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Thank you for the opportunity to share my reasons for supporting HB36. The United States Constitution gives we Americans the freedom of religion. Even when Jesus was on Earth, He allowed people to choose to believe or not. Myself and other Independent Baptist pastors and churches believe God's word, which states that homosexuality as well as other sexual perversions are a sin against God. However, we have no right to force our beliefs on others to make them conform to our beliefs and doctrine. Likewise, the LGBTQ group does not have the right to force people to conform to their beliefs. It has become evident through the many lawsuits against Christian businesses and organizations, that the LGBTQ group expects everyone to agree with their beliefs or else !!! If we truly have religious freedom, then Christians shouldn't be under attack like this. Why wouldn't a Gay couple go find another business that supports the gay life style and give them their business instead of demanding someone to serve them who opposes their way of life? There are many other businesses that will gladly accept their money. My fear is that this will not end with businesses. Those same Christian business owners are church members and the LGBTQ people hate that we don't accept their lifestyle so they will not stop at the church doors! Many Americans as well as the Christian business owners were shocked to find they had no rights in the eyes of Judges concerning their beliefs. The owners were to bow to the LGBTQ commands or lose their livelihood fighting lawsuits in the courts. I'm sorry but I can no longer trust that a Judge will hold my Constitutional religious rights as a Pastor and the church. Please secure our religious freedoms in America by passing HB36.

Thank You,

