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Dear Ms. Gonen,

The Committee on the Judiciary is conducting oversight of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) enforcement of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. Documents indicate that the Biden-Harris DOJ may have coordinated with radical anti-life groups, including the National Abortion Federation (NAF), to prosecute peaceful pro-life demonstrators.¹ We write today to request documents and communications related to NAF's coordination with the Biden-Harris Justice Department.

The Biden-Harris Administration weaponized the federal government to target its political opponents, including by selectively enforcing the FACE Act against pro-life Americans.² During the Biden-Harris Administration, DOJ used the FACE Act to target prayer and peaceful demonstration near abortion clinics while failing to prosecute criminals who vandalized or threatened pro-life pregnancy counseling centers.³ Pro-life Americans targeted by the Biden-Harris Administration included Eva Edl, an 89-year-old grandmother who survived a Soviet concentration camp during her youth,⁴ and Mark Houck, a father of seven who was arrested during an FBI SWAT team raid of his home.⁵

¹ Leif Le Mahieu, *Biden's FBI Worked With Radical Pro-Abortion Group To Target Pro-Lifers, Emails Show* THE DAILY WIRE (Sept. 23, 2025).

² See FINAL REPORT OF THE SELECT SUBCOMM. ON THE WEAPONIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOV'T OF THE H. COMM. ON THE JUDICIARY, THE WEAPONIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 118th. Cong. (Dec. 20, 2024).

³ See *Revisiting the Implications of the FACE Act: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on the Const. and Limited Gov't of the H. Comm on Judiciary*, 118th Cong. (May 16, 2023); *Revisiting the Implications of the FACE Act: Part II: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on the Const. and Limited Gov't of the H. Comm on Judiciary*, 118th Cong. (Dec. 18, 2024).

⁴ See Peter Pinedo, *Three more pro-life activists sentenced under FACE Act*, CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY (July 31, 2024).

⁵ See Peter Pinedo, *Mark Houck and Wife Sue FBI and DOJ for Malicious Prosecution: Era of Targeting Pro-Lifers Is Over*, NAT'L CATHOLIC REGISTER (Nov. 8, 2023).

Recent media reporting and documents released publicly by the Functional Government Initiative indicate that DOJ coordinated its FACE Act enforcement strategy with anti-life groups such as NAF. In one email, NAF Security Manager Robert Ledogar lauded the “amazing relationship” between DOJ’s Civil Rights Division and NAF and requested a meeting with the-then Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Kristen Clarke, referencing NAF’s involvement in “FACE Act investigations” in at least seven states within the past year.⁶ This coordination raises significant questions about the Biden-Harris DOJ’s misuse of the FACE Act.

These emails also seemingly raise questions about the testimony your predecessor, Talcott Camp, provided at a May 16, 2023, hearing before the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government.⁷ At the hearing, Ms. Camp was asked under oath whether she had “ever spoken with anyone in the Biden Department of Justice or Biden Administration specifically about FACE Act enforcement or abortion.” She stated, “I have not.”⁸ When further pressed, she confirmed that she did not have contact with the Biden Administration “on the issue of FACE enforcement.”⁹ Given her senior position at NAF, the Committee has questions about who was engaging with the Biden-Harris DOJ regarding FACE Act prosecution.

Congress has an important interest in the protection of fundamental free speech principles and the fair and even-handed enforcement of our nation’s civil rights laws. To develop effective legislation ensuring that civil rights laws are not used to target Americans who engage in protected speech, the Committee must understand the extent to which the Biden-Harris DOJ worked with ideologically-aligned groups to target pro-life Americans. To assist the Committee with its oversight, we ask that you provide the following documents and information for the period January 20, 2021, to January 20, 2025:

1. All documents and communications between or among NAF employees and the DOJ or FBI, including but not limited to:
 - a. All documents and communications between or among NAF, DOJ, or FBI employees referring or relating to DOJ or FBI investigations or prosecutions of violations of the FACE Act for which NAF provided facts, evidence, testimony, or any other assistance, or for which NAF coordinated in any way with DOJ or FBI; and
2. All documents and communications between or among NAF employees referring or relating to DOJ or FBI investigations or prosecutions of violations of the FACE Act for which NAF provided facts, evidence, testimony, or any other assistance, or for which NAF coordinated in any way with DOJ or FBI.

⁶ Leif Le Mahieu, *Biden’s FBI Worked With Radical Pro-Abortion Group To Target Pro-Lifers, Emails Show* THE DAILY WIRE (Sept. 23, 2025).

⁷ *Revisiting the Implications of the FACE Act: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on the Const. and Limited Gov’t of the H. Comm on Judiciary*, 118th Cong. (May 16, 2023).

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

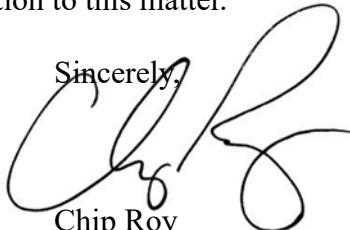
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Please provide this information as soon as possible but no later than October 30, 2025. Pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on the Judiciary has jurisdiction to conduct oversight of the Department of Justice and matters concerning “civil liberties.”¹⁰ If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-6906.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Chip Roy
Chairman
Subcommittee on the Constitution and
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cc: The Honorable Mary Gay Scanlon, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government

Ms. Talcott Camp, Legal and Strategic Advisor, TCamp PLLC

¹⁰ Rules of the House of Representatives R. X (2025).