

## From the desk of Tom Brejcha, Founder and President...

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Dear Friend,

After the Supreme Court's *Dobbs* ruling relegated *Roe v. Wade* to the dustbin of history two years ago, the critical, pivotal questions whether, and to what extent, infants' lives deserve legal protection have been entrusted to the American people, voting state by state—or if one side may come to dominate our national politics—by vote of Congress, subject to presidential veto.

True, at some point the Supreme Court Justices may rule by majority vote in favor of “personhood”—that is, each human being qualifies from conception onward as “person” within the meaning of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, who may not lawfully be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. But that day is not here yet.

Because the vote of the people, not the vote of the Supreme Court Justices, may now decide how much (if at all!) our society values God's precious gift of human life, *it's more critical than ever that we do our utmost—as time and resources permit—to defend pro-life advocates*. They are now—perhaps as never before—under fierce and relentless attack!

We've been fighting these battles for over 25 years, ever since our founding back in 1998 (and before that for me, going back to 1986 when I volunteered as a business lawyer to help defend the great late pro-life activist leader, Joseph Scheidler, and his nationwide band of activists who were known as Pro-Life Action Network, or PLAN).

Scheidler and his alleged “co-conspirators” with PLAN (whose numbers were said to comprise up to a million fellow Americans!) faced spurious, twisted, and contrived federal antitrust, extortion, and racketeering (RICO) charges brought by the abortionists. Yet, that phony RICO case took 28 years and three trips before the U.S. Supreme Court to win!

Scheidler's case proved that our pro-life movement could no longer rely on volunteer *ad hoc* business lawyers. To meet and defeat major challenges, we needed a new public interest law firm, with broad and deep public support—armed with muscle power, stamina, and resilience.

### **New York Attorney General Letitia James has just declared Total War against Pregnancy Help Centers across the Empire State!**

Now some two generations after we scrambled to meet the challenge of the Scheidler case, I'm proud to tell you about how we've been able just now to quickly mobilize our resources to meet pro-lifers' latest crisis—yet another major challenge targeting one of our movement's most vital ministries—namely, our pro-life pregnancy support centers!

While writing this letter, we suddenly were called on to mobilize and confront an emergency threat of a major courtroom clash with the hyper-litigious New York State Attorney General, Letitia James. Fresh from her latest hyper-publicized confrontation with former president Donald Trump, Ms. James has now turned her sights on and threatened major litigation against New York’s pregnancy centers!

Without warning, Ms. James served a barrage of “Notice of Intention to Sue” letters, threatening ruinous, bankrupting, door-closing lawsuits for false commercial advertising, targeting scores of (and perhaps all) pregnancy help centers throughout the Empire State.

These formal, official, intentionally menacing “Notices of Intention to Sue” each charged that each pregnancy center had made “repeated and persistent misleading statements and omissions in the advertising of the Abortion Pill Reversal (‘APR’) protocol, including, but not limited to, statements and omissions relating to the safety and efficacy of the APR protocol.”

But Ms. James’ “Notices” cited no specific words or sentences that she deemed “misleading.” And the truth is that her charges that pregnant women were “misled” are baseless. APR is safe and effective. Scientific evidence confirms this.

Moreover, **over 5,000 babies** (and *more by the day!*) are alive today because they’ve been spared from chemical abortion, thanks to Abortion Pill Reversal.

You may recall that we’ve already been fighting in these same trenches elsewhere. In California, we’ve been defending Heartbeat International and RealOptions pregnancy centers against California Attorney General Rob Bonta’s similar effort to suppress and censor information about APR and to shut down Heartbeat’s Abortion Pill Rescue© Network.

Indeed, it’s almost as if Letitia James copied Bonta’s playbook—initiating a total war on the Empire State’s pregnancy centers as never seen before. In Illinois as well, we had to sue and enjoin Attorney General Kwame Raoul from fulfilling his threat to shut down NIFLA’s 80+ pregnancy centers there, similarly alleging that they had engaged in unspecified false advertising.

NY Attorney General James’ formal “Notices” ridiculously gave the pregnancy centers only 5 days to respond by stating reasons why they should *not* be sued. Two things were clear. Ms. James meant business, and her threat to pregnancy centers was an *existential threat*.

## **We’ve turned the tables on Letitia James, launching a preemptive strike, quickly filing a lawsuit to stop her in her tracks!**

We received waves of urgent calls for help from New York pregnancy centers, as the five-day deadline fixed by the Notices was fast approaching. So, having been retained by Heartbeat International and Compass Care, headquartered in Rochester, New York, we geared up and rose to the occasion. We beat Ms. James to the courthouse in Rochester, New York, preemptively suing Ms. James for an injunction to bar her from filing such baseless bullying lawsuits as she had threatened!

Our head litigator, Peter Breen, along with senior litigators Chris Ferrara, Joan Mannix, and Anjan Ganguly, organized a team of several of our younger, gifted ace litigators. This stellar team quickly researched, prepared, and filed a hard-hitting, sharply-edged verified complaint against Letitia James, in her official capacity—putting her on the defensive!

Our eight-count, nearly 70-page complaint, filed April 30<sup>th</sup>, takes Ms. James to task for threatening baseless, bullying lawsuits against New York’s charitable pregnancy centers. Our clients included not only Heartbeat and CompassCare, but a host of other centers from across New York State.

We charged Ms. James, among other things, with misuse of New York’s business fraud law against non-commercial charities who do not charge for their services, with violations of New York and federal constitutional guarantees of free speech and the free exercise of religion.

We are asking the Court to grant a preliminary and final injunction, barring the Attorney General from initiating any of the threatened lawsuits, and asking the court to rule that the pregnancy centers did not violate any business law.

And if Ms. James goes ahead and actually files any such lawsuit, ***we’re asking that she be held to pay damages for her baseless acts and threats to suppress our clients’ civil rights!***

Our lawsuit highlights how progesterone therapy (in other words, Abortion Pill Reversal) is a time-tested, scientifically sound method to save a pregnancy—whereas it is, in fact, the abortion pill, not its life-saving counterpart, that poses severe health risks and life-threatening complications.

We painstakingly detailed how Letitia James’ history of pro-abortion activism and deep-seated animus against pro-life views proves her threats are illegal viewpoint discrimination—especially when she gives a **free pass to abortion giants like Planned Parenthood** to *deceive women truly fraudulently* about the real life-threatening risks of the abortion pill.

## **Ms. James’ no-holds-barred attack threatens lives. *We aim to win!***

If Letitia James succeeds in moving forward with her pregnancy center persecution, not only will the existence of these pro-life ministries be threatened, so too will so many New Yorkers’ unborn babies’ lives—which could be potentially saved—once again be cast in peril.

If information about APR is censored, pregnant mothers who take the first abortion pill (mifepristone)—and immediately regret it—will have no way to save their precious babies.

In such dire, urgent circumstances, every minute and hour of delay could have fatal consequences. If New York’s pregnancy centers are handcuffed from aiding pregnant women in need, these mothers will be forced to complete an abortion they no longer want—resulting in the death of their unborn children.

*APR saves lives.* Our New York lawsuit will defend its availability for women who may take the first abortion pill but change their minds and opt to save their babies' lives. I hope to have an update for you soon, on this critical battle for life.

## **Big Tech censors Tucker Carlson's interview with Paul Vaughn**

In March, Tucker Carlson brought our client, peaceful pro-life father Paul Vaughn, and our Senior Counsel Steve Crampton, onto his internet video show to share Paul's full story—from his surprise morning arrest at gunpoint by the FBI in front of wife and children, to the Biden Department of Justice conviction carrying a potential sentence *up to 11 years in federal prison*.

Tucker's interview exposed hundreds of thousands to Paul's shocking story for the first time and attracted more than **2.5 MILLION views**. Tucker opened the interview with these words: "*Paul Vaughn the father of 11 children, had dared to pray and sing hymns in the hallway of an abortion clinic... And for doing that, he faces 11 years in prison.*"

Those words provoked the mainstream media's so-called "independent fact-checkers" to pounce on Tucker's commentary. The "fact-checkers" at USA Today slapped the entire interview with its "**FALSE**" rating. But these "fact-checkers" had a skewed test for the truth. Whatever contradicts their own favored narrative is labeled as "disinformation."

**USA Today's "fact check" relied entirely on the Biden DOJ's side of the story.** They claim that Paul was arrested and convicted, as prosecutors alleged, because he participated in a "blockade" of the Mount Juliet, Tennessee abortion mill. True, the jury convicted Paul, but their verdict was unsupported by the evidence. He did NOT block access to the abortion premises! And as we mean to prevail on appeal, the truth is that Paul did NOT violate the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act!

That Paul was convicted on charges that he violated the FACE Act is obviously true. But the "fact-checkers" simply, irresponsibly took the government's narrative as if gospel truth. *It was false!*

**Here's the truth:** Paul peacefully prayed, sang hymns, and communicated with the police that day about what was happening inside that publicly accessible building. Paul *never* blocked any entrance. Nor did he go inside the abortion mill. Indeed, this entire pro-life protest was videotaped! The 2+ hours of footage shows Paul *never* blocked any entryway!

Yet, the "fact-checkers" ignored that basic truth, and following the lead of USA Today, Big Tech giants Facebook and Instagram also slapped Tucker's video interview with a giant "**FALSE INFORMATION**" label. Therefore, you are now prevented from watching the video on their platforms—unless you click through a labyrinth of links warning you that what you're about to watch is considered "*fake news*"!

This will not deter us from proclaiming Paul's innocence from the rooftops. Nor on appeal, after his sentencing! I'll keep you posted on what happens next in our fight for Paul's freedom.

## **Biden EEOC lawyer flounders in front of federal judge**

Last month, I told you all about our federal appeal seeking to vindicate Daniel Snyder's religious liberty rights, and how we were going head-to-head with the Biden Administration's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) lawyers who were coming to St. Louis from Washington, D.C. Our young ace litigator Michael McHale argued the case for our side.

During argument, when the Biden EEOC lawyer stood up to argue against Daniel's rights to free exercise of his religious faith, U.S. Circuit Court Judge Raymond Gruender asked her point-blank: "Are you arguing for a requirement that the [religious] expression has to be *required* by the religious belief... *If so, that seems the exact opposite what your [EEOC] manual on religious discrimination says.*"

The Biden EEOC lawyer hemmed and hawed. She could not give a straight answer as to how the EEOC could justify contradicting the agency's own "Guidance on Religious Discrimination" in opposing Daniel's religious rights in the workplace.

## **Indiana's rogue public health department hides abortion data**

Last month, Indiana's pro-life Attorney General Todd Rokita went after the state's Department of Health for "colluding" with the state's public records tsar to hide abortion data.

You see, prior to December 2023, "terminated pregnancy reports" were counted as public records accessible for public release. These statistics are critical for tracking abortion in the Hoosier State and ensuring that doctors are complying with Indiana's abortion law.

But after Indiana's pro-life law went into effect, which includes very few and limited exceptions, the state's health department decided to withhold state abortion data—from everyone, including even Indiana's elected chief law enforcement officer, its Attorney General!

The Indiana health department maneuvered behind AG Rokita's back, and went to the state's public records tsar, who ruled on whim that these reports were now suddenly classified as "medical records"—covered by doctor-patient confidentiality, no longer publicly accessible.

By withholding this critical data, the health department has been severely undercutting the state's chief law enforcement official's ability to enforce Indiana's pro-life law. We're about to file suit to re-classify these records as public records to ensure that pro-life laws are enforced.

## **Biden's DOJ seeks to imprison Lauren Handy for 6½ years!**

By the time you receive this letter, we will be in Washington, D.C. for Lauren Handy's formal sentencing hearing. Biden's DOJ unjustly branded her a "violent felon" and the leader of a "criminal conspiracy" ...

Now, in its “sentencing memo,” the **Biden DOJ is officially asking the judge to lock Lauren up in a federal penitentiary for 6-and-a-half years!**

This is unconscionable as Lauren’s protest was peaceful, so we will urge leniency and then appeal! The FACE Act must be repealed or struck down as unconstitutional. Pro-life sit-ins are not amenable to regulation as “interstate commerce.” Please pray fervently for Lauren!

## **Will you be a hero for pro-lifers like Paul, Lauren & others today?**

As you know, it is expensive to mount a full-fledged counterattack against the tsunami that’s crashing down on pro-life pregnancy centers in New York, California, Illinois and elsewhere—especially when we’re going head-to-head with Big Abortion’s close political allies.

The same is true when we’re up against Biden’s taxpayer-funded DOJ, for peaceful pro-lifers like Lauren Handy and Paul Vaughn—both unjustly convicted under the FACE Act.


Losing is not an option because precious human lives are at stake. That’s why I’m counting on you for your generous support to back us in these fights. Our pro-life heroes, and the many other faithful Americans we represent, deserve the best defense possible. So please, will you help us defend these heroes, with a gift of \$100, \$250, or \$500?

I’m depending on the gifts and prayers of friends like you to help us defeat the abortion lobby and defend religious liberty in many critical cases. If the Lord has blessed you financially, could you consider sending a gift of \$1,000, 2,500, or \$5,000? Gifts in that range would be a tremendous blessing.

We also need lots of smaller gifts in the range of \$35, \$50, \$75—or whatever you can sacrifice. Thanks to your generous support, we can keep fighting to secure our clients’ freedom.

I’m also praying that one hero will step forward with a gift of \$10,000, two heroes with \$5,000, and five heroes with \$1,000. Are you one of those heroes?

Please be as generous as you can. I’ll be grateful for your sacrifice—no matter how large or how small. May God bless you and your loved ones in His own best way.

Yours faithfully,  
  
Tom Brejcha  
Founder and President  
Thomas More Society

P.S. We’re defending pro-life pregnancy centers from being shut down, and the right to reverse the abortion pill, *coast-to-coast*—at no cost to our brave clients. Please pray for our work and, if possible, send a generous gift to support our critical legal battles.