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Hon. Chuck Grassley
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

On September 26, I wrote to you in your capacity as the Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee asking for an investigation into the FBI's apparent duplicity in the execution of the FACE Act. The FBI has been exceedingly attentive to the slightest infractions of this law committed by pro-life activists, while at the same time being exceedingly passive when violent acts are committed by abortion-rights activists.

On October 12, 40 Republican lawmakers wrote to FBI Director Christopher Wray requesting that he provide them with a briefing on this subject by October 20. For example, they want to know how many FACE Act investigations have opened in the past four years regarding: abortion facilities; pregnancy centers; and churches or houses of worship.

After noting "abuses of federal power against pro-life Americans," they said, "This is particularly true since there have been no reports of FBI investigations or DOJ prosecutions in relation to the more than 72 pregnancy centers and 80 Catholic churches that have been attacked or vandalized since the Dobbs leak...."

Given this development, I urge you once again to convene a probe or hearing of the FBI on this matter as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

William A. Donohue, Ph.D.

cc: Republican lawmakers

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