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The Honorable Timothy Ginter
Community and Family Advancement Committee
77 S. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Ginter:

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for HB 36, the Ohio Pastor Protection Act. Our congregation and I hold to the Biblical view that for a marriage to be recognized by God it must be a union between one man and one woman. We view this as a positive belief, rather than a negative one, for the blessing of God brings with it great benefit for an entire society. This is not our only position on marriage, but certainly a foundation of what constitutes a scriptural marriage union.

We believe the Ohio Pastor Protection Act can:

- Encourage churches and pastors to serve our communities more freely and emphasize those blessings of faith and trust in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
- Protect churches from a small number of activists in our society whose sole aim is to repudiate our beliefs.
- Alleviate a state of unrest and grave concern in our congregations for their continued existence.
- Be a helpful tool to the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Ohio to bolster and enhance the protections they provide.
- Prevent unduly burdening an already-overworked court system.
- Permit churches to invest their limited manpower, focus and resources back into their community instead of squandering them in civil lawsuits.

We applaud the efforts of Representative Vitale as well as the other sponsors of HB 36 which will restore confidence to exercise our legal rights in the face of an ever-litigious society.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel L. Wolvin".

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