

## **URGENT: Restoring Parents Targeted by the Weaponized Federal Government**

### Problem

Parents across the nation were \*targeted following a September 29, 2021 letter sent by the National School Board Association to Merrick Garland and Joe Biden. Garland responded with the now infamous October 4 memo devoting federal resources under the Patriot Act and a terrorist threat tag to pursue concerned parents as so-called domestic terrorists.

[The Interim Staff Report of the House Committee on the Judiciary and the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government](#), March 21, 2023, informs the public on “the Biden Administration’s use of federal law-enforcement and counterterrorism resources against parents voicing concerns about controversial curricula and education-related policies at local school board meetings.”

This unconscionable abuse of families is an egregious violation of constitutional rights that must be prioritized and resolved by the Trump Administration.

### Summary

American families have suffered unlawful arrest—of parents and children—for exercising their First Amendment rights, and for seeking answers to questions deeply affecting their children’s education, religious freedom, as well as mental and physical health. A number of parents were denied reasonable answers from taxpayer-supported administrators, and then “trespassed” and arrested as a means of bypassing due accountability to citizens.

### Solution

Immediate action should be taken to provide assistance and restitution to those families harmed by this weaponization. We recommend the following actions be taken:

1. Formal written apology from the Federal government; pressure on collaborating states and cities that carried out Garland’s objectives.
2. Compensation for legal defense fees, lost wages, economic damages incurred by victims.
3. Full pardon and record expungement, including by collaborating states and cities.
4. Pressure on the Media and Search Engines to retract defamatory content.

*“On behalf of families across the nation, we are seeking redress of grievances, accountability, formal apology, and restitution for actions 14 state attorneys general called a ‘massive fraud’ against the American people.” -Kelly John Walker, Coalition Leader*

*“It has come to light, through diligent investigation by Chairman Jim Jordan and the House Judiciary Committee, that the Biden Administration has used the instruments of federal power and combating terrorism as a sword against our citizens who dare to voice concerns at school board meetings. It’s unconscionable. Whistleblowers have revealed that the FBI has gone so far as to tag these parents as potential threats. Let me be clear: being a concerned parent is not a crime, and speaking up for your child’s future is not an act of terrorism. It is time to reign in federal bureaucracy and prevent the far Left from continuing to target people of faith, conscience, and conservative principles.” Rep. Andy Ogles (TN)*

\*Meticulous research traces the origin of this weaponization to the Vail, Arizona School District, under the supervision of Superintendent John Carruth, beginning in September of 2021. The demonization of concerned parents was a deliberate attempt to politicize the issue and distract attention away from youth suicide and mental health crisis linked to lockdown policies. School districts continued to enforce disastrous policies to avoid jeopardizing millions of dollars in CDC funding.

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