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The Hon. Jim Jordan Chairman House Judiciary Committee 2138 Rayburn House Building Washington, DC 20515 The Hon. Jamie Raskin Ranking Member House Judiciary Committee 2142 Rayburn House Building Washington, DC 20005

Dear Chairman Jordan and Ranking Member Raskin,

On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I write to express opposition to the attempted repeal of the FACE ACT, H.R. 589, as introduced by Rep. Chip Roy in January. Just last month, we saw an act of terrorism against a fertility clinic for the first time. Now is not the time for Congress to signal its enablement of this type of violence by weakening protections provided through the FACE Act.

As you are likely aware, for almost a century, ASRM has served as a leader in supporting and promoting innovative reproductive medicine research. ASRM provides evidence-based education and public health information and advocates for reproductive health care professionals and their patients.

The FACE Act, enacted in 1994 with strong bipartisan support, is designed to protect individuals seeking reproductive health services and those attending places of religious worship from violence, threats, and obstruction. For decades, it has served as a critical safeguard against

extremist intimidation and abuse. Repealing this law would send a dangerous signal: that even as the sitting president pledges to expand access to infertility care, our nation is willing to abandon protections for innocent patients seeking to build families and medical professionals at precisely the moment when those protections are most needed.

This is not a matter of partisan politics, it is a matter of public safety, civil rights, and the rule of law. The FACE Act does not privilege one set of beliefs over another. Rather, it protects individuals from violent interference as they exercise their constitutional rights—whether that means accessing health care or entering a church, mosque, or synagogue.

Proposing the repeal of the FACE Act in the immediate aftermath of a domestic attack on a medical facility is not only tone-deaf; it is dangerously irresponsible. Now more than ever, we must reaffirm our collective commitment to ensuring that no one in America faces violence or intimidation for seeking health care or practicing their faith.



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Chevis N. Shannon, DrPH, MBA, MPH, MERC Chief Education & Science Officer ASRM urges you to reject any effort to dismantle this critical law and to vocally support its continued enforcement.

Sincerely,

The

Sean Tipton Chief Advocacy and Policy Officer