



Students for Life Action Key Vote Alert:
Vote in Favor of the FACE Act Repeal Act of 2023 H.R. 5577
November 15, 2023

Dear U.S. House of Representatives,

On behalf of our more than 1,400 student groups and more than 180,000 trained activists across the United States, I urge you to vote in favor of the *FACE Act Repeal Act of 2023 H.R. 5577* sponsored by Congressman Chip Roy (R-TX-21).

In the First Amendment, our nation's founders affirmed that freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of religion are all foundational rights, equipping citizens to peacefully engage in a free marketplace of ideas. Such liberties are under assault today. It has become a tactic of those who want a weaponized justice system, to pass laws that address not the *conduct* of people who reject peaceful exercise of their rights, but to attack the *reasons* for their actions and then to seize state and local legal cases, federalizing their prosecution. The tool for this legal abuse is the *Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act*, signed into law with much fanfare by then President Bill Clinton, who made it clear that the goal of the legislation was to single out actions that focused on abortion vendor operations. This abuse of prosecutorial pro-abortion aggression needs to come to an end.

Students for Life Action, the nation's largest, grassroots, youth-vote organizer, with more than 1,400 groups in all 50 states, relies on peaceful pro-life speech in public places as central to our expressions of love and support for preborn children and their mothers. SFLAction calls for repeal of the *FACE Act* because of the way a weaponized Justice System engages in viewpoint discrimination in their attempt to silence pro-life free speech.

To argue that *The FACE Act* was meant to “protect” both pro-life and pro-abortion protestors is to ignore the entire history of the law. [As seen on C-Span](#), when then President Bill Clinton signed *The FACE Act* into law, he was joined by then Vice President Al Gore, then Attorney General Jane Reno, and even David and Wendy Gunn, the children of Dr. David Gunn, an abortionist who [was shot by an anti-abortion activist](#). The remarks for media, leading up to the fanfare of the bill signing centered around amping up the law to support those “who provide abortion services.” [And the media was in full support.](#)

Peaceful speech *IS* important. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. [once said](#), “We adopt the means of nonviolence because our end is a community at peace with itself.”

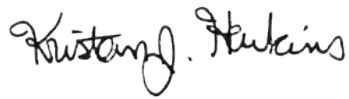
The crimes of murder, arson, theft, vandalism, and assault should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law because those actions must be condemned and addressed. But a crime is not “worse” because of the reasons for it, especially for the victims. However, *The FACE Act* has become a

tool for aggressive pro-abortion partisans to take cases of alleged crimes, federalize them, and add the full weight of the government's support for abortion to the ire against individuals.

Please join SFLAction and the pro-life community nationwide by voting to repeal *The FACE Act* as it criminalizes the reasons for conduct and add your voice to calls for end to the viewpoint discrimination and targeted prosecution by the current Department of Justice that ignores crimes against pro-life Americans.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Savanna Deretich, who is our Government Affairs Coordinator. You may email Savanna Deretich at sderetich@studentsforlifeaction.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristan Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristan Hawkins
President
Students for Life of America and Students for Life Action