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The Ohio Senate

RE: The Pastors and Churches Protection Act

Dear Members of the Ohio Senate:

Freedom to minister to our congregations and our community has been a founding principle for pastors in the United Stated since the Days of our Colonies. That freedom is under assault this day because of outside influence and flawed conceptions. The Ohio Senate has an opportunity to protect our churches and its pastors from frivolous lawsuits and ridiculous protests from special interests groups. I, along with our colleagues in the Ashland County Ministerial Association (ashlandcma.org) plead with you to push forward this piece of legislation. We want nothing from the State of Ohio or the Ohio Legislature other than to continue to practice our faith the way we believe God has called to and how we have done it for generations.

Thank you for giving your time and attention to this principle of religious liberty. Pastors and our congregants thank you from across the state.

Praying for you,

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