

July 26, 2022

The Honorable Jason S. Miyares Attorney General of Virginia 202 North Ninth Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Attorney General Miyares,

Thank you for your service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I write on behalf of National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) to express our appreciation for your leadership on a multistate letter from state Attorneys General to Mr. Sundar Pichai of Google, dated July 21, 2022: "Re: Google Must Not Discriminate Against Crisis Pregnancy Centers."

NRB is a non-profit, professional association, headquartered in Washington, D.C., that represents the interests of Christian broadcasters and faith-based organizations throughout the nation. Since 1944, the mission of NRB has been to help protect and defend the rights of Christian media and to ensure that the channels of electronic communication stay open and accessible for Christian communicators. In addition, NRB seeks to effectively minister to the spiritual welfare of the United States of America.

Pregnancy resource centers have been in the crosshairs of violent activist groups since the May leak of the draft Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs* v. *Jackson*. Rather than denounce the uncivil treatment of charitable groups, proabortion lawmakers have recently petitioned Google to censor and negatively label information about the services these centers provide.

We could not agree more strongly with your statement that "No American should be silenced because of his or her religious beliefs, especially in order to magnify the message of adherents of other beliefs on the same subject." Further, your letter outlined specific and actionable steps that you would take to investigate potential violations of state law should Google yield to political pressure in this matter. As advocates for the First Amendment freedoms of all Americans, and Christian communicators in particular, we applaud your response to this threat to free speech and potential antitrust violation, which you identified as "the deployment of monopoly power to suppress the expression of a particular idea, done at the behest of government actors."

We remain attentive to this issue, and we are prepared to support and amplify your efforts to uphold "viewpoint diversity, free expression, and the freedom of religion for all Americans, and [make] sure that our markets are free in fact, not merely in theory."

Thank you for your service to your state and your strong leadership in this matter.

Sincerely,

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