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LBC CHURCH RE: HB 286

Nehemiah 2:18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me...And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good

work.

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Linden Orr, Pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church. I would first like to thank you for the opportunity to lend my voice to this important piece of legislation proposed by Nino Vitale and the other co-sponsors.

I am deeply concerned for the sake of the Christian church as a whole, and for our small congregation at Lighthouse. The reason for this concern is the very reason a bill such as this is necessary. Our religious liberty, which is the one of the cornerstones of American culture, is receding into the rising subculture of the homosexual movement, and the Christian voice, whose census numbers are still high, are set to be pushed underground. This bill is but a "clear articulation" of the protections that appear to be afforded to pastors and churches already, and does not attempt to change the legal climate, pro or con, that currently exists on these issues.

I, on behalf of the congregation of Lighthouse Baptist Church, ask strongly that you would vote to pass HB286, and protect pastors and churches in Ohio.

Warm regards,

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