

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 20, 2022

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

Dear Attorney General Garland:

The right to petition the government enshrined in our nation's founding documents is so steeped in history that it can be traced back to the Magna Carta. In this country, never has this right been limited based on the political and social views of an individual or organization petitioning their representatives on issues important to them. However, it appears the current Administration and individuals inside the Department of Justice (DOJ) seem to believe this right does not exist for those with opposing beliefs. Direct evidence of this is your overreaching subpoena to Eagle Forum of Alabama seeking documents related to advocacy on the Alabama Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act.

The first amendment has long been a symbol of freedom, with individuals and organizations across the political spectrum using the right to petition to advocate for changes in public policy. Eagle Forum of Alabama has those same rights. However, through the DOJ's subpoena you are seeking to limit those rights, by either intimidating Eagle Forum of Alabama from advocacy, or bankrupting or delaying the organization from doing additional good work through a burdensome document request. Not only does this subpoena appear to be a form of political harassment, but it also appears to be arbitrary and capricious. It's beyond the bounds of the Department's legal authority and unreasonable in time, scope, and manner.

Constitutional protections cannot be eroded based on who occupies the White House or the political views of their appointees. I request that you demonstrate your actions are not arbitrary, capricious, and politically motivated by providing the following:

- Evidence you have issued subpoenas to liberal organizations advocating for issues like abortion on demand, limiting parental rights, and support of drug legalization.
- A list of all subpoenas issued to third party organizations not involved in the underlying case.
- The reasoning for this subpoena being served to Eagle Forum of Alabama.
- Clearly explain the constitutional authority you believe you possess to intimidate and harass individuals and organizations exercising their first amendment rights.

Eagle Forum of Alabama is an outstanding organization engaged in the fight to preserve freedom and represents the views of concerned citizens across Alabama.

Please provide your response to this request no later than September 30, 2022, and please provide all documents in an electronic and searchable format. If you have questions, please contact William Smith, Chief of Staff for Rep. Gary Palmer (AL-06), at (202) 225-4921.

Sincerely,



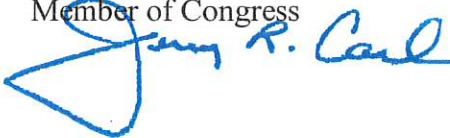
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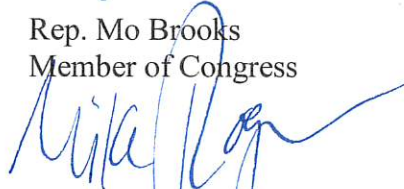
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