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Attention:

Ohio House of Representatives Community and Family Advancement Committee;

I am writing in support of the Ohio Pastor Protection Act and urge you to pass this bill immediately.

The vicious attacks against this bill show us exactly why it is necessary to reaffirm the civil rights of pastors, churches and congregations. Although the opponents suggest that this bill is unnecessary due to already existing protections, the vigor with which they oppose demonstrates that they intend to tear down this wall of separation between church and state.

The debate is not over the morality of same sex marriage or the legitimacy of such unions. The controversy is over the freedom of conscience. Is it lawful to oppose homosexual activity? Is it lawful to live by the Scriptures? Is it lawful to obey God? Or do homosexual activists have the legal authority to impose their

The bullying must stop! The more frequently politicians cave in to the aggressive tactics of this militant lobbying group, the more they are encouraged to pursue their assault against civil rights. They are a small but vocal minority that must not be catered to. The freedom of conscience embedded in our religious liberties must be preserved.

If advocates of sex marriage want to be treated with respect and dignity they should begin to act with respect and dignity. Until the LGBT proponents can learn the difference between intimidating and advocating for their cause, I would urge the Ohio House of Representatives to pass any and all legislation possible to affirm Article 1; Section Seven of the Ohio Constitution and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, including but not limited to the Ohio Pastors Protection Act.

Respectfully Submitted,

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