



# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

June 24, 2022

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

Dear Attorney General Garland,

We write to bring attention to the recent request from Ohio Attorney General Yost and other state attorneys general that you investigate incidents of violence, vandalism, and ongoing threats against pro-life organizations and prosecute the groups committing these crimes.

Since the unprecedented leak of the draft Supreme Court opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, pregnancy centers and churches across the country have been under attack. Pro-choice advocates have vandalized property with threats such as "If abortion isn't safe, you aren't either,"<sup>1</sup> and "Abort the church."<sup>2</sup> Even more alarming, some offenders have also become violent, shattering windows and fire-bombing offices.<sup>3</sup>

With an imminent final opinion for the *Dobbs* case expected to be released soon, it is imperative you take immediate action to protect pro-life organizations and individuals against harassment, intimidation, and violence. "Jane's Revenge," a group that has taken credit for attacks in Colorado, Massachusetts, Oregon, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin,<sup>4</sup> has made clear attacks will continue and possibly intensify. They are calling for a "Night of Rage" the night the Supreme Court decision is released,<sup>5</sup> claiming they "cannot sit idly by anymore" and that peaceful protests and campaigns are no longer enough.<sup>6</sup>

Organizations and individuals on all sides of this issue have and will continue to exercise their First Amendment right to free speech. However, this violent behavior is unacceptable. Our nation was built on the foundation of law and order: peaceful protest is protected by the Constitution, violence and endangering the lives and property of others is not. You have a duty to

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/251518/what-is-janes-revenge-pro-abortion-vandalism>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/251421/analysis-catholic-church-attacks-multiply-following-supreme-court-leak>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/pro-abortion-terrorists-firebomb-buffalo-pro-life-pregnancy-center/>

<sup>4</sup> Jane's Revenge: Another Communiqué (June 15, 2022). <https://perma.cc/P6M4-TJPC>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/251518/what-is-janes-revenge-pro-abortion-vandalism>

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protect all Americans who are targeted by violent actors because of their beliefs, not just when it aligns with the Administration's political goals.

State attorneys general from 19 states, led by Ohio AG Yost, have offered their assistance, stating they "stand ready to aid in these investigations and prosecutions." We echo their views that "The Department of Justice must investigate and prosecute these terroristic threats and acts."

We urge you to answer this offer of assistance, take immediate action to investigate these crimes, and share with us what actions the Department of Justice is taking to deter the active threats of future violence against pro-life Americans and organizations based on political and religious beliefs.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Avril Haines, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security