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The Honorable Jamie Raskin  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Civil Rights & Civil Liberties  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Raskin:

The Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties must immediately hold a hearing to examine a recent string of domestic extremist attacks targeting crisis pregnancy centers and religious institutions across the country. The subcommittee has held numerous hearings examining the threat of domestic violent extremism and white supremacist violence in the United States but has been noticeably silent about recent attacks targeting facilities that provide critical services to women and families in need. We must examine the disturbing trend of rising left-wing violence and conduct oversight over the federal government's response to this growing threat.

In recent months, pro-life organizations and religious institutions have come under attack across the country. Multiple crisis pregnancy centers have been targeted by firebombing and arson attacks in Washington, Wisconsin, Texas, North Carolina, New York, and Oregon.<sup>1</sup> The buildings housing these organizations have been severely damaged and defaced, with threatening messages left behind in several cases.<sup>2</sup> A group known as "Jane's Revenge" has taken credit for many of these attacks, releasing a statement promising more and encouraging others to join in their campaign of terror.<sup>3</sup>

In the wake of a leaked draft opinion in a matter currently pending before the Supreme Court, the Department of Homeland Security has noted concerns with politically motivated violence against public servants, government buildings, and people of faith.<sup>4</sup> It is unclear,

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<sup>1</sup> Downey, Caroline, *Pro-Abortion Terrorists Firebomb Oregon Pregnancy Center*, NATIONAL REVIEW (Jun. 13, 2022); Noor, Poppy, *Pro-choice militants are targeting 'pregnancy crisis centers' across US*, THE GUARDIAN (Jun. 11, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Caroline Downey (@carolinedowney\_), Twitter (Jun. 15, 2022, 2:19pm) available at <https://twitter.com/carolinedowney/status/1537137660170469376>.

<sup>4</sup> Cai, Sophia & Stef W. Kight, *DHS Preparing for violence following abortion ruling*, AXIOS (May 18, 2022); see also National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin, Department of Homeland Security (Jun. 7, 2022), available at [https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/ntas/alerts/22\\_0607\\_SI\\_NTAS-Bulletin\\_508.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/ntas/alerts/22_0607_SI_NTAS-Bulletin_508.pdf).

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however, what the federal government is doing to prevent such attacks or respond to those that have already occurred.

The subcommittee under your leadership has previously explored the threats our country faces from domestic violent extremists, especially the threat posed by domestic violent extremists motivated by racial animus.<sup>5</sup> In similar fashion, our subcommittee must also hold a hearing with federal officials from relevant agencies, to include the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Homeland Security, to ensure that our government is working diligently to mitigate threats to the American people, including political violence.

The preservation of our democratic society demands that we take action to root out violence no matter where it occurs or what motivates it. We must be united in our efforts to preserve our civil society and condemn all violence.

I urge you to schedule a hearing as soon as possible to conduct oversight of the federal government's ability to prevent these attacks and hold those responsible accountable for their actions. Thank you for your attention to this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Mace". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Mace

Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Civil Rights & Civil Liberties

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<sup>5</sup> See e.g. Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Subcommittee Hearing: *Confronting Violent White Supremacy (Part VI): Examining the Biden Administration's Counterterrorism Strategy* (Sept. 29, 2021).