

# GR Grand River Baptist

The Honorable Kevin Bacon  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

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Dear Chairman Bacon, Vice Chair Dolan and honorable elected senators,

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to earnestly defend the need for HB 36 in our Great State. Woodrow Wilson said *"A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do"*. With that thought in mind I would like to take a moment to remember where we have come from and who we are.

- Of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, 96% (or 54) of them were fundamental, Biblical Christians, and 43% (or 24) of them held bible school or seminary degrees.
- Of the fifty-five delegates to ratify the United States Constitution 80% (or 44) of them were ministers of the gospel, and 95% (or 52) of them were members of Biblical Christian Churches.
- In 1860, 91% of our 288 nations colleges, had college presidents that were also ministers of the Gospel.
- In 1890 a survey conducted of state universities found that 90% of our universities had daily chapel services, 50% of those universities made those service mandatory and 25% of them required church attendance in addition to those chapel services.

That is something to remember.

In George Washington's final address of 1796 he stated: *"of all the habits and dispositions which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."* That truth hasn't changed. And as elected officials, society has entrusted you to uphold our first amendment, and to remember where we've come from as you look to new legislation. The necessity of this bill is surprising, but necessary still. You moving forward on this, will undergird our society's first freedom once again, and model for the other United States our firm stand on that freedom. Your support is a simple acknowledgement, a reminder to the world of where we've come from, and where we are continuing to go. Your acknowledgement, will indeed protect those indispensable supports George Washington spoke of, preventing good Bible teaching and preaching churches from being litigated out of existence.

Sincerely,



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