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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

1 A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS  
2 LEGISLATION REPEALING THE FACE ACT AND CALLING UPON PRESIDENT  
3 TRUMP TO PARDON PRO-LIFE AMERICANS UNJUSTLY CONVICTED THEREUNDER.

4 WHEREAS, the FACE Act, 18 U.S.C. § 248, was enacted by the  
5 United States Congress and signed into law by President Bill  
6 Clinton in 1994 to prohibit individuals from interfering with  
7 access to so-called "reproductive health services," which include  
8 both abortion facilities and pregnancy resource centers; and

9 WHEREAS, first-time FACE Act offenders face a penalty of up  
10 to 12 months in jail and a \$15,000 fine, and repeat offenders can  
11 receive up to three years of jail time and \$25,000 in fines; and

12 WHEREAS, according to *World* magazine, since a draft Supreme  
13 Court opinion overturning *Roe v. Wade* was leaked in the *Dobbs v.*  
14 *Jackson Women's Health Center* case in early May 2022, "The DOJ  
15 began pairing standard FACE Act indictments with charges of  
16 'conspiracy against rights,'" which carries penalties of up to a  
17 "10-year prison sentence and its own fines"; and



18 WHEREAS, according to a report updated November 12, 2024, by  
19 Catholic Vote, since the Dobbs leak at least 95 pregnancy resource  
20 centers and pro-life groups have been attacked and vandalized; and

21 WHEREAS, according to the Family Research Council, in the  
22 year following that leak, at least 38 "churches across the country  
23 have been firebombed, smashed, ransacked or vandalized with  
24 pro-abortion graffiti and threatening messages," and there were at  
25 least 23 "'other incidents' in which pro-abortion protesters were  
26 arrested or pro-life individuals were physically attacked"; and

27 WHEREAS, according to an October 20, 2022, *Fox News Digital*  
28 report, although radical left-wing pro-abortion group Jane's  
29 Revenge had claimed credit for more than a dozen attacks on  
30 churches or pregnancy resource centers, "not a single member of  
31 the underground group has been arrested"; and

32 WHEREAS, according to a May 12, 2022, report by the *Wisconsin*  
33 *State Journal*, Jane's Revenge proclaimed it was at "war" with  
34 pro-life groups, demanded "the disbanding of all anti-choice  
35 establishments" and said the first attack was "only a warning";  
36 and

37 WHEREAS, despite the numerous serious attacks and threats  
38 upon the pro-life community, according to Catholic Vote's data  
39 updated November 11, 2024, there have been only five reported  
40 arrests in connection with the attacks on the pro-life community;  
41 and



42 WHEREAS, despite the numerous serious attacks and threats  
43 against the pro-life community, according to an October 11, 2024,  
44 article revised November 11, 2024, by the Alliance Defending  
45 Freedom, "After the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in  
46 June 2022, the Biden administration began a campaign to promote  
47 abortion nationwide," and the Biden Department of Justice (DOJ)  
48 "brought at least 26 charges against pro-life individuals under  
49 the FACE Act in 2022," but brought zero prosecutions against  
50 "abortion activists who obstructed or vandalized pro-life  
51 pregnancy centers in the wake of the *Dobbs* decision that year";  
52 and

53 WHEREAS, according to the aforementioned Alliance Defending  
54 Freedom article, in October 2021, devout Christian Mark Houck was  
55 praying with his son outside a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
56 abortion clinic when a Planned Parenthood escort repeatedly "got  
57 in the face of Houck and his son" and made vulgar comments,  
58 leading Houck to push the Planned Parenthood escort to get him  
59 away from his son; and

60 WHEREAS, the aforementioned Alliance Defending Freedom  
61 article further stated that state and local authorities brought no  
62 charges against Houck, but the Biden Department of Justice did so  
63 and, despite Houck's offer to turn himself in, "The FBI sent  
64 'twenty heavily armed federal agents' to Houck's house in the  
65 early morning hours, pointed at least five guns at him, his wife,  
66 and his children, and then arrested him," yet it took a federal



67 jury less than three hours to find Houck not guilty of the charges  
68 brought against him; and

69 WHEREAS, in another example of the Biden administration's  
70 persecution of the pro-life community, according to his written  
71 testimony submitted December 18, 2024, to a subcommittee of the  
72 United States House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee, and  
73 further as reported by the *National Catholic Register*, father of  
74 11 and small business owner, Paul Vaughn, was arrested in the  
75 early morning hours at his home at gunpoint by an FBI SWAT team,  
76 to the horror of his wife and seven of his children who were home,  
77 all for merely praying outside an abortion clinic, after which  
78 Vaughn was subjected to a lengthy prosecution and federal trial  
79 and sentenced to three years of supervised release, even though  
80 the lead negotiator for the local police department, who Vaughn  
81 interacted with on the day of the alleged "crime," testified on  
82 his behalf at the trial, and video evidence showed that Vaughn had  
83 not blocked any facility entrances; and

84 WHEREAS, by his own public account, as broadcast by the  
85 American Family Association (AFA), emergency room physician,  
86 pastor, and father of 13, Dr. Coleman Boyd, was put under felony  
87 indictment under the FACE Act, paired with felony conspiracy  
88 charges, forced to give up his firearms, and placed under travel  
89 restrictions blocking international mission work, as if he were a  
90 terrorist, and, according to an article in *Zenit* magazine,  
91 "sentenced to six months of house arrest, five years of probation,



and a \$110,000 fine," then lost his job as a result of his sentencing; and

WHEREAS, according to an article in *The Daily Signal*, 89-year-old concentration camp survivor Eva Edl faced over a decade in prison and received three years of probation for her nonviolent protest of the same destruction of human life she saw in her youth at a communist death camp; and

WHEREAS, according to an article by the *National Catholic Register*, in yet another example of the Biden administration's abuse of power using the FACE Act, Bevelyn Beatty Williams, a 33-year-old pro-life activist, was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in prison after her protest at an abortion facility, with the judge mercilessly taking her away from her daughter, a toddler, for that child's formative years; and

WHEREAS, this long train of abuses under the FACE Act has demonstrated that the FACE Act has been weaponized and made a tool of injustice and violation of law-abiding Americans' constitutional rights, and has further demonstrated that the FACE Act has been so irrevocably tainted by the Biden administration's politicized prosecutions and is so unavoidably subject to prosecutorial abuse that United States Senator Mike Lee and Representative Chip Roy have introduced legislation to repeal the FACE Act, in support of which Senator Lee stated that "the Biden DOJ has weaponized this constitutionally suspect law against



pro-life sidewalk counselors while failing to protect pregnancy centers and churches from violent attacks"; and

WHEREAS, despite the FBI's and DOJ's blatant abuses of the FACE Act and the scandalously historic number of pardons and clemencies the Biden administration has issued, including of his own disgraced son, admitted felon Hunter Biden, whom he falsely promised he would never pardon, President Biden has provided no relief to the pro-life Americans unjustly persecuted by his administration for exercising their rights to free speech and religious liberty in opposition to abortion:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we call upon the United States Congress to forthwith pass, and President Donald J. Trump to speedily sign, legislation repealing the FACE Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon President Donald J. Trump to forthwith pardon or grant clemency to all Americans unjustly convicted under the FACE Act for exercising their constitutional rights to protest at abortion clinics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be furnished to President Donald J. Trump, Senate Majority Leader John Thune, Mississippi's U.S. Senators, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Mississippi's U.S. Representatives, the U.S. Attorney General's Office, and the members of the Capitol Press Corps.

