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Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Arson attack on CompassCare

Dear Governor Hochul:

As I hope you are aware, earlier this week a pro-life women's medical office in Amherst - CompassCare - was firebombed by violent extremists. As a fellow Western New Yorker, I hope you share my outrage at this unprovoked act of violence against a peaceful, non-profit pregnancy center.

I am deeply concerned by reports that indicate the State Police have not been directed to investigate this incident. Failing to do so would send an unacceptable message that not all women are to be protected when seeking medical services.

It is clear from this recent attack that pro-life women's medical offices are in desperate need of additional security, yet they will not be afforded the same resources and protection as their pro-abortion counterparts. As the Governor of all New Yorkers, I hope you will express the same outrage and urgency over any attacks on women's health facilities. Continued inaction would seem to suggest that politics has been shamefully inserted where it simply does not belong.

I request your administration immediately direct the State Police to help local and federal officials investigate this heinous crime while also allocating money and resources to ensure pro-life women's medical offices have the same security as other advocacy centers.

Sincerely,

Senator Rob G. Ortt