

**From:** "Iverson, Dena (PAO)" <(b) (6)>

**To:** "Miller, Marshall (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

**Cc:** "Gaston, Molly (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

**Subject:** FBI Buffalo

**Date:** Tue, 1 Nov 2022 21:12:38 +0000

**Importance:** Normal

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Marshall,

Following up on our conversation about FBI Buffalo's plans – On Thursday, they plan to hold a press conference asking for assistance related to one of their pregnancy resource center cases. The SAC will be delivering remarks and will announce that they are seeking information about the two people who threw a Molotov cocktail at the CompassCare Pregnancy Services Center in Amherst, NY on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. FBI flagged this for us and CRT has signed off on this approach, per FBI the USAO is aware but won't likely attend, and Amherst Police pulled out following news that the victim (CompassCare) is suing Amherst PD. This matter is apparently being worked by both the criminal and DT squad. I think this is good for them to do, but let me know if you have any flags.

Ccing Molly for awareness as it's a criminal CRT matter.

Dena

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**From:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (NSD)" (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

**To:** "Benedict, Margot (ODAG)" (b)(6)

**Subject:** DT Unit questions

**Date:** Mon, 19 Sep 2022 14:17:10 +0000

**Importance:** Normal

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Response from Matt Blue below—DT Unit is very involved in the WI matters, less so in Buffalo:

- The DT Unit stood up about a week after the Buffalo shooting. However, CTS initially responded to the shooting by looping in FBI and CRT. CRT ultimately took the lead. CTS has consulted with CRT, when needed.
- On the pro-life facilities, yes, our DT Unit is very involved in those investigations.

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Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General  
National Security Division

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**From:** "Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA)" <(b) (6)>

**To:** "Calce, Christina M. (OLA)" <(b) (6)>, "Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Benedict, Margot (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

**Subject:** FW: Letters for clearance

**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2022 21:22:28 +0000

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** 2022-091151\_FBI\_Draft\_Response\_-\_Grassley\_Portman\_CRM\_Comments.docx; Fitzgerald\_-\_OLA\_Draft\_-\_2022.05.10\_Letter\_CRM.docx; SID\_2022-092046\_-\_FBI\_Draft\_-\_House\_Members\_CRM\_Comments.docx

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In light of some of the back and forth on this, I thought it might be useful to see CRM's comments and concerns.

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**From:** Argentieri, Nicole M. (CRM) <(b) (6)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 12:59 PM

**To:** Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA) <(b) (6)>

**Cc:** Askar, Dahoud (CRM) <(b) (6)>

**Subject:** RE: Letters for clearance

Hi Josh,

Attached is a comment about (b)(5)

Please let us know.

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**From:** Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA) <(b) (6)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 3:24 PM

**To:** Argentieri, Nicole M. (CRM) <(b) (6)>

**Subject:** Letters for clearance

Hi Nicole:

I don't think we've met before. My name is Josh Gardner, and I am serving as the acting chief of staff at OLA.

We would like to get the attached draft responses cleared to send. ODAG wanted to make sure that CRIM had an opportunity to review. Could you please let me know if CRIM has any concerns with these letters?

And I hate to ask, but do you think it would be possible to let me know by Monday? I really appreciate it.

Josh

**From:** "Newman, David A. (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>  
**To:** "Benedict, Margot (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** "Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: FBI draft responses to three letters  
**Date:** Fri, 22 Jul 2022 17:48:40 +0000

**Importance:** Normal

**Attachments:** 2022-05-11-IN- FBI- Fitzgerald\_et\_al\_-\_WI\_Family\_Action\_Arson.\_Roe\_-\_ECATS-2022-079785.pdf; 2022-091151\_FBI\_Draft\_Response\_-\_Grassley\_Portman\_CRM\_Comments\_(vz\_2).docx; Fitzgerald\_-\_OLA\_Draft\_-\_2022.05.10\_Letter\_CRM\_(vz\_2).docx; SID\_2022-091151\_-\_Incoming\_-\_AG\_Garland\_from\_Senators\_Charles\_Grassley\_and\_Rob\_Portman.pdf; SID\_2022-092046\_-\_FBI\_Draft\_-\_House\_Members\_(vz\_2).docx; SID\_2022-092046\_-\_Incoming\_-\_AG\_Garland\_from\_Rep.\_Ted\_Budd\_and\_Others.pdf

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Apologies. I sent this yesterday, but it was stuck in my outbox:

*These are ok from my standpoint. It would be also accurate to say that (b) (5) . And it strikes me that we may benefit from saying that (b) (5)*

On Jul 21, 2022, at 6:31 PM, Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

David: Meant to flag earlier—can you take a look at these? OLA wants to get out asap.

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**From:** Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2022 2:15 PM  
**To:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** FW: FBI draft responses to three letters

David – can you try and review today or tomorrow? Thanks.

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**From:** Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2022 7:15 PM  
**To:** Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FBI draft responses to three letters

Emily/David:

Attached are versions of the FBI responses incorporating any feedback received from CRM/CRT/NSD (b)(5)

Josh

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**From:** Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:55 PM  
**To:** Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA) <(b) (6)>; Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Calce, Christina M. (OLA) <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE: FBI draft responses to three letters

Yes please. Thanks.

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**From:** Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:50 PM  
**To:** Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) (b) (6); Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: FBI draft responses to three letters

I believe the three responses are slightly different given the slightly different letters. Sorry if my message was unclear. Peter will be signing, but the content is from the FBI. Happy to send to NSD, CRT, or CRM. Did you want me to do it before you reviewed?

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**From:** Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022 2:47 PM  
**To:** Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA) (b) (6); Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) (b) (6); Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: FBI draft responses to three letters

Josh – before I print out to compare each of these, are they all the same responses or are they three different ones (if you know)? Also these are from Peter, correct, not FBI? Lastly, it seems like NSD, CRT or CRM may also need to review given their equities.

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**From:** Gardner, Joshua E. (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2022 1:53 PM  
**To:** Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Benedict, Margot (ODAG) (b) (6); Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FBI draft responses to three letters

Emily/Margot/David:

Attached for ODAG's review are the FBI's draft responses to three abortion-related letters. These were drafted by the FBI and reviewed by OLA. Please let us know if you have any concerns with these responses. Thank you!

Josh

**From:** "Miller, Marshall (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>  
**To:** "Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)" <(b) (6)>, "Newman, David A. (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** "Carlin, John P. (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Iverson, Dena (PAO)" <(b) (6)>

**Subject:** RE:

**Date:** Thu, 16 Jun 2022 23:18:20 +0000

**Importance:** Normal

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OK, thanks

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 7:17 PM  
**To:** Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Carlin, John P. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Iverson, Dena (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** RE:

I also pointed out (b) (5)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Miller, Marshall (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 6:31 PM  
**To:** Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Carlin, John P. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <(b) (6)>; Iverson, Dena (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re:

I also don't think (b) (5). I don't think (b) (5).

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 16, 2022, at 6:29 PM, Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

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> Why (b) (5)

>> On Jun 16, 2022, at 6:22 PM, Carlin, John P. (ODAG) <(b) (6)> wrote:

>> Looping Marshall

>>>> On Jun 16, 2022, at 4:44 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <(b) (6)> wrote:

>>> Here is what FBI leadership approved, (b) (5) I think it will work. Need to get this out by 5 p.m. if possible, so let me know now if any concerns.

>>> Statement on the Record: "The FBI is investigating a series of attacks and threats targeting pregnancy resource centers and faith-based organizations across the country. The FBI takes all threats seriously and we continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners and will remain vigilant to protect our communities. We would like to remind members of the public that if they observe anything suspicious or have information about potential threats to report it to law enforcement immediately, call their local FBI field office, or submit a tip to tips.fbi.gov."

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>>> Background: Some of the incidents are being investigated as potential acts of domestic violent extremism, but depending on the facts of each case, may also be investigated as FACE Act violations, and/or violent crime matters.

>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Carlin, John P. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
>>> Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 2:05 PM  
>>> To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
>>> Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) <(b) (6)>; Newman, David A. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
>>> Subject: Re:

>>> Adding Newman who can follow up.

>>>> On Jun 16, 2022, at 2:03 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <(b) (6)> wrote:

>>>> Here's FBI response and revised statement:

>>>> Or Counterterrorism Division agreed to (b) (5)

>>>> Here is the updated quote:

>>>> "The FBI is investigating a series of attacks and threats targeting pregnancy resource centers and faith-based organizations across the country. The FBI takes all threats seriously and we continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners and will remain vigilant to protect our communities. We would like to remind members of the public that if they observe anything suspicious or have information about potential threats to report it to law enforcement immediately, call their local FBI field office, or submit a tip to tips.fbi.gov."

>>>> Let us know if it works for you.

>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>> From: Iverson, Dena (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
>>>> Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 2:02 PM  
>>>> To: Carlin, John P. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
>>>> Subject: RE:

>>>> Looping Wyn who was in direct discussions about updating the statement. We have both been in a meeting with JMD But I believe we just got an update over email.

>>>> Dena Iverson  
>>>> Principal Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs U.S. Department of Justice  
>>>> (b) (6) - Office  
>>>> (b) (6) - Cell  
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>>>> -----Original Message-----

>>>> From: Carlin, John P. (ODAG) <(b) (6)>  
>>>> Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 1:56 PM  
>>>> To: Iverson, Dena (PAO) <(b) (6)>  
>>>> Subject:

>>>> Is there a new draft of the FBI statement on their investigations of the violent acts we discussed this morning? If any issues, give me a call. Thanks!



**From:** "Iverson, Dena (PAO)" <(b) (6)>  
**To:** "Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)" <(b) (6)>, "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" <(b) (6)>, "Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Carlin, John P. (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Gupta, Vanita (OASG)" <(b) (6)>, "Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)" <(b) (6)>, "Henthorne, Betsy (OASG)" <(b) (6)>, "Hyun, Peter (OLA)" <(b) (6)>, "Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)" <(b) (6)>, "Schedule, DAG (SMO)" <(b) (6)>, "Toomey, Kathleen (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Visser, Tim (OAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Reich, Mitchell (OAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Dickerson, Julie (OAG)" <(b) (6)>, "Miller, Marshall (ODAG)" <(b) (6)>

**Subject:** OPA Nightly Look Ahead June 16, 2022

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**OPA Nightly Look Ahead  
June 16, 2022**

*Stories of Note:*

- Inquiries on DOJ investigation into targeting of pregnancy resource centers and pro-life organizations**  
Several national media outlets asked whether DOJ would investigate recent threats and attacks targeting pregnancy resource centers and pro-life organizations. The FBI provided the following statement: "The FBI is investigating a series of attacks and threats targeting pregnancy resource centers and faith-based organizations across the country. The FBI takes all threats seriously and we continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners and will remain vigilant to protect our communities. We would like to remind members of the public that if they observe anything suspicious or have information about potential threats to report it to law enforcement immediately, call their local FBI field office, or submit a tip to [tips.fbi.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov)." They also provided the following on background: The incidents are being investigated as potential acts of domestic violent extremism, FACE Act violations, and/or violent crime matters, depending on the facts of each case. (Hornbuckle)

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