming for U” and “Jane’s revenge” was spray
16 painted on LifeChoice Pregnancy Center in Winter
17 Haven, Florida.

18 (51) On June 26, 2022, a statement posted on-
19 line and signed “Jane’s Revenge lives!” claimed re-
20 sponsibility for attacks against BirthRight in Bur-
21 lington, Vermont.

22 (52) On June 29, 2022, a statement posted on-
23 line and signed “Jane’s Revenge” claimed responsi-
24 bility for their an attack on Two Hearts Pregnancy
25 Aid in Everett, Washington, on June 27, 2022, stat-

1 ing that the perpetrators had “a smashing time with
2 their window glass and a flaming cocktail”.

3 (53) On June 29, 2022, police found a smashed
4 window and a Molotov cocktail-style device inside
5 Hope Clinic for Women in Nashville, Tennessee.

6 (54) Overnight between June 27–28, 2022,
7 three rocks were used to break the window of A
8 Woman’s Friend Pregnancy Resource Clinic in Yuba
9 City, California.

10 (55) On June 30, 2022, it was reported that
11 Pathways Pregnancy Center Littleton, New Hamp-
12 shire, was vandalized with pro-abortion propaganda.

13 (56) On July 3, 2022, Pregnancy Help Medical
14 Clinic in Hialeah, Florida, was vandalized with pro-
15 abortion graffiti and appeared to connect itself with
16 Jane’s Revenge.

17 (57) On July 4, 2022, two windows were bro-
18 ken at Birthright in St. Paul, Minnesota, and pro-
19 abortion messages were also graffitied on the build-
20 ing.

21 (58) On July 4, 2022, a rock was thrown
22 through the window at Care Net of Puget Sound
23 Pregnancy Clinic and an American flag was burned
24 on the property.

1 (59) On July 5, 2022, paint was splattered on
2 the sign, exterior walls, and windows of the center
3 at the Arches New Hope Pregnancy Center in Moab,
4 Utah.

5 (60) On July 6, 2022, the front window of the
6 Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia was smashed
7 and their wall was vandalized. A statement posted
8 online and signed “Jane’s Revenge” later claimed
9 responsibility.

10 (61) On July 7, 2022, Problem Pregnancy Re-
11 source Center and Clearway Clinic in Worcester,
12 Massachusetts, was vandalized. “Jane’s Revenge”
13 was written on the sidewalk outside both clinics.

14 (62) On July 12, 2022, Woman’s New Life
15 Clinic in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was vandalized.

16 (63) On July 12, 2022, the executive director
17 of the Alternatives Pregnancy Center in Sacramento,
18 California, testified before the Senate Committee on
19 the Judiciary that “we had to call police when a
20 man approached our care center with threats and a
21 machete.”.

22 (64) The director testified, “Our Sacramento
23 center has been forced to hire 24-hour on-site secu-
24 rity. We’ve had to reinforce doors and bulletproof
25 walls and windows. We’ve removed rocks from our

1 landscaping to inhibit vandalism. We’ve painted the
2 building with graffiti-proof coating. We’ve added
3 cameras, armed our staff with pepper spray, and
4 stopped running our mobile clinic because of threats
5 of violence. My staff and I live on constant alert. We
6 have been forced to expend valuable resources on
7 these crucial safety measures, so we can continue to
8 provide the women of our community with free med-
9 ical care and services in the safest possible environ-
10 ment.”.

11 (65) The director further testified, “What we
12 do is worth the risk. There is a place for clinics like
13 ours in every community—a place for women facing
14 unplanned pregnancies who are seeking dependable
15 medical resources in a safe, caring environment dur-
16 ing one of the most difficult times of their lives.”.

17 (66) On July 26, 2022, it was reported that the
18 front window at Northfield Women’s Clinic had been
19 broken and that the clinic had been vandalized with
20 spray paint.

21 (67) On August 1, 2022, the director of Abria
22 Pregnancy Resources in St. Paul, Minnesota, re-
23 ported discovering that the center’s glass doors had
24 been shattered that it had been vandalized with red

1 graffiti reading, “If abortions aren’t safe, neither
2 are you.”.

3 (68) On June 21, 2022, Ohio Attorney General
4 Dave Yost, along with 18 other State Attorney Gen-
5 erals, sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Gar-
6 land, urging the investigation and prosecution of re-
7 cent attacks.

8 (69) On June 24, 2022, Rep. Ken Buck led a
9 letter with more than 40 members of Congress to
10 Attorney General Merrick Garland to “stop the vio-
11 lence and protect the rights of all Americans”.

12 (70) In a June 25 statement on the Dobbs rul-
13 ing, Attorney General Merrick Garland committed to
14 protect abortion clinics, providers, and abortion-
15 seeking individuals, but he failed to recognize the
16 systematic injury of the pregnancy centers.

17 (71) On June 27, 2022, Sen. Thom Tillis led
18 a letter with 18 other Senators and Members of
19 Congress to Attorney General Merrick Garland to
20 prevent future attacks and hold perpetrators of vio-
21 lence responsible for their actions.

22 (72) On June 28, 2022, Rep. Ted Budd led a
23 letter with 20 House members to Attorney General
24 Merrick Garland demanding Department of Justice
25 action.

1 (73) The Biden Administration has failed to
2 identify the threats, violence, and calls to violence
3 against pregnancy centers as the work of domestic
4 violent extremists.

5 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that—

7 (1) terror attacks against pregnancy centers,
8 including arson, fire bombings, vandalism, and other
9 property damage, violate section 248 of title 18,
10 United States Code, and are punishable by fines and
11 imprisonment; and

12 (2) the Department of Justice, which is respon-
13 sible for investigating potential violations of section
14 248 of title 18, United States Code, and prosecuting
15 the individuals threatening, vandalizing, and dam-
16 aging pregnancy centers, has abdicated its duty and
17 failed to provide justice for victims of violence.

18 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General
21 of the Department of Justice and the Inspector General
22 of the Department of Homeland Security shall submit a
23 report to the committees described in subsection (b) on
24 the following:

1 (1) A list of each definition of the term “domes-
2 tic violent extremism” that each Inspector General,
3 respectively, finds to be used by the agency or any
4 subagency and a list of nongovernmental organiza-
5 tions that were consulted in the creation of such def-
6 inition.

7 (2) A list of any terms similar to “domestic vio-
8 lent extremism” and a definition for each such term
9 that each Inspector General, respectively, finds to be
10 used by the agency or any subagency and a list of
11 nongovernmental organizations that were consulted
12 in the creation of such definition.

13 (3) A list of nongovernmental organizations
14 that were consulted in identification of terms under
15 paragraphs (1) and (2).

16 (4) The criteria for opening, managing, and
17 closing investigations related to domestic violent ex-
18 tremism.

19 (5) Standard operating procedures or policies
20 and practices of the agency and each subagency with
21 respect to the review, prioritization, and mitigation
22 of threats related to domestic violent extremism in
23 the United States.

1 (6) The sharing of information relating to do-
2 mestic violent extremism within and between the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (A) The Federal Government.

5 (B) State, local, Tribal, territorial, and for-
6 eign governments.

7 (C) The committees described in sub-
8 section (b).

9 (D) Nongovernmental organizations.

10 (E) The private sector.

11 (7) Compliance by the Federal Government
12 with privacy, constitutional and civil rights, and con-
13 stitutional and civil liberties policies and protections.

14 (8) All incidents of domestic violent extremism
15 against pregnancy centers during the period begin-
16 ning May 1, 2022, and ending on the date of the en-
17 actment of this Act.

18 (9) Information on each group that has claimed
19 responsibility or otherwise been identified by law en-
20 forcement for an act defacing, violating, or dam-
21 aging pregnancy centers, including a list of all
22 events for which the group has taken responsibility,
23 a summary of ideology expressed by the group (with
24 a classified annex, if necessary).

1 (10) The Federal response to the incidents de-
2 scribed in paragraph (3) (with classified annex, if
3 necessary), including the agency and subagency re-
4 sponsible for monitoring these events, whether the
5 group meets the definition of domestic violent ex-
6 tremist used by the agency or subagency, and, in the
7 case of the Department of Justice, the number of
8 prosecutions initiated.

9 (11) A recommendation as to criteria to be uti-
10 lized in establishing a potential program to make
11 grants to pregnancy centers for purposes of enabling
12 grantees to prevent, prepare for, protect against,
13 and respond to domestic violent extremism, and a
14 report on current Federal programs and Federal
15 funding streams available to pregnancy centers for
16 such purposes, and what actions agencies are taking
17 to communicate eligibility of pregnancy centers.

18 (b) COMMITTEES DESCRIBED.—The committees de-
19 scribed in this subsection are the following:

20 (1) The Committee on the Judiciary of the
21 House of Representatives.

22 (2) The Committee on Homeland Security of
23 the House of Representatives.

24 (3) The Committee on Appropriations of the
25 House of Representatives.

1 (c) PREGNANCY CENTER DEFINED.—In this section,
2 the term “pregnancy center” means a community-based,
3 non-profit organization that provides compassionate sup-
4 port and resources to women facing unexpected pregnancy
5 and offer life-affirming alternatives to abortion.

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