

The Honorable Timothy Ginter

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Honorable Chairman Ginter and Committee Members,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to take a few minutes of your time and express my support of HB 36. The wording of the Bill is refreshingly simple but profoundly important. These recent years have seen multiple decisions delivered by our judicial system against the freedoms of certain peoples of this great country. This Bill is not a new proposal but a redundancy of our Bill of Rights in the Constitution of The United States of America. It would seem unnecessary to draft a proposal as such but there is an apparent and obvious agenda targeting our religious liberties that when given space, does not afford the same liberties it demands. By not making such provisions, you guarantee the discrimination and persecution of a body of people who will be left without the legal protection afforded to a free people.

We pray for you. The Word of God says we should pray for all men, "for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." We have been instructed by the same Word to be "subject" unto our government, that the rulers are the minister of God to us for good. Is it unreasonable to expect that we be protected by this body of government? It is not! It is our earnest desire to remain compliant to the laws that govern our country while we continue to obey those of our God. If forced to choose between, we will always obey God rather than man.

If our government imposes or enacts laws contrary to God's Word and enforces subjection to the same, the Churches in Christ Jesus will flourish still. We may lose our money, properties, and even be imprisoned, but we will retain His Blessing by His Promise. As for the government in such a case, history proves otherwise. It is our God given mandate to preach peace by Jesus Christ to the world. It is our sincere hope to do this within the liberties of a free nation whom we serve with hard work, love, integrity, diligence, and hope for securing blessings for generations to come.

God Bless America!

French statesman and historian Alexis de Tocqueville wrote:

“I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her harbors...; in her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her public school systems and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic congress and in her matchless constitution.

Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power...”

This is one man’s observation, but it is the experience of multiplied millions. Protect our Pulpits!

Again, God Bless America!

Now, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.
Amen.

Respectfully,

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