

U.S. Sen. Johnson: Asks Biden administration why attack on pro-life office hasn't been labeled domestic terrorism

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OSHKOSH – On Friday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Christopher Wray, and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas regarding their silence on the politically-motivated attack on the Wisconsin Family Action office in Madison, Wisconsin. Jane's Revenge, a pro-abortion group, threw two Molotov cocktails into the Wisconsin Family Action office and painted “if abortions aren't safe then you aren't either” on their building. To date, President Biden has made no public remarks, and neither DOJ, FBI, nor DHS have issued a statement condemning this attack.

“I want to reemphasize that your silence on this abhorrent attack against a pro-life organization is deafening and your continued silence could be construed as a tacit endorsement of such attacks against those who hold different or opposing political beliefs from those of this Administration,” **the senator wrote.**

The senator asked, “What actions are DOJ, FBI, and DHS taking to assist state and local law enforcement regarding incidents of harassment, intimidation, and potential domestic threats against pro-life organizations?”

Read more about the letter in [The Federalist](#).

The full text of the letter can be found [here](#) and below.

May 13, 2022

The Honorable Merrick Garland

Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

The Honorable Christopher A. Wray

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas

Secretary

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Dear Attorney General Garland, Director Wray and Secretary Mayorkas:

I write to you regarding the recent politically-motivated attack on the Wisconsin Family Action office in Madison, Wisconsin. According to news reports, the attackers threw a Molotov cocktail into the Wisconsin Family Action Madison office and painted “if abortions aren’t safe then you aren’t either” on the building.[\[1\]](#) A pro-abortion group called “Jane’s Revenge” claimed responsibility for the attack, stating “This was only a warning... next time the infrastructure of the enslavers will not survive. . . Wisconsin is the first flashpoint, but we are all over the US, and we will issue no further warnings.[\[2\]](#)” However, to date, President Biden has made no public remarks, and neither the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), nor the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have issued a statement condemning this attack.

I am unfortunately compelled to write to you about this matter because DOJ has a track record of not prosecuting left-wing violence as we have seen with the summer of 2020 riots that occurred nationwide.[\[3\]](#) In 2020, extremists exploited demonstrations across the country to incite riots that resulted in the loss of life, more than 2,000 injuries to law enforcement officers, and over \$1 billion in property damage.[\[4\]](#) There are currently mobs outside of the residences of the Supreme Court Justices appointed by Presidents George W. Bush and Donald Trump. The intimidation of sitting Supreme Court Justices is a clear violation of federal law,[\[5\]](#) and, once again, DOJ, FBI, and DHS have yet to condemn these activities. Compare your silence on these events to your robust actions against parents attending public school board meetings to voice their concerns about far-left ideologies being integrated into school curriculums.[\[6\]](#)

Based on the attack on the Madison pro-life organization, Jane’s Revenge fits federal agencies’ definitions of “domestic violent extremists” and the attack as a “domestic terrorism incident.” The FBI defines a ‘domestic terrorism incident’ as an “ideologically-driven criminal act, including threats or acts of violence made to specific victims, made in furtherance of a domestic ideological goal that has occurred and can be confirmed.”[\[7\]](#) Additionally, the FBI and DHS define a ‘domestic violent extremist’ as an individual “who seeks to further their ideological goals wholly or in part through unlawful acts of force or violence.”[\[8\]](#) Attacking a pro-life organization in a manner that could have injured or killed the office’s occupants due to differing political ideologies fits these definitions. It seems,

however, that DOJ and DHS reserve those definitions for parents attending school board meetings or individuals who disagree with the policies of this Administration.[\[9\]](#)

I want to reemphasize that your silence on this abhorrent attack against a pro-life organization is deafening and your continued silence could be construed as a tacit endorsement of such attacks against those who hold different or opposing political beliefs from those of this Administration. I respectfully request the following information to learn more about your positions and actions to address this attack in light of your silence.

1. Has DHS or FBI designated the group, "Jane's Revenge," as a domestic violent extremist organization? If not, please provide your reasoning.
2. Will DOJ provide resources to identify and prosecute those responsible for the attack to the Madison Police Department?
3. What actions are DOJ, FBI, and DHS taking to assist state and local law enforcement regarding incidents of harassment, intimidation, and potential domestic threats against pro-life organizations?

Please provide this information as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2022. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,