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The Honorable Timothy Ginter  
77 S. High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

### **Statement for Support of the Pastor's Protection Act**

Our nation has an illustrious history of reverence for the Bible and its teachings. President Andrew Jackson said of the Bible, "It is the rock on which our Republic rests." While the Bible has provided a firm foundation for our country, it is her pastors who have given the Bible its public voice.

According to the First Amendment of the Constitution, we, as citizens are guaranteed freedom of speech, freedom of press and freedom of religion. As pastors and proponents of this bill we desire to openly speak from God's Word and act in accordance to it. The Bible clearly reveals from its earliest pages that God designed marriage to be between one man and one woman. Those called by God to teach and preach His Word must be able to teach and preach what it says, not what current culture wants to hear. This is our life's calling.

Therefore, I request that you allow this bill to pass out of committee and to the floor of the state house for a full vote. I request that you do your part to allow us to practice our faith freely and openly without the threat of lawsuit or intimidation

Sincerely,

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