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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

8 (1) Pregnancy centers are community-based,  
9 non-profit organizations that provide compassionate

1 support and resources to women and couples facing  
2 unexpected pregnancy and offer life-affirming alter-  
3 natives to abortion.

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

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

20 (4) In 2019 alone, pregnancy centers were  
21 served by 68,832 workers and 80 percent of these  
22 workers (53,855) were volunteers. The pregnancy  
23 centers employed nearly 3,800 licensed medical staff,  
24 and over 6,400 licensed medical professionals volun-  
25 teered their time and skills. In total, 10,215 licensed

1 medical staff provided care through pregnancy cen-  
2 ters across the nation.

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

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

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

21 (8) On Friday, June 24, 2022, the Supreme  
22 Court of the United States issued the landmark  
23 *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* de-  
24 cision holding, "The Constitution does not confer a  
25 right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and

1 the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the  
2 people and their elected representatives”.

3 (9) Seven weeks earlier, on Monday, May 2,  
4 2022, a leaked draft opinion was published, consti-  
5 tuting an unprecedented attack on the judicial  
6 branch.

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

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

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

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

23 (14) On May 5, 2022, the Southeast Portland  
24 Pregnancy Resource Center in Portland, Oregon had

1 its windows broken and the building was spray  
2 painted.

3 (15) First Step Pregnancy Resource Center in  
4 Bangor, Maine reported that its sign and sign holder  
5 were ripped off.

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

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

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

21 (19) Between May 7–8, 2022, Woman to  
22 Woman Pregnancy Resource Center in Denton,  
23 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-abortion  
6           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, 2022,  
25          South Broward Pregnancy Center in Hollywood,

1 Florida was vandalized with pro-abortion graffiti  
2 stating “if abortions aren’t safe, then you aren’t ei-  
3 ther” 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 paint-  
13 ed with pro-abortion graffiti, had its front door bro-  
14 ken, and had nails placed upright in the parking lot.

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

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

24 (32) On the weekend of June 4–5, 2022, pro-  
25 abortion posters were plastered on the on the door

1 of CareNet Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget  
2 Sound in Federal Way, Washington. CareNet's sign  
3 was also shredded.

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

9 (34) On June 7, 2022, CompassCare Preg-  
10 nancy Services in Buffalo, New York was firebombed  
11 and graffitied. A statement posted online and signed  
12 "Jane's Revenge" claimed responsibility.

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

16 (36) On June 10, 2022, a fire at Gresham  
17 Pregnancy Resource Center in Gresham, Oregon was  
18 labeled by police as "suspicious".

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

23 (38) On June 14, 2022, another  
24 "Communiqué" posted online and signed "Jane's  
25 Revenge" stated, "We have demonstrated in the



1 past month how easy and fun it is to attack...From  
2 here forward, any anti-choice group who closes their  
3 doors, and stops operating will no longer be a target.  
4 But until you do, it's open season, and we know  
5 where your operations are.”.

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

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

17 (41) On June 24, 2022, Pregnancy Resource  
18 Center of Salt Lake City in Salt Lake City, Utah  
19 was vandalized.

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

23 (43) On June 25, 2022, Blue Ridge Pregnancy  
24 Center in Lynchburg, Virginia was vandalized with  
25 pro-abortion spray paint which said “if abortion aint

1 safe, you aint safe”, among other pro-abortion prop-  
2 aganda.

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

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

21 (46) On June 25, 2022, Jane’s Revenge pub-  
22 lished on its website, “Everyone with the urge to  
23 paint, to burn, to cut, to jam: now is the time. Go  
24 forth and manifest the things you wish to see.”.

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

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

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

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

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

20 (52) On June 29, 2022, a statement posted on-  
21 line and signed “Jane’s Revenge” claimed responsi-  
22 bility for their an attack on Two Hearts Pregnancy  
23 Aid in Everett, Washington on June 27, 2022, stat-  
24 ing that the perpetrators had “a smashing time with  
25 their window glass and a flaming cocktail”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23           (59) On July 5, 2022, paint was splattered on  
24 the sign, exterior walls, and windows of the center

1 at the Arches New Hope Pregnancy Center in Moab,  
2 Utah.

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

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

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

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

20 (64) The director testified, “Our Sacramento  
21 center has been forced to hire 24-hour on-site secu-  
22 rity. We’ve had to reinforce doors and bulletproof  
23 walls and windows. We’ve removed rocks from our  
24 landscaping to inhibit vandalism. We’ve painted the  
25 building with graffiti-proof coating. We’ve added

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

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

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

19 (67) On August 1, 2022, the director of Abria  
20 Pregnancy Resources in St. Paul, Minnesota, re-  
21 ported discovering that the center’s glass doors had  
22 been shattered that it had been vandalized with red  
23 graffiti reading, “If abortions aren’t safe, neither  
24 are you.”.

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

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

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

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

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

24          (73) The Biden Administration has failed to  
25          identify the threats, violence, and calls to violence

1 against pregnancy centers as the work of domestic  
2 violent extremists.

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

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

- 5 (1) terror attacks against pregnancy centers,  
6 including arson, fire bombings, vandalism, and other  
7 property damage, violate section 248 of title 18,  
8 United States Code, and are punishable by fines and  
9 imprisonment; and
- 10 (2) the Department of Justice, which is respon-  
11 sible for investigating potential violations of section  
12 248 of title 18, United States Code, and prosecuting  
13 the individuals threatening, vandalizing, and dam-  
14 aging pregnancy centers, has abdicated its duty and  
15 failed to provide justice for victims of violence.

16 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

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

- 23 (1) A list of each definition of the term “domes-  
24 tic violent extremism” that each Inspector General,  
25 respectively, finds to be used by the agency or any



1 subagency and a list of nongovernmental organiza-  
2 tions that were consulted in the creation of such def-  
3 inition.

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

10 (3) A list of nongovernmental organizations  
11 that were consulted in identification of terms under  
12 paragraphs (1) and (2).

13 (4) The criteria for opening, managing, and  
14 closing investigations related to domestic violent ex-  
15 tremism.

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

21 (6) The sharing of information relating to do-  
22 mestic violent extremism within and between the fol-  
23 lowing:

24 (A) The Federal Government.

1 (B) State, local, Tribal, territorial, and for-  
2 eign governments.

3 (C) The committees described in sub-  
4 section (b).

5 (D) Nongovernmental organizations.

6 (E) The private sector.

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

10 (8) All incidents of domestic violent extremism  
11 against pregnancy centers during the period begin-  
12 ning May 1, 2022, and ending on the date of the en-  
13 actment of this Act.

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

21 (10) The Federal response to the incidents de-  
22 scribed in paragraph (3) (with classified annex, if  
23 necessary), including the agency and subagency re-  
24 sponsible for monitoring these events, whether the  
25 group meets the definition of domestic violent ex-

1       tremist used by the agency or subagency, and, in the  
2       case of the Department of Justice, the number of  
3       prosecutions initiated.

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

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

15              (1) The Committee on the Judiciary of the  
16      House of Representatives.

17              (2) The Committee on Homeland Security of  
18      the House of Representatives.

19              (3) The Committee on Appropriations of the  
20      House of Representatives.

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