

JOSH STEIN
ATTORNEY GENERAL



August 17, 2022

The Honorable Thomas Tillis
The Honorable Ted Budd
The Honorable Richard Hudson
The Honorable Gregory F. Murphy, M.D.,
The Honorable Dan Bishop
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3605

Dear Senator Tillis and Representatives Budd, Hudson, Murphy, and Bishop,

I received your letter of July 29, 2022. As our state's Attorney General, my top priority is to protect the people of North Carolina. That includes protecting them from violence, combatting the opioid epidemic, protecting kids from sexual abuse, delivering justice for survivors of sexual assault by testing old rape kits, and protecting people's freedoms, including women's reproductive freedoms, and more. I welcome federal support and partnership on these all-too-real issues that impact North Carolinians daily lives.

If you are aware of anyone engaging in violence against people exercising their rights, whether at a pregnancy crisis center or an abortion clinic, I urge you to notify local law enforcement and district attorneys would have authority over any criminal charges related to public safety. Of course, any North Carolinian who fears for their safety should contact local law enforcement immediately.

I believe that all North Carolinians, no matter their political views, should feel safe in the communities they call home, and I will continue to do everything in my power to protect the people of this state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Josh Stein'.

Josh Stein
Attorney General
North Carolina