

Statement of David Gunn, Jr. and Wendy Gunn

"Thirty-three years ago a cowardly anti-abortion, Christian nationalist terrorist shot our father, Dr. David Gunn, in the back three times for the audacious act of getting up and going to work. Our dad endured relentless harassment and traveled over 1000 miles a week visiting patients in three states to ensure those patients had access to safe and legal abortion care because he trusted that they, not the government or religious zealots, knew what was in their best interests. Shortly after his murder, I testified before the House in support of the FACE Act. Together, my sister Wendy and I shared our father's story as we lobbied both congressional chambers urging members to support it, traveled across the country speaking in support of it, and were present at the White House when former President Bill Clinton signed the FACE Act into law.

The FACE Act is critical to protecting doctors, clinic staff, and patients seeking reproductive services including abortion. That's why we are despondent and angered by efforts to attack the FACE Act which is simply an invitation for more violence. Our dad died to preserve access to compassionate care – but increased obstacles to this care coupled with attacks on protections for providers will result in the loss of lives. Our family knows this firsthand which is why we continue to stand with those working to ensure everyone has access to abortion and other reproductive services, and why we vehemently oppose any political attacks on the FACE Act."

- David Gunn, Jr. and Wendy Gunn, the children of Dr. David Gunn