Dear EU Leaders,

We are Europeans who have lived, and suffered, under the far right.

We're mothers who could lose the right to **parent our child together** overnight.
We're **LGBTQ people** who've lived near **'LGBT-Free' zones**, and feared for our futures.
We're **the family** of the woman who **died under strict abortion laws**, leaving behind a small child who can only visit her mother's grave.
We're **a transgender person** who's been denied the right to **legal gender recognition**.
We're **an editor** who's lost jobs **fighting for free speech.**

We know there are big questions right now about the future of Europe.

But we're here to tell you: **far-right parties do not have the answers**, only scapegoats.

They offer no solutions to the problems we have. Not on housing; not on decent work; not on climate change; not on wars. **Normalising the far right threatens our families, our freedoms, and our values**.

It means **women dying** because of cruel restrictions on abortion. It means brutal, conspiratorial **attacks on the free press and rule of law,** without which democracy cannot survive. It means **families ripped apart**.

Please, **don't do any deals with those who threaten the freedoms and values we all hold dear**. We're ordinary people who want to live our lives and love our families. But every day is a fight, because of the far right. Make sure no one else falls victim to them - stand up for all Europeans.

Yours,

Survivors of the Far Right

Signed by:

Barbara Skrobol (Poland) *- the sister-in-law of Izabela Sajbor, believed to be the first known victim of the de-facto abortion ban in Poland, brought in under the far-right Law and Justice (PiS) government.*

Bart Staszewski (Poland) *- a leading Polish LGBT activist and filmmaker, who faced targeted hate attacks from politicians, media, and the courts in Poland, under Law and Justice.*

Laura Magnarin and Vanessa Santamaria (Italy) *- two of the Italian lesbian mothers who had the birth certificate of their child contested (so that Vanessa, as the non-birthing parent would have her name removed and lose her parental rights), following an order by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's government that city councils stop registering same-sex parents' children.*

Boldizsár Nagy (Hungary) *- an editor whose children's book was torn apart by the far-right and labelled "homosexual propaganda" by Prime Minister Orbán's government, sparking an international debate on the crackdown of freedom of expression in Hungary.*

Mónika Magasházi (Hungary) *- a trans woman who has not been able to change her gender identity as a result of Hungary's far-right government introducing a new law that ends the legal recognition of trans people.*