

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 27, 2022

The Honorable Merrick B. Garland
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-001

Dear Attorney General Garland,

As you know, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is once again in the national headlines following another raid of an American citizen. This time, of Mark Houck, a father of seven, a noted Catholic, and a pro-life activist.

According to Ryan-Marie Houck, Mark Houck's wife, roughly 25 FBI agents and around 15 vehicles arrived at the Houck residence in the early morning of September 23rd and began pounding on the front door.¹ The agents allegedly stated that they were going to break into the home if the door was not opened while pointing approximately five weapons at the husband, wife, and potentially children.

Reportedly, this raid occurred in relation to an incident in which Mr. Houck allegedly pushed an abortion-rights patient escort at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Philadelphia after the patient escort harassed and invaded the personal space of Mr. Houck's 12-year-old son. There is much to learn about the extent of the FBI's operations in this case, especially since state-level assault charges were apparently dismissed by local authorities in Philadelphia.² Surely, the FBI must have an extraordinary reason for showing up at the home of an American family, allegedly with roughly 25 heavily armed federal agents, and arresting a father in front of his seven children. At the moment, it appears to be an extraordinary overreach for political ends.

We request an explanation for the excessive level of force used by the FBI in this case, and why the power of federal law enforcement was once again used against an American citizen in what should be a state and local matter. Please issue a written letter in response by Friday, September 30th, 2022.

Sincerely,



Chip Roy
Member of Congress



Steve Daines
U.S. Senator

¹ <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/252385/mark-houck-fbi-arrest-abortion-clinic>

² <https://www.foxnews.com/us/pennsylvania-pro-life-activist-arrested-fbi-charged-assaulting-clinic-escort>

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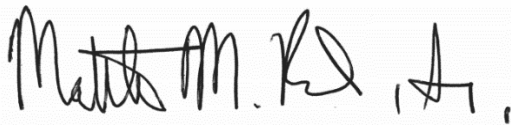
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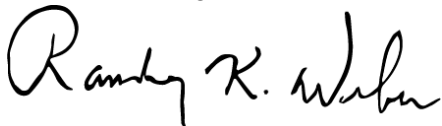
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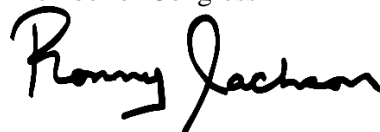
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