

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

Chairman Ginter and Esteemed Committee Members,

Thank you for your time and consideration of the critical matter. I have the honor of pastoring the First Baptist Church of New Richmond Ohio, a church that was founded in 1819 and thrives today, which is one of the oldest churches in our state. Our church is located along the Ohio River near Cincinnati and has a rich history of being engaged with the Underground Railroad, conducting slaves along and protecting them so they could enjoy the blessings of freedom that are endowed to us by the Creator.

At this time in our history however we are in need of your help to protect and defend our freedom. Our convictions about marriage are not debatable or simple matters of preference. The conviction that marriage is sacred between a man and a woman are foundational to our identity and Bible believing Christians. Please ensure that we cannot be sued or prosecuted for practicing our sincerely held convictions that are unchangeable.

I am grateful for your prudence.

Pastor Chet Sweet

First Baptist Church of New Richmond