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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

1 2 3 4	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION REPEALING THE FACE (FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO CLINIC ENTRANCES) ACT AND CALLING UPON PRESIDENT TRUMP TO PARDON PRO-LIFE AMERICANS UNJUSTLY CONVICTED THEREUNDER.
5	WHEREAS, the FACE Act (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances
6	Act of 1994), 18 USC Section 248, was enacted by the United States
7	Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1994 to
8	prohibit individuals from interfering with access to so-called
9	"reproductive health services," which include both abortion
10	facilities and pregnancy resource centers; and
11	WHEREAS, first-time FACE Act offenders face a penalty of up
12	to 12 months in jail and a \$15,000 fine, and repeat offenders can
13	receive up to three years of jail time and \$25,000 in fines; and
14	WHEREAS, according to World magazine, since a draft Supreme
15	Court opinion overturning $\emph{Roe}\ \emph{v.}\ \emph{Wade}\ \emph{was}\ \emph{leaked}\ \emph{in}\ \emph{the}\ \emph{Dobbs}\ \emph{v.}$
16	Jackson Women's Health Center case in early May 2022, "The DOJ
17	began pairing standard FACE Act indictments with charges of
18	'conspiracy against rights,'" which carries penalties of up to a
19	"10-year prison sentence and its own fines"; and

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         WHEREAS, according to a report updated November 12, 2024, by
    Catholic Vote, since the Dobbs' leak, at least 95 pregnancy
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    resource centers and pro-life groups have been attacked and
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    vandalized; and
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         WHEREAS, according to the Family Research Council, in the
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    year following that leak, at least 38 "churches across the country
    have been firebombed, smashed, ransacked or vandalized with
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    pro-abortion graffiti and threatening messages," and there were at
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    least 23 "'other incidents' in which pro-abortion protesters were
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    arrested or pro-life individuals were physically attacked"; and
         WHEREAS, according to an October 20, 2022, Fox News Digital
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    report, although radical left wing pro-abortion group Jane's
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    Revenge had claimed credit for more than a dozen attacks on
    churches or pregnancy resource centers, "not a single member of
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    the underground group has been arrested"; and
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         WHEREAS, according to a May 12, 2022, report by the Wisconsin
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    State Journal, Jane's Revenge proclaimed it was at "war" with
    pro-life groups, demanded "the disbanding of all anti-choice
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    establishments" and said the first attack was "only a warning";
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    and
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         WHEREAS, despite the numerous serious attacks and threats
    upon the pro-life community, according to Catholic Vote's data
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    updated November 11, 2024, there have been only five reported
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arrests in connection with the attacks on the pro-life community;

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45	WHEREAS, despite the numerous serious attacks and threats
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47	article revised November 11, 2024, by the Alliance Defending
48	Freedom, "After the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in
49	June 2022, the Biden administration began a campaign to promote
50	abortion nationwide" and the Biden Department of Justice (DOJ)
51	"brought at least 26 charges against pro-life individuals under
52	the FACE Act in 2022," but brought zero prosecutions against
53	"abortion activists who obstructed or vandalized pro-life
54	pregnancy centers in the wake of the Dobbs' decision that year";
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56	WHEREAS, according to the aforementioned Alliance Defending
57	Freedom article, in October 2021, devout Christian Mark Houck was
58	praying with his son outside a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
59	abortion clinic when a Planned Parenthood escort repeatedly "got
60	in the face of Houck and his son" and made vulgar comments,
61	leading Houck to push the Planned Parenthood escort to get him
62	away from his son; and
63	WHEREAS, the aforementioned Alliance Defending Freedom
64	article further stated that state and local authorities brought no
65	charges against Houck, but the Biden Department of Justice did so
66	and, despite Houck's offer to turn himself in, "The FBI sent
67	'twenty heavily armed federal agents' to Houck's house in the
68	early morning hours, pointed at least five guns at him, his wife,
69	and his children, and then arrested him," yet it took a federal

- 70 jury less than three hours to find Houck not guilty of the charges
- 71 brought against him; and
- 72 WHEREAS, in another example of the Biden Administration's
- 73 persecution of the pro-life community, according to his written
- 74 testimony submitted December 18, 2024, to a subcommittee of the
- 75 United States House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, and
- 76 further, as reported by the National Catholic Register, father of
- 77 11 and small business owner, Paul Vaughn, was arrested in the
- 78 early morning hours at his home at gunpoint by an FBI swat team,
- 79 to the horror of his wife and seven of his children who were home,
- 80 all for merely praying outside an abortion clinic, after which
- 81 Vaughn was subjected to a lengthy prosecution and federal trial
- 82 and sentenced to three years of supervised release, even though
- 83 the lead negotiator for the local police department, who Vaughn
- 84 interacted with on the day of the alleged "crime," testified on
- 85 his behalf at the trial and video evidence showed Vaughn had not
- 86 blocked any facility entrances; and
- 87 WHEREAS, by his own public account, as broadcast by the
- 88 American Family Association (AFA), emergency room physician,
- 89 pastor, and father of 13, Dr. Coleman Boyd was put under felony
- 90 indictment under the FACE Act, paired with felony conspiracy
- 91 charges, forced to give up his firearms and placed under travel
- 92 restrictions blocking international mission work, as if he were a
- 93 terrorist, and, according to an article in Zenit Magazine,
- 94 "sentenced to six months of house arrest, five years of probation,

- 95 and a \$110,000 fine," before losing his job as a result of his
- 96 sentencing; and
- 97 WHEREAS, according to an article in The Daily Signal,
- 98 89-year-old concentration camp survivor, Eva Edl, faced over a
- 99 decade in prison and received three years of probation for her
- 100 nonviolent protest of the same destruction of human life she saw
- 101 in her youth at a communist death camp; and
- 102 WHEREAS, according to an article by the National Catholic
- 103 Register, in yet another example of the Biden administration's
- 104 abuse of power using the FACE Act, Bevelyn Beatty Williams, a
- 105 33-year-old pro-life activist, was sentenced to three and one-half
- 106 years in prison after her protest at an abortion facility, with
- 107 the judge mercilessly taking her away from her daughter, a
- 108 toddler, for that child's formative years; and
- 109 WHEREAS, this long train of abuses under the FACE Act has
- 110 demonstrated that the FACE Act has been weaponized and made a tool
- 111 of injustice and violation of law-abiding Americans'
- 112 constitutional rights, and has further demonstrated that the FACE
- 113 Act has been so irrevocably tainted by the Biden Administration's
- 114 politicized prosecutions and is so unavoidably subject to
- 115 prosecutorial abuse that United States Senator Mike Lee and
- 116 Representative Chip Roy have introduced legislation to repeal the
- 117 FACE Act, in support of which Senator Lee stated that "the Biden
- 118 DOJ has weaponized this constitutionally suspect law against

- 119 pro-life sidewalk counselors while failing to protect pregnancy
- 120 centers and churches from violent attacks,"; and
- 121 WHEREAS, despite the FBI's and DOJ's blatant abuses of the
- 122 FACE Act and the scandalously historic number of pardons and
- 123 clemencies the Biden administration has issued, including of his
- 124 own disgraced son, admitted felon Hunter Biden, whom he falsely
- 125 promised he would never pardon, President Biden has provided no
- 126 relief to the pro-life Americans unjustly persecuted by his
- 127 administration for exercising their rights to free speech and
- 128 religious liberty in opposition to abortion:
- 129 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
- 130 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
- 131 THEREIN, That we call upon the United States Congress to forthwith
- 132 pass, and President Donald J. Trump to speedily sign legislation
- 133 repealing the FACE Act.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call upon President Donald J.
- 135 Trump to forthwith pardon or grant clemency to all Americans
- 136 unjustly convicted under the FACE Act for exercising their
- 137 constitutional rights to protest at abortion clinics.
- 138 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
- 139 furnished to President Donald J. Trump, Majority Leader John Thune
- 140 of the U.S. Senate, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Senator
- 141 Roger Wicker, Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, Congressman Trent Kelly,
- 142 Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, Congressman Michael Guest,

- 143 Congressman Mike Ezell, the Office of the U.S. Attorney General,
- 144 and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.