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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

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mrs. LESKO, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. BANKS, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. GUEST, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. BABIN, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. LATTA, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. BUCK, Mr. MANN, and Mr. DUNCAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “domestic  
2           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.

○