

Southeastern Legal Foundation Files Supreme Court Amicus Brief Protecting Donor Information from Leftist Attacks

[August 28, 2025] Southeastern Legal Foundation (SLF) joined a coalition of organizations in filing an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court in support of a pro-life group, First Choice Women's Resource Center. After SLF and amici urged the Supreme Court to take up the case to stop New Jersey Attorney General Platkin from forcing the pregnancy center to disclose sensitive information about its practices and donors, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case.

SLF argues that AG Platkin's demands are merely an intimidation tactic to undermine the operations of the pro-life center while violating its First Amendment rights. The Supreme Court has long protected the right to anonymously donate to a cause or organization. But if AG Platkin has his way and forces the center to reveal the identity of its donors, those donors will be deterred from giving to the center.

This intimidation attempt is not surprising: it is directly on par with AG Platkin's "record of pro- abortion and anti-pro-life pregnancy center advocacy while in office[.]" Permitting such overreaches by the New Jersey Attorney General means ". . . the guarantees of the Constitution will be reduced to little more than 'parchment barriers." AG Platkin's actions violate the First Amendment protections and "will chill the speech and associational rights" of First Choice's donors.

Rather than complying with his duty to address crime within his state, SLF and amici argue, "Mr. Platkin sought to undermine political diversity by squeezing organizations that advocate views and provide services with which he disagrees." This is "antithetical to the First Amendment's protections of association and speech," and no state official should be able to use their law enforcement power to target organizations whose views they dislike.

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