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Wisconsin Family Action Responds to FBI Reward for Attack on Its Office

MADISON – The FBI today announced a \$25,000 reward for "information leading to the identification, arrest, and conviction" of person(s) involved in at least 78 attacks on pro-life organizations since the leak of the *Dobbs* decision occurred last May. This announcement came shortly after a private investigation was launched by a network of pro-life organization.

In a Senate Homeland Security Committee <u>hearing</u> held on November 17, 2022, FBI Director Christopher Wray acknowledged approximately 70% of abortion-related threats of violence in the United States since the Dobbs decision have targeted pro-life groups.

Wisconsin Family Council/Action was the first attack by pro-abortion activist(s) on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022. The following Tuesday, May 11, a group called <u>Jane's Revenge took credit</u> for the fire-bombing and warned that more attacks to pro-life organizations throughout the country will occur unless their demand of "disbanding all anti-choice establishments, fake clinics and violent anti-choice groups within the next 30 days."

"Here we are 8 months and at least 78 attacks later, and still we have heard of no solid leads on suspect(s). We are grateful that <u>lawmakers</u> continue to push Homeland Security and the FBI to resolve this matter. We hope that the private investigation coupled with the FBI reward will lead to the arrest and conviction of the arsonists before any more pro-life organizations are attacked," said Julaine Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Action. "We have also issued a <u>\$5,000 reward</u> in an effort to obtain information to help close this case."

Senator Ron Johnson has sent a <u>letter</u> to US Attorney General Merrick Garland, FBI Director Christopher Wray and Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas railing against the agencies' lack of action on what Senator Johnson called "domestic terrorism" and has requested answers to his questions about these agencies plans to stop Jane's Revenge from delivering on their threats. Additionally, Wisconsin Congressmen Scott Fitzgerald, Tom Tiffany, Glenn Grothman, Bryan Steil, and Mike Gallagher co-authored a <u>letter</u> to US Attorney General Garland asking for the US Department of Justice to provide assistance with the investigation of this attack.

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