



**One Hundred Seventeenth Congress**  
**Committee on Homeland Security**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

As you are aware, a growing number of criminal acts of violence and vandalism targeting pro-life organizations such as pregnancy centers and churches have occurred across the United States in recent weeks following an unprecedented leak of a draft Supreme Court opinion. Most recently, an incendiary device damaged the Pregnancy Resource Center in Gresham, Oregon, on June 10<sup>th</sup>—the fourth arson-related incident at such a facility in recent weeks.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to fire bombings, multiple incidents of vandalism have occurred against pregnancy centers and churches across the United States, including in my home state of Mississippi, as well as in North Carolina, New York, Washington, Iowa, and Washington, D.C. An armed individual was also taken into custody outside Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh’s home with the alleged intent of assassinating the justice, stemming from anger over the draft leak’s anticipated overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.<sup>2</sup> The anarchist extremist group Jane’s Revenge has consistently claimed responsibility for these dangerous incidents, which are often accompanied by threateningly vandalized messages like “Jane was here;” “Abort the church;” and “If abortions aren’t safe, you aren’t either.”<sup>3</sup>

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) bulletin highlighting this sort of threat. Specifically, DHS warned that:

“In the coming months, DHS expects the threat environment to become more dynamic as several high-profile events could be exploited to justify acts of violence against a range of

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<sup>1</sup> “Pro-Abortion Terrorists Firebomb Oregon Pregnancy Center”, Caroline Downey, *National Review*, June 13, 2022 < <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/pro-abortion-terrorists-firebomb-oregon-pregnancy-center/>>. Accessed June 14, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> “Violence Against Anti-Abortion Movement Increases Ahead of Dobbs Decision,” Sarah Westwood, *The Washington Examiner*, June 13, 2022, < <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/restoring-america/community-family/violence-against-anti-abortion-movement-increases-ahead-of-dobbs-decision>>. Accessed June 14, 2022.

<sup>3</sup> “Who or What is ‘Jane’s Revenge’? A look at the group invoked in pro-abortion vandalism,” Kevin Jones, *Catholic News Agency*, June 11, 2011, < <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/251518/what-is-janes-revenge-pro-abortion-vandalism>>. Accessed June 14, 2022.

possible targets. These targets could include public gatherings, faith-based institutions, schools, racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, government facilities and personnel, U.S. critical infrastructure, the media, and perceived ideological opponents.

Threat actors have recently mobilized to violence due to factors such as personal grievances, reactions to current events, and adherence to violent extremist ideologies, including racially or ethnically motivated or anti-government/anti-authority violent extremism.”<sup>4</sup>

As the Vice Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, I am increasingly concerned that the Department’s intelligence sharing apparatus, specifically the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), is not effective enough to respond to a dynamic threat landscape. I am further concerned that DHS is ill-equipped to fully support its state and local law enforcement partners amidst ongoing threats of violence against pregnancy resource centers and other nonprofits targeted by leftwing extremist groups.

To be clear, any violent attack on a nonprofit institution, house of worship, or group of people due to their religious or political beliefs is an attack on the fundamental values enshrined in the Constitution that Americans hold dear. Despite this truth, mainstream media has largely ignored the growing trend of violence against pro-life organizations and individuals. Similarly, President Biden has been silent on these attacks on pro-life organizations as well as the threat to Justice Kavanaugh. It is critical that the American people feel assured that their Department of Homeland Security is acting as an apolitical source of threat intelligence for the private sector and in support of state and local law enforcement, who are on the front lines of mitigating and thwarting such attacks.

To that end, I request a briefing as soon as possible on the overall threat environment facing pro-life organizations, efforts being made by DHS to help mitigate leftwing violent extremist attacks on such organizations, resources available to nonprofits and houses of worship to protect against such attacks, as well as any additional action Congress could take to assist the Department in protecting these organizations.

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter. Should you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Committee at (202) 226-8471.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Guest". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

MICHAEL GUEST  
Vice Ranking Member

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<sup>4</sup> DHS Issues National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, June 7, 2022, < <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/06/07/dhs-issues-national-terrorism-advisory-system-ntas-bulletin>>. Accessed June 14, 2022.