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The Honorable Mike Johnson

Speaker

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

We write with urgency to ask that you prioritize repeal of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. The shocking violence against Charlie Kirk – simply for exercising free speech and public advocacy – demonstrates the need for the government to protect the space where disagreement and dialogue can occur. Instead, the FACE Act has weaponized federal law enforcement resources in order to discourage peaceful activity.

Why repeal the FACE Act now?

A law turned weapon: The FACE Act is not necessary because it duplicates state laws on assault, harassment, and obstruction. In recent years, it has been twisted into a federal cudgel to punish peaceful dissent. The case of 75-year-old Paulette Harlow – given two years in prison for doing nothing more than sitting quietly in an abortion facility waiting room – exemplifies how the FACE Act criminalizes conscience.

Abuse under the previous administration: Prosecutions under the Biden administration surged, with federal raids targeting parents and community members such as Mark Houck and Paul Vaughn. These are not violent criminals. They are ordinary Americans who found themselves staring down the barrels of heavily armed federal agents simply for living out their convictions.

A dangerous climate: At a moment when pro-life leaders and conservative voices are facing actual violence in the public square, it is an ideal time for Congress to repeal the FACE Act and all that it stands for. If we truly want to de-escalate political violence, Congress must dismantle laws that empower partisan prosecutions and facilitate the application of double standards.

Restoring federalism and constitutional rights: We support H.R. 589, introduced by Representative Chip Roy, to repeal the FACE Act and return

authority where it belongs: to states and localities, which already possess the tools to prosecute genuine threats and obstruction.

Your leadership is critical

Your past leadership as chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government was vital in exposing the disproportionate and abusive enforcement of the FACE Act. Every day the FACE Act remains on the books, peaceful Americans risk being treated as criminals, while those who attack them in the streets find justification in an unjust law that Congress has neglected to rescind or reject.

Thank you for your courage and service at this critical hour. May God bless your work and protect you as you help lead our country.

Respectfully,

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