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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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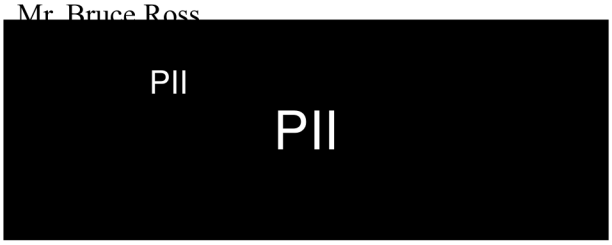
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Betsy Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Louis Arceneaux <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Dr. Mike Hall

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Dina Willner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Thomas Slone <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mrs. JoAnn McFarland

[redacted]

**From:** Corinne Brown <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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The right of conscience shall not be abridged.

Sincerely,
Dr. Robert Glorioso
PII PII

**From:** Laurel Hughes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Laurel Hughes
[redacted]

**From:** Donald Harland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Walter Wright

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Remy Fenster <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Ms. M Royce

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Jasmine Garcia <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I am a Christian, as was a Religious Affairs Airman when I served in the Air Force Reserve. This issue is very important to me.

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Sincerely,
Jasmine Garcia



**From:** Jacqueline DeKoster Thomas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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In reverse, this separation prevents any religious body from controlling our government!

Sincerely,
The Rev. Jacqueline DeKoster Thomas
[redacted]

**From:** James Pilewski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mr. Wiiliam Shirey
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** "Rev. Max Burg" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Ilana Krug <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Bonnie Margulis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Rabbi Bonnie Margulis

[redacted]

**From:** Alec and Sandy McDougall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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As a person who attended Christian grade and high schools, I object to government support of any religious organization and I support the right to choose one's religion.

Please do the right thing and do not let YOUR religion color the rights of millions of others the right to choose.

Sincerely,
Ms. Anne Kearney
[redacted]

**From:** Roberta LaFrance <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Religious and, especially Christian nationalist, dogma should play not formal role in government, for it amounts to government-sponsored moral authoritarianism. History decries that, too.

Separate churches from government, otherwise you have to choose which churches and that always leaves some out, leading to government determination of approved and unapproved churches. No good has ever come out of such denominational tyranny. Just look at what the Secretary of DOD has recently done in promulgating an approved list of churches for appointing chaplains. It always leads to such.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jim Vickrey

[redacted]

**From:** Judith Kahle <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** PAUL JUERGENS <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Quite frankly, I have never heard of anything more unAmerican than any effort to denigrate separation of church and state.

We need both freedom of religion and, for nonbelievers, freedom from religion. We don't need efforts of religions to impose their beliefs on the government or efforts by government to impose religious beliefs on Americans. Such efforts corrupt both religion and government and are contrary to our basic liberty and freedom.

It is truly sad that a "Religious Liberty Commission" does not support liberty for everyone to have (or not have) their own religious beliefs by keeping religion out of government and government out of religion.

Sincerely,
Robert Oshel

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**From:** Dan Nemes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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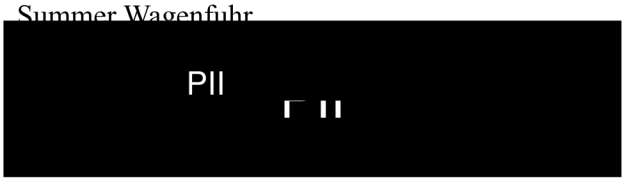
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
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[redacted]

**From:** Carlos Nunez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Elaine McNeill

[redacted]

**From:** Barbara Trought <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** STEVEN Beyer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Sincerely,
Shiloh Keele
[redacted]

**From:** Perseus Munshi <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Perseus Munshi

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**From:** Teresia LaFleur <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** "Charlene V. Maker" <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Michael Bernard <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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I attended a wonderful Catholic high school and received an excellent education. A new teacher was hired who was Mormon, and his daughter became my classmate. I saw first-hand how intimidating and suffocating our Catholic environment felt for someone with different beliefs in God. She felt like she did not fit in and was not accepted, although her classmates and teachers never did anything overtly (or even consciously) to make her feel that way. It was just the way it was: we were all Catholic, and she was not. She was different. She was somehow less than us, defective, for her differing beliefs, even though we all worshipped the same God.

Now imagine if the Religious Liberty Commission decides that church and state are one and the same, with no separation. The Commission may not endorse one faith over another, but Christian Protestants believe they are the one, true faith, and that it is their duty and their mission to bring everyone to their God - to save them - using any means available, including violence if necessary.

Without our treasured separation of Church and State, more than half of the citizens of our great country will be told that they are less than others, that they are somehow defective citizens, that they must pretend to convert or risk economic and social disaster. This is not freedom of religion! This is economic and social and legal coercion of the majority by a minority of zealots, empowered by non-believers looking to profit from this change.

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Connie Marking

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Barbara Meislin

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Freedom of religion for all is one of the founding principles of this country. It is crucial that we protect that religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. Church-state separation, as listed in the first amendment, ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another.

Our democratic government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion. Schools must be welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs, without the imposition of coercive prayer or single-faith readings in the classrooms. Tax dollars must be spent on the good of all, not on funding religion or religious institutions.

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Sincerely,
Rev Deirdre Pulgram-Arthen
PII PII

**From:** Rebekah Dandeneau <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Melissa Lawrence <PII>
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Be well, and stay safe this holiday weekend.

Sincerely,
Ms. Melissa Lawrence

PII PII

**From:** Rob Sauer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Pamela Ramirez

[redacted]

**From:** Carol Ryan Ertz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 14:06:14 -0400
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I do not intend to offend anyone. But the truth is likely to be offensive. Please forgive that.

I have spent most of my life trying to escape the sort of Christian nationalism that is currently taking hold of the government. There are plenty of Christians who I deeply respect and honor. My father was one of them although he gave money to the machine that is currently destroying the country.

I can disagree with someone and still respect and honor that person. Can you?

I was promised freedom of religion.

Every class on civics that I ever had mentioned that.

When I was in non-Christian schools, I would be asked my religion on forms. I would write "none" because I knew that if I said what my religion was I would be persecuted endlessly. I'm sure it would have all been very official and polite. Ya know, for my own good.

I want freedom of religion. Real freedom of religion.

Most especially, please give me more freedom, not less, from the Christian nationalists. Please do not take away the few freedoms that I have spent my life fighting for.

I do not consider their form of Christianity to be moral in any way shape form or fashion. It is about control.

And, indeed, these people are the reason that I chose not to have children.

Because of the intrusiveness of their absolute hegemony, I would not have been able to raise children without them being harmed.

What more children? Respect everyone. Even the people who don't worship in the way you approve. Even the people who don't worship at all.

I believe people have every right to practice any religion they desire, even the one that is terrifying me so much right now. I do not hold it against anyone as long as that person is not trying to hurt me or convert me.

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Majority rule typically chooses to divide, not unite. The founders' vision was to have the same rights for every citizen of the USA. We should aspire to be Americans first, rather than our color, creed, or socioeconomic status. As the wealthiest country on earth, we have the wherewithal to ensure that all Americans deserve to take advantage of their opportunities for the pursuit of a dignified life.

Sincerely,
Mr. Jeffrey Phillips

[redacted]

**From:** Anthony Straka <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Alii Bek <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dr K G

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Carolyn Dinneen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Rachael Stauffer <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
MS Rachael Stauffer

[redacted]

**From:** James Lampert <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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The Reverend Roger Williams, who in 1636 founded the colony that would become known as "Rhode Island and providence Plantations, SPECIFICALLY as a place where people of ALL faith traditions (and of no faith tradition at all) would be welcome, but NO religion would have any official standing.

Church-State Separation is made explicit in the Establishment and Free Exercise clauses of the First Amendment. But it did not originate there. It goes back to Williams, and it goes back to groups like the Anabaptist Separatists in Plymouth, the Puritans in Massachusetts Bay, and the Quakers in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,
James Lampert

[redacted]

**From:** Sean McPhilamy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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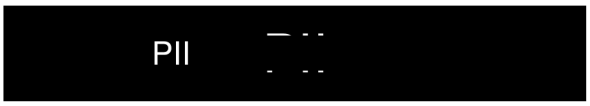
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I was born 65 years ago into a very religious family. My late father and his two older brothers (also deceased) were all Pastors in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. My faith has been and continues to be a central driving force in my life and work. I started playing the piano and organ at age three, and I have served as a church musician for most of my life. I know well how important a role religious faith can play in one's life. But I also know, through the experience of many friends and even in my own life experiences, how religion can cause division, hatred, bigotry, and violence, particularly against those whose faith is considered to be a "minority" belief, as well as against those who do not subscribe to ANY religious beliefs. I have seen firsthand how people can be victimized, ostracized, belittled, hated, harmed, or even killed because of their beliefs or the lack thereof. The United States of America was founded on the principals of religious liberty, tolerance, and diversity. Those who would seek to authorize a "national religion" are in defiance of our Constitution, which clearly states that "The civil rights of none shall be abridged on account of religious belief or worship, nor shall any national religion be established, nor shall the full and equal rights of conscience be in any manner, or on any pretext, infringed." If we dare to defy or change this, we risk further division and violence among our citizens at a time when we are already deeply divided and conflicted by hatred and bigotry.

I hope and pray that you will continue to respect and subscribe to these indispensable principals as outlined in our Constitution!

Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Laubach


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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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One of the major reasons people emigrated here from Europe  was to find religious freedom - remember the Puritans, and the French Huguenots? They came here to find the freedom to worship as their consciences told them to do. That is why our founding fathers, including Thomas Jefferson in a letter describing the First Amendment to the Constitution, talked about building a wall between the church and the State.

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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SO MANY RELIGIONS!!! WHICH ONE ARE YOU GOING TO REQUIRE US TO FOLLOW?
First and most basic is the fact that the Supreme Court is the ultimate interpreter of federal constitutional law. This means that while the term "separation of Church and State" may never appear in the constitution itself, the Court ruling in the case of Everson v. Board of Education stated "the clause against establishment of religion by law was intended to erect 'a wall of separation between Church and State.'"

A quarter century later, the case of Lemon v. Kurtzman further defined this separation when it established the Lemon Test to determine if a law violates the establishment clause of the First Amendment. Every ruling since has confirmed that, in the view of the highest court in the land the Constitution created a separation of church and state.

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Mx. Brenda Smith
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**From:** Susanna Levin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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When we rejected King George III we also rejected his role as  head of the Church of England and any semblance of it in our new American government.

I am so thankful for "No Established Religion!"
--Bruce Harshberger

Sincerely,
Mr. Bruce Harshberger
[redacted]

**From:** Carolina Alvarez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Terry Hatch <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Adam Versenyi <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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They wrote those documents, and founded our nation, with the explicit intention that there be an absolute wall of separation between church and state, with no state support or authorization for any faith, sect, or denomination.

The people of the 13 Colonies fought a Revolution for those principles, with the full expectation that they would be preserved; and many hundreds of thousands of our nations defenders, over two and a half centuries, have given their lives to preserver and defend those principles.

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects, in clear and principled terms, the indispensable role that church–state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans—particularly in public education, where conscience and equal treatment are most vulnerable.

This principle is not modern—it is foundational. Thomas Jefferson described "a wall of separation between Church & State," reflecting a constitutional design meant to protect both faith and government from entanglement. James Madison wrote in his Memorial and Remonstrance that religion "must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man," underscoring that belief is not within the authority of civil government.

In public schools, that design is especially critical. Because attendance is compulsory and students are a captive audience, neutrality is the only reliable safeguard against coercion. Church–state separation ensures that students and families—not government officials—decide matters of faith and religious education. It preserves the boundary that keeps the state from dictating conscience while protecting the integrity of public education.

The Founders understood that religious liberty requires limits on government power. Jefferson, in the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, declared that "all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion," and warned that compelling support for religious practice is "sinful and tyrannical." In schools, that means the government may not sponsor, mandate, or impose religious activity, especially where such action burdens minority beliefs.

Church–state separation protects minority beliefs by preventing public schools from becoming instruments of majoritarian religion. Without it, students from smaller faith traditions—or no faith tradition—would face pressure to conform or stand apart. Madison cautioned that government involvement in religion risks "establishing a precedent which may be a source of danger to the equal rights of every citizen," a warning that applies directly to the school setting.

In practice, schools must remain neutral: they may teach about religion, but not endorse it; facilitate student expression, but not compel it. Jefferson's "wall" is what allows a student to pray privately or refrain entirely without state interference or institutional influence.

This neutrality is what makes public schools inclusive. When officials lead prayer or embed religious exercises in school programming, minority students are placed in the position of outsider status. Even subtle endorsement creates pressure in a compulsory environment. The result is not freedom—it is coercion by association.

Church–state separation also protects taxpayers and families from being compelled to fund religious activity through public education. Public schools exist for shared civic purposes; using them to advance religious practice violates the Founders' commitment to conscience-based liberty rather than government-imposed belief.

Finally, this principle ensures equal treatment under the law. The government's obligation is to serve all students fairly, regardless of belief or nonbelief. Neutrality preserves unity, prevents discrimination, and affirms that no conscience is worth more—or less—than another.

In sum, church–state separation is not an obstacle to religious freedom—it is its guarantor. It protects minority beliefs, prevents coercion, and ensures public schools remain places where all students are free to think, learn, and believe without government-imposed influence.

Sincerely,
Rev. Jeffery Pecoraro

[redacted]

**From:** John Newsom <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
John Newsom

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Alena Jorgensen

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**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 14:22:05 -0400
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Please red your history and learn about why the first amendment was adopted, and why the founders specifically avoided declaring that the US was a Christian nation (or Buddist, for that matter.

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Sincerely,
Dr. Sue Donaldson

[redacted]

**From:** Don McKenzie <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Joan loughran

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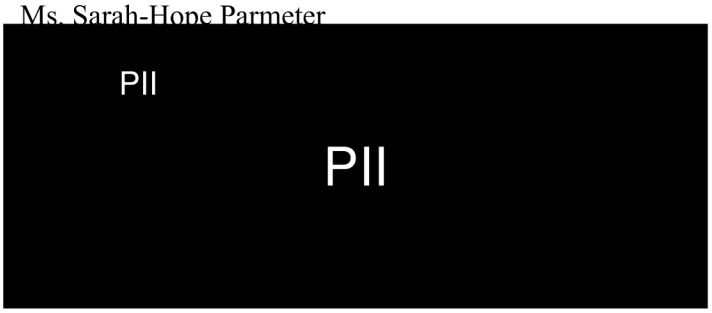
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Sincerely,
David R Smith

[redacted]

**From:** Anthony Vena <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Anthony Vena
[redacted]

**From:** Roseanne P <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

The role of theReligious Liberty Commission's final report is to affirm the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.
Not just christian nationalists

The separation of church and state gives us as Americans the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't use our chosen religion as an excuse to harm others. Ex. Discriminating against LGBQT community based on religious beliefs

Church-state separation ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation is in our constitution & guarantees religious organizations are free from political control and politics are free from religious control

Our constitution guarantees & protects Church-state separation including in our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs. To say this country is not founded on Church-state separation is a falsehood introduced by right wing activists with no love for this country

I will fight as a taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation government is the only way to serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Ms. Roseanne P

[redacted]

**From:** Nancy Yuen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 14:25:58 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report clearly states the fundamental role of church-state separation in protecting the religious freedom of all Americans.

This separation provides all the right to practice any or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

State-church separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government will not impose any religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another or religion over atheism. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are kept separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education, which should always take place outside of public institutions.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference. It also protects the State from becoming a vessel through which religious dogma becomes law.

State-church separation protects our public schools by keeping prayers officiated by teachers or administrators out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

This separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars must be used for wholly non-sectarian public purposes that benefit all.

State-church separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what any individual public employee believes or whether they practice a religion, and there must be no taxpayer-funded religious groups because they discriminate according to their religious bias. All religions are inherently biased.

Sincerely,
Ms. Nancy Yuen

[redacted]

**From:** Vicki Jenkins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Vicki Jenkins

[redacted]

**From:** Richard Fisher <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

It was Thomas Jefferson in 1803 who first used the phrase "Separation of Church and State" as a clear statement supporting the first amendment.

In a multicultural democracy such as the US, separation of church and state is essential to the freedom of all citizens,.

Sincerely,
Dr Richard Fisher

[redacted]

**From:** Lucia Hall <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Lucia Hall

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**From:** Daniel Samber <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Sincerely,
Daniel Samber

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Nancy Michon <[redacted]>
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Ms. Nancy Michon
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**From:** Lauren Johnson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Lauren Johnson

[redacted]

**From:** GABRIELLA King <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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GABRIELLA King
[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Phylis Cohen

[redacted]

**From:** Myrna Mandlawitz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 14:27:20 -0400
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It is critical that the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

I am a member of a minority religion (Judaism). I have always believed separation of religion and state was put into our founding documents to ensure ALL residents of this great land can practice any religion (or none, if they choose) without interference and with the protection of the federal government.
The government should not impose any particular set of beliefs or restrictions on anyone's beliefs or favor one religion above another. Thomas Jefferson, from the Commonwealth of Virginia where I was born, in the 1786 wrote the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom. That document, used in crafting the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights, stands the test of time and should remain the law of the land.

As a life-long educator, I also believe religion has no place in our public schools. Families decide what, if any, religion to practice and instill those values at home and in their places of worship. Public schools should welcome all students with all beliefs and backgrounds and should not impose any one religion or belief on students.

Finally, as a taxpayer, I do not want to be forced to fund religion, nor do I expect others of different religions to fund mine. This is a private function and should remain separate and apart from political control.

Sincerely,
Myrna Mandlawitz

[redacted]

**From:** Diane Crane <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Diane Crane
[redacted]

**From:** Lindsay Sexton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Lindsay Sexton

[redacted]

**From:** Roslyn Feldberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Roslyn Feldberg

[redacted]

**From:** Ross Pumfrey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 14:28:10 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I have read a lot about U.S. history over the years. It has always been apparent to me that one of the objectives of the Founders was to find ways to avoid all the religious wars that had taken place in Europe over the centuries. This objective is what was behind what is now know as the "Establishment Clause" in the first amendment to the Constitution. This was one of the important factors that made our country different from almost all others that had preceded.

I urge the Religious Liberty Commission's to make clear in its final report the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

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Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ross Pumfrey
[redacted]

**From:** cindy beckley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
cindy beckley
[redacted]

**From:** John Messer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. John Messer
[redacted]

**From:** Adrienne Giangiordano <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Adrienne Giangiordano

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Angela Fields
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Peggy Papert

[redacted]

**From:** Samhitha Sreenivasan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Samhitha Sreenivasan

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**From:** Michael Page <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Marilyn Waltasti <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Sandi Hebley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Thank you for considering my position.

Sincerely,
Mr. Paul Kolhoff

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**From:** Norma Wade <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Lynda Phoenix
[redacted]

**From:** John Gregg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Kris Ledford

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I don't want to be a Christian! I am an Atheist and know that I am kinder and more tolerant than the people who use Christianity to spread their hate and cruelty. No one has the right to demand that everyone should follow their own personal beliefs. Fascism has come knocking and the Republicans have answered.

Sincerely,
Ms. Mary Sue Baker
[redacted]

**From:** CAMILLE BRATKOWSKI <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Lyone Fein <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund religion. Separation of church and state assures that taxpayer dollars go for public purposes that benefit everyone, not just those who are members of a certain religion.

Please make sure that your final report emphasizes the important role that the separation of church and state has in protecting all citizens, regardless of their beliefs.

Sincerely,
Roberta Spiro

[redacted]

**From:** Victoria Fortin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Ann Daane
PII PII

**From:** M Wayne Wilson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Manny Dayfield

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**From:** Ashley Hanshaw <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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The currently pushed religion in USA is not my religion. I have been an American for almost 85 years now, and have never seen a value for a government sponsored or sanctioned religion in this country. Many people in my circles do not belong to the same religion as I do and are still very good strong caring people. We need all of these good Americans and they all have always (still need) rights to their own religion. Government interference will destroy this right and the good religious people will become something we do not want - - - black sheep?

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
DR. William McSherry
[redacted]

**From:** Rene Merwin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Leslie McClure



**From:** Lara Ingraham <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Brad Smith

[redacted]

**From:** Victoria Hodge <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 14:46:49 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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**From:** Darlene May <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dr. Darlene May
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**From:** Michael Aikey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Michael Aikey

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**From:** Martha O'Brien <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Martha O'Brien

[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. CATHY CARLETON
[redacted]

**From:** vicki hughes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mrs. vicki hughes

[redacted]

**From:** Jim May <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Jim May

[redacted]

**From:** Christina Roe <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Steven Solomon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Sarah Stewart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dr. Sarah Stewart
[redacted]

**From:** Sheryl Kallivrousis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Sheryl Kallivrousis

[redacted]

**From:** Therese Dykeman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 14:50:17 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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**From:** Gregory Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Bryce Purdy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 14:50:42 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Bryce Purdy

[redacted]

**From:** Stacey Marchig <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Stacey Marchig

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**From:** Donald Suzenski <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 14:51:12 -0400
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**From:** Michelle Manke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Michelle Manke

[redacted]

**From:** "J. Mcguire" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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J. Mcguire

[redacted]

**From:** Ernie Looney <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Kurt-IMPEACH Gross-TRUMP <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Kurt-IMPEACH Gross-TRUMP
[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Beth Goodwin
[redacted]

**From:** Ross Herman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Midge Epstein <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Midge Epstein

[redacted]

**From:** Susan Haywood <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Susan Haywood
[redacted]

**From:** Flo Brodley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Lu Ben <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Fran Romero <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Nancy E Pettitt

[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 14:59:20 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Christi Offstein

[redacted]

**From:** Susan Levy <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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18th century evangelicals, led by Presbyterians and Baptists, had suffered under state establishments and understood that mixing church and state corrupted both. Baptist minister Lewis Lunford declared that “The unlawful cohabitation between Church and State, which has so often been looked upon as holy wedlock, must now suffer a separation and be put forever asunder.” They knew what was at stake and demanded Thomas Jefferson's Statute for Establishing Religious Freedom and a First Amendment ensuring a separation of church and state. This was evangelical policy for many years. Jerry Falwell Sr. insisted upon a strict separation and no government funds for religious schools (until, after 1954, he saw an opportunity to maintain racial segregation in "Christian academies" funded by government vouchers and other assistance.

Don't take us backwards. The history is well-documented: See Wellspring of Liberty or Religious Freedom: Jefferson's Legacy, America's Creed.

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Sincerely,
Dr. Hal Hunter

[redacted]

**From:** Eugene Gorrin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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If you don't support the writings of the Founders. YOU can kiss my grits!

Sincerely,
Daniel Schneider
[redacted]

**From:** Jennifer Ferraro <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Terence Hero

[redacted]

**From:** Neil King <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Neil King

[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. Stephen Patrick

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I don't want another "Northern Ireland" here. I hope you do not, either.

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Mr. Stephen Mudrick
[redacted]

**From:** Joyce Frohn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Jean McCollom <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 15:08:18 -0400
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Along with many other Christians, I accept the principle that separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we do not harm others.

It is just as important to recognize that it prohibits the government from imposing religious beliefs on anyone or favoring any one religion over another. This nation's Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Ann Randall
[redacted]

**From:** Gary Snowden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Mike Duever <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Dr. James Christiansen

[redacted]

**From:** Emily Holcomb <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dr Mark Waltzer

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Christianity has been slowly woven into politics over time by people of authority-- and it's still happening right now. The constitution of the United States of America prohibits the government from both endorsement or chastisement of any religion, of which thousands exist.

The separation of Church and State is one of the most important foundations of American society that makes us great and moving forward. Anything less than a complete and absolute separation of religion from government is an active disservice to the American people that encourages internal conflict which will dissolve the social, political, and economic fabric of America from the inside out.

We succeed as a nation because our collective faith belongs to the good will of the people that contribute to the advancement and protection of our society everyday. These good people are guided by morals and values not congruent with any one sect of religion.

One could argue that each individual person is a unique religion within itself-- we all arrive at our own personal conclusions regarding religion because of the experiences we have, not because of any government influence. This individual interpretation is what requires protection by and from the government.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Phoenix Giffen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
M. George Czerw

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**From:** Eileen MacDougall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Mr Lee Jenkinson

[redacted]

**From:** William Wekselman <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Kay Smith
[redacted]

**From:** Peggy Summers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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As a practicing Jew, I do not need to have the government declare what religious texts need to be studied. That should be my choice and my choice alone.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael Troner

[redacted]

**From:** Tammy Banks <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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GREETINGS!

America
America 250th
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AND please NOT on money & coins too...

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Definitely NOT trumpica!!!
Deranged ((( Danger to the World!!!

People do Think Kindness Is a Key!

Humor is Good Too!

But Sociopaths & Psychos have a hard TIME with this.
They need to do HARD TIME!

OK already, a daily reminder we try to enact every day of our lives. Everything is OK. All around us, ideally OK. Family & Friends are OK. A wise and sensible course of living on Planet Earth, Could be very OK. We look to the Future and say It'll be OK... And leaders reassure US It'll be OK. OK!

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Best "for the Future" Wishes! Greg

America 250th... Celebrate  without Toxic trump Taint!

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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thomas wible

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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The US, as per many documents by the founders of this nation, is not and has never been a "christian nation."

The US Constitution does not give the federal government the right to impose one cult's particular beliefs on the public, nor does it give the government the authority to decide what is or is not a "valid" religion.

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Leah Bourne

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**From:** Steven Davies <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mrs Marionei Bernstein

[redacted]

**From:** Keith Otten <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Keith Otten

[redacted]

**From:** Margaret Dyson-Cobb <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Margaret Dyson-Cobb
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Susan Hathcock
[redacted]

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**From:** Marjorie Telerski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Jean Hanson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Pam Horovitz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I was raised as a Catholic but am now agnostic. I am deeply concerned about the possibility that this Commission will ignore the rights of those of us who do not wish to practice any religion in favor of a single religion.

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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And THAT'S HOW IT HAS TO BE, how it was meant to be. No religion in government!!!

We the People do NOT want what  Christian nationalists are trying and failing to sell us.

Separation of religion and State forever!!!

Sincerely,
Ms. Lisa Heeg

[redacted]

**From:** Jim Griffin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Jerald Vinikoff
[redacted]

**From:** Aven Andersen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Dr. Aven Andersen

[redacted]

**From:** Valerie Justus-Rusconi <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms Joan Brannigan

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**From:** Sherri Lebow <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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A strict constitutional boundary between religion and government is essential for the following reasons:

- Universal Freedom of Belief: Church-state separation protects both religious and nonreligious citizens. It ensures the government neither imposes religious beliefs nor favors one faith over another, allowing individuals and families—rather than government officials—to guide their own religious education.

- Institutional Independence: Keeping religion and government separate protects houses of worship from political control and government intrusion, preserving their autonomy.

- Inclusive Public Education: Maintaining this boundary protects public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms, ensuring a welcoming environment for students of all backgrounds.

- Fiscal Responsibility and Equity: Taxpayer funds should be allocated exclusively for public purposes that benefit everyone. Citizens should not be forced to fund religious initiatives, and taxpayer-funded groups must not be permitted to use religion as a basis for discrimination.

Our founders recognized that both religion and government flourish best when kept independent. I respectfully ask that the Commission uphold these foundational principles in its final report to guarantee equal treatment under the law for all citizens.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sherri Lebow
[redacted]

**From:** Donald Gerstein <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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A good portion of them came for freedom of religion to Maryland and Pennsylvania. And Pennsylvania is the perfect example of Freedom of Conscience.

Did you know there was a Witch Trial here in 1684. This trial occurred nine years before the more famous Salem witch trials in Massachusetts. And there's a reason for it's lack of notority: Margaret Mattson in 1684, where she was accused of bewitching cattle but ultimately found guilty only of having the reputation of a witch, not of witchcraft itself.

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Not a theocracy.

Sincerely,
Mr. Michael Bannerman


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**From:** Ben Brucker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Reverend Ben Brucker

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ms. Marcy Woodruff

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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The Founders were very clear that they wanted NO national church or creed, and Jews and Muslims were here before the revolution, mentioned favorably by Jefferson, among others. No one religion has a lock on morality or patriotism - as an historian, I can assure you that plenty of evidence exists across cultures and religions exists to support that statement. Even atheists can agree on a basic moral code and do not need any church to know that the Golden Rule applies across the board.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Michael Freidman

[redacted]

**From:** Karen Fain <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Jeffrey Strand

[redacted]

**From:** Kathy Schiffer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Stanley Keil <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dr Irene Gnarra

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Patrice Hannotte <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Please take the above points into consideration as needed revisions are made

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Mr. Patric Martin
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**From:** Rise Siegel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Rise Siegel
[redacted]

**From:** Irene Gnarra <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 15:58:37 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Linda Menke

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Jean Hampton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 16:03:08 -0400
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**From:** Sonja Langsjoen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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All of my students are precious, and none should have their beliefs be second to another.

Students and families—not government officials-- should  make their own decisions about religion and religious practices.

We taxpayers should never be forced to fund any religion. There have been public schools that forced Christian study. There was a Muslim charter school (charter schools are funded by taxpayers) that used funds to further religion, and the ACLU received a complaint and stopped it.

The government must serve ALL people fairly, not favoring a religion because it is a majority, or because it has a lobbying arm.

Sincerely,
Sonja Langsjoen

[redacted]

**From:** Beth Levin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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We are citizens who give back to this country through service, taxes, care for our neighbors, volunteering, and charitable giving. I've been an educator and I'm now becoming a social worker, my spouse is an entrepreneur who heads drive our economy forward. We enrich the communities we are a part of and are enriched by them, and each member of our family will tell you that our moral commitments have grown in richness and depth because we live in a country that allows us to explore religion richly and protects us even as we stand outside of the mainstream Christian framework. The separation between church and state, such a vital and foundational American principle, is one of country's values that we are most committed to.

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Jenna St Pierre <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 16:06:29 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Mary Ann C Sheldon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 16:07:05 -0400
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My family came to this country before the Civil War. My husband's came to what is now Virginia before this was a Country. I suspect that in comparison your families were all immigrants coming to a country that offered religious freedom. The First Amendment Establishment Clause guarantees this. It was not until 1954 that "under god" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance. I was shocked as a a nine year old at camp to hear this. It was 1955 when Eisenhower officially changed E Pluribus Unum to In god We Trust. He did this during the Cold War to differentiate the USA from the Soviet Union. Now we support Russia against Ukraine. Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

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**From:** Sheryl Rothstein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sheryl Rothstein

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**From:** LINDA REID <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ms LINDA REID

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Phil Troutman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** charles larson <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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charles larson

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**From:** Judith Arnold <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** martha aines lessard <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** RIK ISENSEE <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Alyssa Bolt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Nancy Goody <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** edith wander <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Indeed, a free and civilized nation requires that the contract a person holds with their god(s), must be held separately from the contracts they hold with society.

Without this separation society quickly falls into theocratic totalitarianism. Murder rates climb, Religious Wars ensue, greed grows, and disease spreads. History has taught us this. Will you listen to the stories of our past, or will you create a world that requires me to abandon my own spiritually for the sake of your own. Because I would rather burn at the stake, than worship your god.

The government has no place in my sense of spirituality.

Sincerely,
miss Reyla Sharp
[redacted]

**From:** Jacki McCormack <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 16:18:52 -0400
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Sincerely,
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**From:** Tony LaMorticella <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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When governments adopt official religions they invariably become intolerant and brutal. Do not allow that to happen here.

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Tony LaMorticella

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**From:** David Steckel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Eleanor McGilvray

[redacted]

**From:** Jeffrey Borelli <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** John Dawson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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I am old enough to have been subjected to "morning exercises" in public school. Fifth grade was my first year there, after spending grades K-4 in a Roman Catholic school. Grade 5's morning exercises consisted of reciting together the pledge of allegiance, the King James version of the Lord's Prayer, and the teacher reading from the Bible (again, King James version). My classmates used the words DEBTS, DEBTORS, rather than TRESPASSES, TRESPASSERS (my Catholic school's teachings). My public school's version included the ending, For Thine is the kingdom, the power, the glory…" My Catholic teaching omitted these lines.
I felt awkward, ignorant, that I did not belong, that what I was taught by the Catholic nuns was now wrong, etc. I was only 10 years old then, and even today at almost 77, I still recall how terrible I felt then.

I do not want any other children to feel this way. Keep religious teaching and prayers at home and in religious gatherings, not in schools, where students try to belong to the group. Religion is personal, not governmental, and we need our government to protect us from religious overreach into governmental spheres, thus catering to some while alienating or demeaning others with varying beliefs or standing.

Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separated.

Such separation must also protect taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.  Personal donations can be made to the religion or institution of one's choosing.

As citizens, we expect equal treatment under the law, and  church-state separation helps to ensure it. We expect the government to serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion. We further expect religious groups that receive taxpayer funds to not not use their religion to discriminate against some of us U.S. taxpayers who have helped fund them.

Sincerely,
Jane M. Thompson
[redacted]

**From:** Janet Harris <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 19:22:04 -0400
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Ms Janet Harris

[redacted]

**From:** Richard Rodine <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 19:22:58 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a member of a large Christian Church in Dallas, Texas. As an active member of the Christian faith, I believe it is essential to ensure there is a very strict line that separates church and state (the government). The government must not interfere in our religion. And our religion must not interfere (take over, assume power over, or dictate policy) in our government. That is a foundational principle. It protects both the government and the church. It ensures freedom of religion.

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**From:** Dani Marie Kleist <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dani Marie Kleist

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**From:** "Meryle A. Korn" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 19:26:02 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** william miller <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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william miller

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**From:** Deborah Wills <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**From:** Amber Murphy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ms Amber Murphy

[redacted]

**From:** Patrice Connelly <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Tani Christina <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mrs Tani Christina
[redacted]

**From:** PHILLIP SAFFORD <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 19:36:32 -0400
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**From:** Barry Dubrow <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Mary Halverson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mary Halverson

[redacted]

**From:** Anne Marie Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Sondra Singer <[redacted]>
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As a person who values the foundational liberty of the separation of church and state that this country has always had enshrined, I implore you to continue this value in your report.

To try and get every person in this country to support one way of approaching God is not only impossible, but, to me, blasphemous. There are many divisions of Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and more. All have lived peacefully in in this country for over two centuries because of the separation of church and state, and a mutual respect that allows so many in this country to live side by side.

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**From:** Marc Beschler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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There is a fundamental truth that the American right either cannot or will not accept: the only path to true religious freedom runs through a completely secular government.

Sincerely,
Marc Beschler

[redacted]

**From:** Dr John Brooks <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Leonard Tremmel
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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You may be Christian, but what kind of Christian are you? Do you want the government to tell you to practice Catholicism or be Methodist or one of the many different branches of Christianity.

Many of us no longer want to practice a religion. Those people don't want the government to impose religion on us or to spend public funds on supporting religion.

We are all free when religion is a personal choice, not something the government directs us to do.

Sincerely,
Dr Lee Nackman

[redacted]

**From:** Mark Coryell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mark Coryell

[redacted]

**From:** Michael Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. Michael Smith

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Rhoda Anderson

[redacted]

**From:** Neil Fisher <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Dr. Margaret Wacks

[redacted]

**From:** Richard Fish <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Sophia Vassilakidis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Ralph Hatcher <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Judy Cribbins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Richard Knapp <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans. You certainly must be aware of the First Amendment's plain language, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." I believe there is no other possible interpretation but that they fully intended a complete separation of church and state. I also believe that the reason the Founding Fathers stated this so prominently—the FIRST words of the FIRST Amendment to the Bill of Rights—underscores the vital importance they attached to this separation.

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Sincerely,
Mr. Richard Knapp

[redacted]

**From:** Beth Darlington <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:13:35 -0400
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Sincerely,
Dr. Beth Darlington

[redacted]

**From:** Victoria Silver <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:15:24 -0400
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Sincerely,
Dr Victoria Silver

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**From:** Dean Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:15:25 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mr. Dean Miller
[redacted]

**From:** Leslie Gibson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:17:15 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please make sure that the Commission's final report reflects the Constitution, the First Amendment. Our First Amendment rights are vital in protecting religious freedom for ALL Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us ALL the right to practice any religion or no religion at all, as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation matters; it protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. The freedom of religion afforded us by the First Amendment to our Constitution means government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone OR favor one religion over another.

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Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects our children in public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures our public schools are welcoming for students of ALL backgrounds and beliefs.

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PLEASE follow the tenets of of Constitution and its amendments, as you have sworn to do and ensure the separation of church and state.

Sincerely,
Leslie Gibson

[redacted]

**From:** Kr Danowski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:17:55 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As an American, I urge you to ensure that the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role government-religion separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The permanent separation of government and religion gives Americans the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't hurt others.

Government-religion separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious Americans alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are forever separate.

Separation of government and religion guarantees that American students and loved ones—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Government-religion separation protects religious organizations from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Government-religion separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Government-religion separation protects American taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone, not just those belonging to a particular religion.

Government-religion separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all Americans fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kr Danowski
[redacted]

**From:** Judy Wellisch <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:19:08 -0400
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Sincerely,
Judy Wellisch

[redacted]

**From:** Nancy Radford <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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It is imperative to our nation that we continue to honor this as we have for the past 250 years.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nancy Radford
[redacted]

**From:** Marianne Plaisier <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:21:50 -0400
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Sincerely,
Marianne Plaisier

[redacted]

**From:** Hunter Gordon <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:22:55 -0400
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And as a tax-paying citizen, I count on church-state separation to protect me from being forced to fund religion, religious schools, or religious organizations, whether through vouchers or otherwise. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

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This is vitally important to me as a citizen of this diverse nation, a parent of children growing up here, and as a taxpayer.

Sincerely,
Hunter Gordon

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**From:** Jeffrey Perkins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:24:58 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mr. Jeffrey Perkins

[redacted]

**From:** Kathryn Coutcher <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:25:38 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Kathryn Coutcher

[redacted]

**From:** Daniel Brant <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:27:12 -0400
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**From:** Suzahn Huffman-Donaldson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:28:47 -0400
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Suzahn Huffman-Donaldson

[redacted]

**From:** Christina Condon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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I am grateful for your attention to this core tenet of our democracy.

Sincerely,
Ms. Christina Condon



**From:** wallace ransom <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. wallace ransom

[redacted]

**From:** Debrah Roemisch <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Debrah Roemisch

[redacted]

**From:** JoLynn Holcomb <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. JoLynn Holcomb
[redacted]

**From:** Gale Jaffe <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Craig Coulter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** James Van Dinter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 20:43:51 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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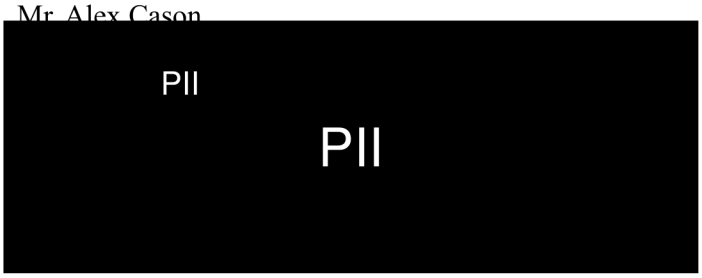
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Caitlin Caldwell

[redacted]

**From:** Kathe Garbrick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Sincerely,
Vivian Eicke

[redacted]

**From:** William Stone <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Amber Tedrow <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Kurt Kiebler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Alexander Jones <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Naomi Hanson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Naomi Hanson

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**From:** David Glass <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** James Jackson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Devin Brizendine <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Helen Wolfson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am concerned that the recently released report of the Religious Liberty Commission dismisses separation of church and state as a historical afterthought. In fact, separating church and state was fundamental to the founding of our country. Our founders embraced many different belief systems, yet they chose to create a Constitution that gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others. They wanted to guarantee that government could not impose religion on anyone or favor one religion over another religion or over no religion. I hope that your final report will recognize the importance of church-state separation.

Separation of church and state benefits both religious and nonreligious people. James Madison said it well when speaking of religion and government: "both exist in greater purity the less they are mixed together." Separation protects houses of worship from government interference. For instance, the government cannot force a church to perform same-sex marriages. But churches should not be able to keep the government from performing these marriages. To allow one religious group to force their belief that same-sex marriage is a sin on everyone would go beyond religious freedom. It would favor one religious viewpoint while causing harm to countless Americans.

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I was raised a Unitarian and am a dedicated Unitarian Universalist today. I've also been a "devout" atheist since my early teens. So, I have been in a religious minority all my life. I've watched as more and more of my tax dollars go to support religious enterprises whose beliefs are diametrically opposed to mine. For example, I don't want my tax dollars to go to foster care agencies that won't consider placing children with a family that doesn't share their beliefs. That is not religious freedom; it's discrimination. Your report says, "No institution should be forced to surrender the convictions that animate its mission." If those convictions discriminate against their fellow citizens, they should not receive tax dollars.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Helen Wolfson

[redacted]

**From:** P Stokes <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Please let your thoughts center the Idea that religious freedom also includes freedom from religion. The last thing most Americans want is to see Christian Nationalism bully other religious ideas into submission.

Sincerely,
P Stokes

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**From:** Peggy York <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Peggy York
[redacted]

**From:** Ilene Mondschein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** susan Rotatori <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Rabbi Marc Berkson

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**From:** Timothy Gasper <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Timothy Gasper

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**From:** Pattie Squiqui <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Heather-Heth Drees <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 21:44:06 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
John Haresch

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**From:** Michael Lombardi <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mrs. Barbara Giorgio

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**From:** Michael F Peterson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mr. Michael F Peterson
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**From:** David McGraw-Schuchman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Christine Reppucci <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Dr Christine Reppucci

[redacted]

**From:** Diane Hart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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If folks want their children to have a religious upbringing and have it out of school then it needs to be at a religious school not at a public school this is so important. No one should be indoctrinating children at a young age. They should have the right to grow up and look at things from a worldview and then make their choice.

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**From:** ELIZABETH DAVIS <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Laura Strong <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** roy fuller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Deborah Brooks <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lesley Cooper

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mrs Lascinda Goetschius

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Steven Andrychowski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Neal Verma <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Neal Verma



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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Claudia Thuring <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Sincerely,
Ruth Boice

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**From:** Bob Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Joseph Pasternack <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Shelly Meyer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Susan Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Percy Hicks-Severn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Anita Poulton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mrs Ruth Sugerman

[redacted]

**From:** Richard Brewer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Steve Rusk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 23:18:11 -0400
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It ensures that the government maintains absolute control. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are rigidly coordinated.

Church-state separation is a ruse, the sheep never even notice.

Sincerely,
serf Steve Rusk

[redacted]

**From:** Robert Craig <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**From:** Eric Routman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Eric Routman

[redacted]

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Sincerely,
Brian Roverud

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mr Glenn Koch

[redacted]

**From:** Leslie Calambro <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Bill LeBlanc <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Margo Wyse <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Kathleen Sewright <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 13:21:04 -0400
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One of the most important parts of the Constitution to me is the clearly stated separation of Church and State, which this Administration seems hell-bent on destroying. Whatever you may want to believe, this country was NOT founded as a CHRISTIAN country, and in fact, most of the founding fathers weren't Christian; rather, they were Deists, and they wouldn't recognize YOUR version of Christianity in any case. (And neither do I.) Most of you so-called Christians are not in ANY way faithful followers of Christ, and because of that, you wouldn't recognize him if he sat on you. Stop trying to turn this country into YOUR corrupted, degenerate, evil version of Christianity.

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**From:** Robert Fischer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Virgene Link-New <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Remember, God loves us all. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Virgene Link-New

[redacted]

**From:** Diane Havenner <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 13:58:26 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I was raised Christian, but I am no longer religious. Jesus and Christianity are too completely different things. Christianity is a construct of man and it is being used in this country as a political weapon against all who don't believe as you do. I believe if Jesus was here today he would look at you people and say, I never knew you. Jesus believed in helping the poor and downtrodden which is the complete opposite of what you and the Trump administration care about.
Our country was founded on the idea of separation between church and state. It is a core principle of what the United States of America is all about, because the colonists were trying to escape the edicts of a king. Since we are all created equal we all deserve to choose the religion of our choice or none at all. This is a free country, and we don't need a commission to tell us what to believe. We need to get religion out of government and out of politics. People are furious. What you're doing is discriminatory, and we won't stand for it.

Sincerely,
Ms Diane Havenner

PII PII

**From:** Jennifer Dockter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Jennifer Dockter

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**From:** Charlene Davenport <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Charlene Davenport

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[redacted]

**From:** Peter Leschak <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 14:24:22 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I have a BA degree in Judeo-Christian theology and trained for the ministry. I'm also a student of the US Constitution and its history. It's clear that the Framers wisely created a separation between religion and politics. Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom and political freedom for all Americans.

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Peter Leschak

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**From:** Kay Novak <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ms. Kay Novak

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**From:** Sherri Danoff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Marvin Ghelberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. Marvin Ghelberg

[redacted]

**From:** Jim Schultz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Arizona

Sincerely,
Mr. Jim Schultz
[redacted]

**From:** Marjorie Hoskinson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Barbara Byers <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** George Sands MD <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Robert Nerger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Jennifer Kanter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** K Garland <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Rev. K Garland

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** deborah cushman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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I believe deeply in the meaningful separation of church and state and won't see it dismantled!

Sincerely,
deborah cushman

[redacted]

**From:** William Hale <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** John Mitchell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Lorraine Bethka <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Before you complete your final draft, each of you must ensure that no word of the final document is approved or removed because of your individual or collective religious belief. Every American's freedom to hold, without fear of persecution or loss of opportunity, the faith that answers, for them, the deepest questions of purpose and meaning.

Sincerely,
Daniel Gessel

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**From:** Laura Stump <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Laura Stump

[redacted]

**From:** Julia Di Stefano <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Jenny North <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Thomas Cope <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mr. Thomas Cope
300 Canterbury Ln  Medina, OH 44256-4031
[redacted]

**From:** Ikea Glover <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Monica Wolf <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

There is no 'myth' regarding the creed of Separation of Church & State- in fact, it is amongst the two primary reasons that The United States of America came to be, when separating from Britain:
1- No Taxation without representation and
**2. Separation of Church and State- whereas no Government shall include, allude to or consider ANY religious dogma in the creation of it's laws, and, that all people may worship however they choose, including atheists- choosing the idea of no worship/god(s).

It's amazing to me that these simple FACTS- previously in the past, touted by all political parties as inalienable rights- on par with life liberty & the pursuit of happiness, have become forgotten (selectively?) and modified to suit the 'religion of the day'- Christianity, or Judaism, but most certainly- never Islam -or any outliers that teach spirituality- as opposed to "god-centered" dogma.

Our great country was founded by those who firmly believed in the principles of thinking for themselves when it came to their relationship with something greater than themselves. They believed that it was their personal sovereignty that dictated their own decisions and behaviors regarding such- and that never should any outside influences- people, law, government or finance have any such jurisdiction to them.

The initial debates on this topic, forged by Thomas Jefferson, regarding the 'wall of separation' give proof that there is no 'myth' regarding the founding fathers intentions.

The Great Melting Pot can only continue to be so, if Americans can live according to the First Amendment of the Constitution, that prevents the government from establishing a national religion, endorsing a specific faith, or coercing religious participation.

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Ms. Monica Wolf

[redacted]

**From:** Linda Peterson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Sincerely,
Dr. Alex Prengel

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**From:** callie poole <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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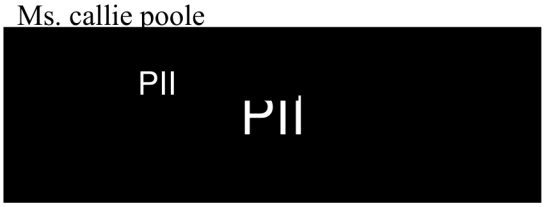
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Frances Rozner

[redacted]

**From:** Carolee Flaten <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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As much as you may believe your beliefs are infallible, believers of other religions are just as certain.

The founders most certainly did believe in separation of church and state (no matter your revisionist history), and American ideals certainly do not support government imposing religion on anyone. This separation has served the nation well, and there is no reason to believe otherwise.

Sincerely,
Douglas Venverloh
[redacted]

**From:** Joyce Jacobson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Shelly Hill <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Carole Caprio <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Richard Grooms <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Ellen Isaly <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Ellen Isaly

[redacted]

**From:** Gail Amshel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Gail Amshel

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**From:** Carol Palmer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Carol Palmer

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[redacted]

**From:** Catherine Carr <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Diana Grob <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Rolf Moan

[redacted]

**From:** Fred Pollastrini <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Diane Jamison <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ms. Ann Lazaroff

[redacted]

**From:** Christine Gutzwiller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 07:37:11 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 08:10:47 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 08:32:32 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Catharine May <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Catharine May

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**From:** helen whetstone <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. helen whetstone

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**From:** Joey Glushko <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 09:21:47 -0400
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**From:** Dana Carlson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 09:24:48 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Jacques Mounier <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Jacques Mounier

[redacted]

**From:** Sandra Linabury <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 09:49:42 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Sandra Linabury

[redacted]

**From:** Vicki Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Vicki Smith

[redacted]

**From:** Royal Graves <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 11:28:07 -0400
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**From:** Glenn Davis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 11:30:35 -0400
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Sincerely,
Glenn Davis

[redacted]

**From:** Monica Walk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** kim Nero <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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REV. DR. Dan King

[redacted]

**From:** Paul Moss <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Stephen Halpern <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Rosalie McMenamin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Jennifer Phillips McLellan
[redacted]

**From:** Tad Kosanovich <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Sandra Rothwell

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**From:** James Long <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Suzanne Abrams <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Suzanne Abrams
Fresno, CA

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**From:** Dorothea Leicher <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Dorothea Leicher
Columbia Crossroads, PA

**From:** Rene Leonic <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Larry Ellis Reed
Winona, MN

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Julie Edwards <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
RITABLUE BINGHAM
Buffalo, NY

**From:** Leslie Winston <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Leslie Winston
Alhambra, CA

**From:** Michael Harlan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Michael Harlan
San Diego, CA

**From:** Bill Elbert <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Bill Elbert
Mountain Top, PA

**From:** Charlotte Wells <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Charlotte Wells
Pendleton, OR

**From:** Michelle Ward <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Michelle Ward
Howell, NJ

**From:** Ingrid Gordon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Ingrid Gordon
San Diego, CA

**From:** Sue Haug <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Sue Haug
Middleton, WI

**From:** "Fr. Michael Nicosia" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Fr. Michael Nicosia
Webster, NY

**From:** Sherri Justice <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Sherri Justice
Yuma, AZ

**From:** mike jacobs <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
mike jacobs
frankfort, KY

**From:** Jim Brandt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jim Brandt
Chicago, IL

**From:** Allan Campbell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Allan Campbell
San Jose, CA

**From:** James Schoettler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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James Schoettler
St Paul, MN

**From:** Michael Biers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Michael Biers
Palm Springs, CA

**From:** William Trunk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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William Trunk
Washington, DC

**From:** Julia Natvig <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Julia Natvig
Sioux Falls, SD

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Elmira, NY

**From:** Helga Fellay <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Helga Fellay
Carmel Valley, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mary Schmidt
Devine, TX

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Eileen Robertson Hamra
Springfield, MO

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Glenn R Hufnagel
Buffalo, Ny, NY

**From:** Todd Musto <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Todd Musto
Fallbrook, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Michael Bernard
Nashville, TN

**From:** DOUG SORENSEN <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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DOUG SORENSEN
Denver, CO

**From:** Carlos Alvarez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Carlos Alvarez
Austin, TX

**From:** Sister Patricia Kirk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sister Patricia Kirk
Lutherville Timonium, MD

**From:** Constance Garcia-Barrio <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Constance Garcia-Barrio
Philadelphia, PA

**From:** Renee Windsor-White <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Renee Windsor-White
Lebanon, OR

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Respectfully,
Jessica Back
Rocklin, CA

**From:** Janet Engh <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Janet Engh
Staten Island, NY

**From:** Carla Albers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Carla Albers
Berlin, NH

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Respectfully,
John Cervantes
San Francisco, CA

**From:** James Mundy III <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
James Mundy III
Inglewood, CA

**From:** Julia Helgueros <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Julia Helgueros
Ozark, MO

**From:** Merriel Bloomfield <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Merriel Bloomfield
Jacksonville, FL

**From:** Douglas Estes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Douglas Estes
Lakewood, OH

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Heather-Heth Drees
Grand Forks, ND

**From:** Donald Handrick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Lucy McGuffey <[redacted]>
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Lucy McGuffey
Milford, CT

**From:** Kent Minault <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Kent Minault
Knoxville, TN

**From:** Jean Reed <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jean Reed
Petaluma, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Justin Truong
San Francisco, CA

**From:** Jaxson Zimmerman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jaxson Zimmerman
Mclean, VA

**From:** Karen Wineland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Karen Wineland
Madison, WI

**From:** Carol ritchell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Carol ritchell
Northfield, IL

**From:** Michael Abler <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Michael Abler
Sarasota, FL

**From:** Brian Dunn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Brian Dunn
Henrico, VA

**From:** Diane Tollick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Diane Tollick
Greenville, SC

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Ron Huber
Springfield, MO

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Penelope Hoge
Boulder, CO

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Jennifer Reinert
Marquette, MI

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Berkeley Springs, WV

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Gail Kazmer
Beaumont, CA

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Douglas Vegge
Goodyear, AZ

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Andrea Deveney
Post Falls, ID

**From:** June Darling <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
June Darling
cashmere, WA

**From:** Marie Curtis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marie Curtis
Oakhurst, NJ

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Robert Hammond
Sisters, OR

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Bloomfield Hills, MI

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Stanford, CA

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Terry Kelley
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Mary Skirving
Franklin, TN

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Christina Criss
Chadds Ford, PA

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Warwick, NY

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Pittsburgh, PA

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Oakton, VA

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Sterling Schrauger
Green Lane, PA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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New York, NY

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Taos, NM

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Nancy Prowell
Honeoye, NY

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Stoughton, WI

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Gainesville, FL

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Michael Peters
Conesus, NY

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Lynette K Henderson
Chatsworth, CA

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Allister Layne
Conyers, GA

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Riverbank, CA

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Respectfully,
David Lauder
Oak Brook, IL

**From:** Barbara Youngquist <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Char Esser
Bryn Mawr, PA

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Las Vegas, NV

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Duluth, MN, MN

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Respectfully,
Kathy Luksich
Rio Verde, AZ

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Gaithersburg, MD

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Early, TX

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Earlville, IL

**From:** Jarrett Cloud <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Sharon Leon <[redacted]>
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Spokane, WA

**From:** Beth Hollingshead <[redacted]>
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Beth Hollingshead
Philadelphia, PA

**From:** Carol Tennyson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Carol Tennyson
Garden Grove, CA

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Peggy Detmers
Rapid City, SD

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Lois Karasek
Dowagiac, MI

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Kimberly Kimberly
Cedar Rapids, IA

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Judith Sandeen
Hastings, NE

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Respectfully,
Ayaan Moledina
Austin, TX

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Saint Louis, MO

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North Kingstown, RI

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Tarzana CA, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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La Grange Park, IL

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Anne Morawski
Albuquerque, NM

**From:** Martin Toepke-Floyd <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a recently retired Ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church. The Church has many policies on good government, non-discrimination, respect and tolerance for other faith traditions, and the separation of Church and State. It also is an inclusive church accepting people as God has created them with a diversity of ethnicities, gender orientations, abilities, etc.

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Respectfully,
Nancy Jeannechild
Baltimore, MD

**From:** Nelson Shenk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dubuque, IA

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South Burlington, VT

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Wyandotte, MI

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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James Kraft
Florence, KY

**From:** Beverly Mitchell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:01:27 -0400
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Respectfully,
Beverly Mitchell
Boise, ID

**From:** Bettie Forman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Bettie Forman
Austin, TX

**From:** Marilyn Shepherd <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Marilyn Shepherd
Trinidad, CA

**From:** Kristy Harms <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Kristy Harms
Lakeville, MN

**From:** Rosemary Perez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Rosemary Perez
Baldwinsville, NY

**From:** Susan Roberts <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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This report ignores the reason our Country was founded; religious freedom. At the time the Declaration of Independence was framed, the religions considered were Christian. My own forefathers came for the freedom to live and practice as Quakers and some still practice that faith in Philadelphia, all these years later.

Over the centuries, people of other religions came to our shores for not only the American Dream, but also to practice other religions or no religions at all, under the protection of our Constitution. Freedom of religion is the cornerstone of our belief system and our faith and must be protected at all costs.

Respectfully,
Susan Roberts
FolsomFolsom, CA

**From:** Stephanie Sanders-Badt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Stephanie Sanders-Badt
Castle Pines, CO

**From:** Eric Simpson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Eric Simpson
Cincinnati, OH

**From:** Linda Drejerwski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Linda Drejerwski
Bensalem, PA

**From:** Debra Stevens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:11:25 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a concerned and vulnerable American citizen and I am submitting this comment to express my ferocious opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission.
I am of Jewish and Buddhist decent and I believe deeply in the dignity of every person and their right to practice their faith or belief system as they see fit without the constraint or the judgment of any particular majority or minority religious or political group of their fellow Americans.
I grew up attending a public school that provided free transportation for elementary students attending catechism at the end of the school day but not for those attending religious training at the synagogue, where school children were singled out for not reciting the Lord's prayer because it was not their tradition. My community fought to change that and did change that 50 years ago!
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The separation of church and state is a critical lynchpin of American Freedom. We cannot march backwards and let down our guard against oppression and bigotry.

Respectfully,
Debra Stevens
Melville, NY

**From:** Carol Devoss <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Carol Devoss
St. Charles, IL

**From:** "JohnJ. Shaffer" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I never thought this would be a repeat battle in my life-time.

Respectfully,
JohnJ. Shaffer
Auburn, WA

**From:** Mark Wise <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Mark Wise
Norfolk, VA

**From:** Richard Kesling <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Richard Kesling
Clarksburg, WV

**From:** Stephen Mitchell <[redacted]>
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Stephen Mitchell
Newark, NY

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Michael Couse
Woodbury, MN

**From:** Elizabeth Herten <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Elizabeth Herten
Cleveland, OH

**From:** Steven Vogel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Steven Vogel
Falls Church, VA

**From:** Don Cuming <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Don Cuming
Bethesda, MD

**From:** Barbara Tewart-Darwin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Columbus, OH

**From:** Lisa Hammermeister <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Lisa Hammermeister
Granada Hills, CA

**From:** Sue Franckel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sue Franckel
Reno, NV

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Carlos Nunez
Reseda, CA

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Respectfully,
Martin Valens
Cold Spring, NY

**From:** Suzanne Kirby <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Suzanne Kirby
Sag Harbor, NY

**From:** Lieselotte Bayan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:13:15 -0400
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Respectfully,
Lieselotte Bayan
San Francisco, CA

**From:** Deborah Gandolfo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:13:16 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As a member of a non-Christian faith, I am extremely concerned about some efforts in parts of our country to make us a theocracy -- a one-religion state.

I support separation of church and state.

Sincerely,
Deborah Gandolfo
[redacted]

**From:** Kevin O'Rourke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Kevin O'Rourke
Camden, NY

**From:** Christina Scott <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Christina Scott
Niagara Falls, NY

**From:** Susanna Levin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Susanna Levin
New Rochelle, NY

**From:** Barbara and Jim Dale <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Barbara and Jim Dale
Decorah, IA

**From:** Carol Lundrigan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Just one thing says it all:
Separation of Church & State, period!

Respectfully,
Carol Lundrigan
Lexington, NC

**From:** Daniel Belachew <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Thank you.

Respectfully,
Daniel Belachew
Norwood, MA

**From:** Margaret Hill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Margaret Hill
Queen Creek, AZ

**From:** Donlon McGovern <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Donlon McGovern
Portland, OR

**From:** Frances Chaimowitz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Frances Chaimowitz
Coconut Creek, FL

**From:** Patricia DeLscy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Patricia DeLscy
Philadelphia, PA

**From:** Carla Behrens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Carla Behrens
Longmont, CO

**From:** Steven Foss <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Steven Foss
Van Nuys, CA

**From:** John Thornberry <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
John Thornberry
Louisville, KY

**From:** cletus stein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
cletus stein
amarillo, TX

**From:** Christopher Sorge <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Christopher Sorge
Mount Holly Springs, PA

**From:** Linda M Jones <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Clemmons, NC

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Laura Merrill
Washington, DC

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Respectfully,
Pamela Chamallas
Newmarket, NH

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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My religious faith and my understanding of U.S. citizenship's rights and obligations compel me to protect the freedoms and well-being of all of my neighbors. They call me to participates in building and protecting a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity.

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Minneapolis, MN

**From:** David Hodam <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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David Hodam
Eldridge, IA

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Phoenix, AZ

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Karen Bell
Madison, GA

**From:** "Rev. Richard Warden" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Rev. Richard Warden
Arnold, MD

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Greenbelt, MD

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Respectfully,
Ann White
LAUREL, MD

**From:** Jamie Johnson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Rev. Dr. Jamie Johnson

Respectfully,
Jamie Johnson
Stratford, CT

**From:** Marcia Hunter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marcia Hunter
Hilton Head Island, SC

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Justin Bernard
Webster, MA

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Kate Strother
Concord, CA

**From:** Terrone Rosenberry <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Terrone Rosenberry
Jacksonville, FL

**From:** Carol Tobias <[redacted]>
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Carol Tobias
Post, TX

**From:** Kathleen Weaver <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Kathleen Weaver
Clermont, FL

**From:** Lisa Langcake <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lisa Langcake
Fort Mill, SC

**From:** Walter Bailey <[redacted]>
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Walter Bailey
Memphis, TN

**From:** Thomas O'Brien <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Thomas O'Brien
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

**From:** Lynne Brimecombe <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lynne Brimecombe
Ann Arbor, MI

**From:** Donna Lee Sparrowhawk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Even the title of your name is Orwellian. For all you keep saying, there is a Constitutional separation of church and state. It protects the state, and it protects the church. I find the current government's view of proper faith deeply disturbing because I am a Christian, and it no way reflects my faith. It can therefore in no way protect non-Christian Americans.
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**From:** glen deardorff <[redacted]>
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glen deardorff
Castro Valleycastro valle, CA

**From:** "Rev. Darla Bair" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rev. Darla Bair
Lancaster, PA

**From:** Reynold Soucy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Reynold Soucy
Rockland, MA

**From:** Deborah Wells <[redacted]>
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Deborah Wells
Ocean Park, WA

**From:** Mary E LaValley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Perkasie, PA

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Robert Parker
Wake Forest, NC

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Clovis, CA

**From:** Polly Taylor <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Polly Taylor
Olympia, WA

**From:** Ruth Larson <[redacted]>
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Ruth Larson
Vancouver, WA

**From:** michele rule <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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michele rule
Penacook, NH

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Maria Whitaker
Albuquerque, NM

**From:** Angela Kantola <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Angela Kantola
Littleton, CO

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Respectfully,
deni mack
Pittsford, NY

**From:** David Kannerstein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:22:48 -0400
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David Kannerstein
Haverford, PA

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Respectfully,
Susan Fernbach
Olympia, WA

**From:** Felicia Killiebrew <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Felicia Killiebrew
Hazelwood, MO

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Mary Ann Hoogeveen
New Port Richey, FL

**From:** Sharon Baker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Sharon Baker
Goshen, IN

**From:** Gregry Loomis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Gregry Loomis
SEATTLE, WA

**From:** Nancy Nonini <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:24:15 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a progressive Christian, and as such, I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, not just white conservative Christians, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Respectfully,
Nancy Nonini
Sun City, AZ

**From:** Julia Rendon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Julia Rendon
Des Moines, IA

**From:** Robin Devaney <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Robin Devaney
Middletown, PA

**From:** Peter Graboski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:25:21 -0400
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Peter Graboski
Charlestown, NH

**From:** Joan Maples <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Joan Maples
Midlothian, VA

**From:** Paul Riek <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Paul Riek
Portland, OR

**From:** Brian Thorbjornsen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Duluth, MN

**From:** Mary Crickmore <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Separation of church and state is good for the church.

Respectfully,
Mary Crickmore
Carol Stream, IL

**From:** Donald Schwartz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Donald Schwartz
Baltimore, MD

**From:** Steve Metzger <[redacted]>
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Steve Metzger
Tehachapi, CA

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Ray Stranske
Denver, CO

**From:** Garth Lehman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Garth Lehman
Lexington, KY

**From:** Nancy Morton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Nancy Morton
Dallas, TX

**From:** Richard Gillaspie <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Richard Gillaspie
White Bluff, TN

**From:** Patti-Jo Mowrey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Patti-Jo Mowrey
Du Bois, PA

**From:** Rene Kvidahl <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rene Kvidahl
Berkeley, CA

**From:** Ira Rosenblum <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report and preserve the rights and dignity of all people.

Respectfully,
Ira Rosenblum
NYC, NY

**From:** Tracey Katsouros <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Tracey Katsouros
Waldorf, MD

**From:** Jeff McCormick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Jeff McCormick
New Orleans & United Stat, LA

**From:** Anthony Ramey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Anthony Ramey
Los Angeles, CA

**From:** Jane Jones <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jane Jones
Arvada, CO

**From:** Maggie Englund <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Maggie Englund
PORTLAND, OR

**From:** Cheryl Parsons <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Cheryl Parsons
Carlisle, PA

**From:** Judith Looby <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Judith Looby
North Fork, CA

**From:** Caitlin Sturgis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Caitlin Sturgis
Centennial, CO

**From:** Ralph Knapp <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Ralph Knapp
Boyne Falls, MI

**From:** K Liddle <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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K Liddle
Charlotte, NC

**From:** Sylvia Teeuwen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Sylvia Teeuwen
Williamsburg, VA

**From:** Clifford Manwiller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Clifford Manwiller
Turtle Lake, WI

**From:** Sylvia Dumford <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Sylvia Dumford
Kennesaw, GA

**From:** ALAN PRESSMAN <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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ALAN PRESSMAN
Anytown, NJ

**From:** James Rood <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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James Rood
Levelland, TX

**From:** Holly Jackson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Holly Jackson
Gaithersburg, MD

**From:** Jerry Post <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Jerry Post
Marble Falls, TX

**From:** Judith Livingstone <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Judith Livingstone
East Dennis, MA

**From:** Carol Wright <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Holladay, UT

**From:** Erv Ziese <[redacted]>
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Stevens Point, WI

**From:** Nonie Woolf <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Nonie Woolf
Browning, MT

**From:** Michael Hickey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nashua, NH

**From:** Patrice LaMariana <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Patrice LaMariana
NY, NY

**From:** Beth Larson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Beth Larson
Chandler, AZ

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Sun Lakes, AZ

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Respectfully,
Lilly Knuth
Garden City, NY

**From:** Charles Tazzia <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Charles Tazzia
Grosse Pointe, MI

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Pauline Bonnen
Brooklyn, NY

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As a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, I urge the committee to remember the parable of the 'good Samaritan'. He was an example of taking care of others in need, not ignoring or condemning them. I grew up with the example of my parents, a Catholic and an agnostic, who loved and valued one another even though they disagreed on religion. They lived into their eighties caring for one another and beloved by all our family members for their example. I would hope to see my beloved country a model for this - extending charity toward all whatever their beliefs are.

My parents also taught me that there was strict separation of church and state in the United States, established from the first by founders who knew what tragedy the opposite could produce. That means religion doesn't come into decisions about protection of civil rights access to healthcare or a broad and open educational system.

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Respectfully,
Kathryn M Dolezal
Waltham, MA

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Cranston, RI

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Youngstown, OH

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Sue King
Pleasanton, CA

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Susan Hanlon
Manchester, NJ

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Kelly Andrada
Hayward, CA

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Meredith Harris
Jonesport, ME

**From:** Vera Georgieff <[redacted]>
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Vera Georgieff
South San Francisco, CA

**From:** Amanda Merriman <[redacted]>
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Amanda Merriman
Franklin, TN

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Bob Moyer
Souderton, PA

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Rob Dodson
Cottage Grove, OR

**From:** Cindy Shoaf <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Cindy Shoaf
Salisbury, NC

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Wendy Martin
Belington, WV

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patricia smith
Aberdeen, WA

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Sun City Center, FL

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Jemez Springs, NM

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This Bill of Rights amendment was/is designed to protect anyone's belief, Including Atheists.
It arose for ourfrom the oppressive European governments practices of violently supporting ONE religion... Ie Roman Catholicism on mainland continent and
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Christian Nationalist are ignorant and naive TRAITORS. I invite them to leave this country and take their silly righteousness with them.

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MEDFORD, OR

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Kevin Vaught
Antioch, TN

**From:** "Rev. Alice Bradley" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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As a Christian, I believe God gives us free will and that it is wrong for the state to interfere with our freedom to choose -or not- to have a relationship with God. God draws us to God's self in loving pursuit of our return love. Should the state compel religious ideology of any kind it interferes in the sacred relationship that God has with each person and the free choice God gives us to choose to follow God or not.
It is, in my opinion a grievous sin to mix governance of the state with matters of faith.
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Rev. Alice Bradley
Thornton, CO

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San Francisco, CA

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Margaret Petton
Albuquerque, NM

**From:** Andrea Frankel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Andrea Frankel
NEVADA CITY, CA

**From:** Michele Springsteen <[redacted]>
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Michele Springsteen
Brunswick, GA

**From:** Gerry Jaffe <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Gerry Jaffe
Palm Beach Gardens, FL

**From:** Claire Jackson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Claire Jackson
Georgetown, TX

**From:** Carlos Malave <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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As a minister who has cultivated deep relationships with thousands of fellow ministers across all the major traditions of Christianity for the last thirty years, I can offer this testimony: our faith has not suffered persecution or discrimination in this country. On the contrary, on too many occasions Christians have received privileges that are denied to people of other faiths. In three decades of ministry, I have never once heard a fellow minister — Catholic, Evangelical, Historic Protestant, or Pentecostal — tell me they were discriminated against for being Christian. This does not mean discrimination has never occurred in isolated cases; to claim otherwise would be untruthful. But isolated cases do not constitute a national crisis, and they do not justify a national commission.

Respectfully,
Carlos Malave
Concord, VA

**From:** Dee Jackson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Dee Jackson
Austin, TX

**From:** Judith E Hartl <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Judith E Hartl
Philadelphia, PA

**From:** Diana Menshouse <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Diana Menshouse
Huntington, WV

**From:** Bruce Anderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bruce Anderson
New York, NY

**From:** Stephanie Bianca <[redacted]>
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Stephanie Bianca
Chatsworth, CA

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Sharon Fortunak
Saint Paul, MN

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Sydney Cohen
Wausau, WI

**From:** Donna Wood <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Donna Wood
Lompoc, CA

**From:** Jean Wiant <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Jean Wiant
Glenolden, PA

**From:** Blackie Straussburg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Blackie Straussburg
El Segundo, CA

**From:** Richard Gardner <[redacted]>
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Richard Gardner
Gloucester, MA

**From:** William McCleary <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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William McCleary
Livonia, NY

**From:** Maureen Gwynn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Maureen Gwynn
Oberlin, OH

**From:** Brian Schill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Brian Schill
San Antonio, TX

**From:** Karen Williams <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Karen Williams
KANSAS CITY, MO

**From:** Kathleen Lyons <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Kathleen Lyons
Saint Petersburg, FL

**From:** Addison Altman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Addison Altman
Brownsburg, IN

**From:** Warren Hodgkiss <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Warren C. Hodgkiss

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Warren Hodgkiss
Harrisburg, PA

**From:** Paul Keller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Paul Keller
Menomonie, WI

**From:** Jacquelyn Lacefield <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Austin, TX

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Respectfully,
P Gorman
Hanover, MA

**From:** Mathew Drennan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Mathew Drennan
Flower Mound, TX

**From:** Lu Ben <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Lu Ben
Merrimack, NH

**From:** Mark Elman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Mark Elman
Park Ridge, NJ

**From:** THOMAS LOWER <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Marilyn Raffaele <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Marilyn Raffaele
Cedar, MI

**From:** Alexia Jandourek <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Alexia Jandourek
Hortonville, WI

**From:** Suzanne Lamborn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Suzanne Lamborn
Nottingham, PA

**From:** Julie Baugh <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who is a Christian and believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the opposite. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others including an extremely large number of Christians. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

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Respectfully,
Julie Baugh
Westlake, TX

**From:** Sandy Steele <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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I don't see how this report will protect religious liberty; instead it elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. My own religious beliefs call me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity.

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Respectfully,
Sandy Steele
Coppell, TX

**From:** "M. Theresa Basile" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
M. Theresa Basile
Culver City, CA

**From:** Willem Arets <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Willem Arets
Bath, ME

**From:** Penelope Ewanic <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:43:07 -0400
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Respectfully,
Penelope Ewanic
Woodridge, IL

**From:** Stephen Patrick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Finally, I will note that God:
IS NOT WHITE,
IS NOT MALE
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individual faith is too important to be smeared by politics!

Respectfully,
Stephen Patrick
Lititz, PA

**From:** Kathy Escobar <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:44:19 -0400
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While I personally am a follower of Jesus, I believe wholeheartedly in religious freedom for ALL faiths and religious expressions and how important it is to protect religious liberty in a society. This report doesn't do that. It elevates Christianity above all other religions in the United States and that is a violation of one of our deepest principles--freedom of religion. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

As part of a Multi-Faith group for over 15 years, I am deeply committed to my faith as well as honoring and protecting my neighbors and fellow leaders right to theirs. THIS is what makes America great. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

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I hope you will rise above partisan politics and protect everyone's First Amendment rights.

Respectfully,
Kathy Escobar
Arvada, CO

**From:** "F. R. Eguren" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Redondo Beach, CA

**From:** Art Auerbach <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Atlanta, GA

**From:** Maria Whitaker <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Maria Whitaker
Albuquerque, NM

**From:** Julie Martinson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:45:56 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

These protections serve all people living in America, and I will continue to strongly support their persistence in law and in effect.

Sincerely,
Ms Julie Martinson

[redacted]

**From:** Marva Lilly <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Marva Lilly
New York, NY

**From:** Lois Porter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Lois Porter
Schenectady, NY

**From:** Elizabeth Leatherman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:46:53 -0400
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Respectfully,
Elizabeth Leatherman
Providence Village, TX

**From:** Bruce Coffin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Bruce Coffin
Hamden, CT

**From:** Paul Moss <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Paul Moss
White Bear Lake, MN

**From:** Kay Randall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Kay Randall
Moorhead, MN

**From:** Penni Evans <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Penni Evans
Buena Vista, CO

**From:** Thomas Portney <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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North Augusta, SC

**From:** Sandra Williams <[redacted]>
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Sandra Williams
Bonita, CA

**From:** Judith Anderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Judith Anderson
San Luis Obispo, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Cynthia Hautzinger
Prairie View, IL

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lisa Baez
San Juan, PR

**From:** Therese Hartwell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nolesnville, TN

**From:** Robert Spencer <[redacted]>
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Robert Spencer
Everett, WA

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Emily Hodgin
Roanoke, VA

**From:** Teresa Wurts <[redacted]>
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Teresa Wurts
Princeton, KY

**From:** Mary Raynault <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mary Raynault
Sarasota, FL

**From:** Veronika Pietkiewicz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Veronika Pietkiewicz
Mountain View, AR

**From:** Timothy Gilmore <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Timothy Gilmore
San Francisco, CA

**From:** Bernard Ewing <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bernard Ewing
Traverse City, MI

**From:** James Dinsmore <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Santa Cruz, CA

**From:** kathleen bren <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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kathleen bren
Norwood Young America, MN

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William Arnold
Richmond, VA

**From:** Laurie Henderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Laurie Henderson
Austin, TX

**From:** Andrea Wilson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Andrea Wilson
Boise, ID

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York, PA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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JL Angell
Rescue, CA

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Sheryl Rothstein
Encino, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Donna Tate
Los Angeles, CA

**From:** Karen Gallagher <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Glenview, IL

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Marshall Louise Mccorkle
Norfolk, VA

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Stephanie Mory
Clarks Summit, PA

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Respectfully,
sarah taft
Pittsfield, NH

**From:** Linda Neff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Linda Neff
North Bergen, NJ

**From:** Nancy Harray <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nancy Harray
Monterey, CA

**From:** Elaine Minier <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Elaine Minier
Raleigh, NC

**From:** Beth Williams <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Beth Williams
Fayetteville, NY

**From:** Ericka Kreager <[redacted]>
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Ericka Kreager
Wausau, WI

**From:** George Craciun <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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George Craciun
Thonotosassa, FL

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Alice Sparks
Eugene, OR

**From:** Kathy Pollock <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Kathy Pollock
Tewksbury, MA

**From:** Lynn Santoro <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Lynn Santoro
West Yarmouth, MA

**From:** Gina Cipriano <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Gina Cipriano
Louisville, KY

**From:** Greg D <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Greg D
Mount Shasta, CA

**From:** Pat Dimond <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I was raised in a deeply religious home. One of my first steps in making what I'd been taught as a child was to recognize and appreciate the many paths to God. I also recognize that we are called to be a community who looks out for those in need.

The separation of church a state is not optional. We cannot force feed one narrow belief system down everyone's throat.

Please stop and reflect before signing this.

Respectfully,
Pat Dimond
Westminster, CO

**From:** Sally Thomas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Sally Thomas
Webster Groves, MO

**From:** Tamsen Foley <[redacted]>
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Tamsen Foley
Othello, WA

**From:** B M <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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B M
Otho, IA

**From:** ELLEN HARLEY <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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I am opposed to the Commission's recommendations. Our Constitution is very clear about separation of church and state and that includes vouchers for religious schools. Our founding fathers were also very clear about freedom of religion no matter the religious preferences of the individual. Let us stay true to the US Constitution.

Respectfully,
ELLEN HARLEY
Charleston, SC

**From:** Albert Turl <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Carbondale, IL

**From:** Johnny Fifles <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Johnny Fifles
Jackson, WY

**From:** Owen Fairbank <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Owen Fairbank
Port Townsend, WA

**From:** Constance Minerovic <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Northfield, OH

**From:** Sherwin Little <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Sherwin Little
CINCINNATI, OH

**From:** "Rev. Shiloh Hoffman" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I am an interfaith hospice chaplain serving those of all religious backgrounds, whether Evangelical Christian, Jewish, Satanist, Hindu, Wiccan, or any other. My seminary studies and chaplaincy training both informed an interreligious call to ministry that I follow every day in the service of some of the most vulnerable in our country. The spirit of this report flies in the face of what "interfaith" means, and certainly what our founding fathers established: that there be a free exercise of religion for all. Instead of following one of the cornerstones of our country's moral fabric, this draft report serves to uplift the supremacy of one religious perspective over all others. The founding fathers would have balked at the consequences of this and other thinly-veiled attempts to uplift Christian Nationalism. It is the antithesis of "E Pluribus Unum."

Christian scripture should not be the basis for building an interfaith nation. This report aims to meet ends that are the exact opposite of what Jesus practiced and preached. To speak in words Commission members might better understand: John the Baptist baptized the eunuch. Jesus aligned himself with the marginalized above all else. God commanded his children to welcome the stranger. And now, this commission seeks to do the opposite. If any on the Commission are Christian, they should bow their heads in shame.

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Respectfully,
Rev. Shiloh Hoffman
New Bedford, MA

**From:** Bob Klein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bob Klein
Spotsylvania, VA

**From:** Marie Jay <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marie Jay
West Milton, OH

**From:** John Chase <[redacted]>
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John Chase
Memphis, TN

**From:** Jarrard Ashmore <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lake Station, IN

**From:** Frank and Elizabeth Rodriguez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Tucson, AZ

**From:** Patricia De Francis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Patricia De Francis
Saint Paul, MN

**From:** Joanie Beldin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Joanie Beldin
Port Angeles, WA

**From:** Marianne Kast <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marianne Kast
Fresno, CA

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Respectfully,
Amy Steinberg
Wayne, NJ

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Art Smoker
Goshen, IN

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Sylvia Sanchez
San Jose, CA

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Aidan Rodriguez
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**From:** Carolyn Reininger <[redacted]>
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Carolyn Reininger
Mountain City, TX

**From:** Lucretia Jevne <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Lucretia Jevne
New London, NH

**From:** Harry Knox <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Harry Knox
Quitman, GA

**From:** Alex Stavis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Kathryn Burns <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Kathryn Burns
Kerrville, TX

**From:** Heidi Wangelin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Silver Spring, MD

**From:** Charles Pill <[redacted]>
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Arlington VA, VA

**From:** Marilyn Stoops <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marilyn Stoops
Albuquerque, NM

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Janet Klein
Fremont, CA

**From:** Jennifer Scull <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Chardon, OH

**From:** Karen Spradlin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Jason Van Leeuwen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jason Van Leeuwen
Van Nuys, CA

**From:** Hanna Floss <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:12:31 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

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Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Hanna Floss
[redacted]

**From:** Jeff Ball <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jeff Ball
Sacramento, CA

**From:** J Herringto <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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J Herringto
Edinboro, PA

**From:** Carole Venhaus <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Des Moines, IA

**From:** Paul Hague <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Paul Hague
Newbury, NH

**From:** Patricia Bonesteel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Patricia Bonesteel
Baldwinsville, NY

**From:** Margaret Dyson-Cobb <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Margaret Dyson-Cobb
Lexington, VA

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April Adams
Sumner, WA

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One of the driving reasons for this country's founding was to establish religious liberty for all persons--that we are each free to chose our religion, or no religion, and that the government cannot favor one religion over another.  This, to me, is a vey important principle.

Respectfully,
Carolyn Codd
Redlands, CA

**From:** Robert Fritsch <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Robert Fritsch
Newington, CT

**From:** Bonita Bock <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bonita Bock
Denver, CO

**From:** Rose Vigil <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Rose Vigil
Shingle Springs, CA

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Respectfully,
Edward Nardone
Grand Rapids, MN

**From:** Dr Chris Stout <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Egg Harbor, WI

**From:** Janet Rountree <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

My parents taught me that our country has a distinct separation between church and state. They also taught me that different religious groups are all good, just different paths to our creator. As long as they don't discriminate against others, it's up to them to choose their spiritual path. To each, his own. We must accept and appreciate our differences. I believe that is what most of our citizens think.

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Janet Rountree
Suffolk, VA

**From:** Elliott Parkin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Elliott Parkin
Pleasant Grove, UT

**From:** Terry Lowman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Terry Lowman
Ames, IA

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Marian Coger
Gaithersburg, MD

**From:** cheryl money <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
cheryl money
New Albany, IN

**From:** Jean Geissler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jean Geissler

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Jean Geissler
Minneapolis, MN

**From:** Keith Becher <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Keith Becher
Satellite Beach, FL

**From:** Antoinette Marquard <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Antoinette Marquard
Rocky River, OH

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Nc Starrs
Marlboro, NJ

**From:** Jenni Roark <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jenni Roark
Cincinnati, OH

**From:** David Fandrich <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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David Fandrich
Ankeny, IA

**From:** Valerie Poirier <[redacted]>
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Berea, OH

**From:** Hope Crescione <[redacted]>
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New Haven, CT

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Alexander West
Portland, OR

**From:** Gabi Clayton <[redacted]>
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I am the daughter of a German Jewish refugee who, during World War Two, escaped Germany to France with his family, and then to England as a high school student. He was interned by the British in Canada as an enemy alien. When he was released, my father moved to the United States where he met my mother and they had me and my two siblings. https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=1824d156-7d68b806-1823f5b3-74fe48677126-91d57745ae1500ff&q=1&e=ae307cd0-04df-4e2a-a279-0e6ade0c0e2d&u=https%3A%2F%2Fgabiclayton.com%2Fabout-me%2Fheritage%2F

My husband and I are the parents of two sons. Our younger son, Bill, came out as bisexual when he was 14. When he was 17 in 1995 Bill was assaulted in a bashing based on his sexual orientation. "We don't tolerate fags here!" is what the four young men (teens also) screamed as they beat our son.

Bill survived that assault, but he committed suicide a month later because he believed he would never be safe in this world or in his country — aware of how many people are taught in thier faith communities and homes that LGBTQ people are less than human and are evil. https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=f84022bb-9d0c4beb-f847065e-74fe48677126-cef1ef4f98905741&q=1&e=ae307cd0-04df-4e2a-a279-0e6ade0c0e2d&u=https%3A%2F%2Fgabiclayton.com%2Fbills-story%2F

As my father's daughter, as my son Bill's mother, as a nontheist Quaker, and as an American, my belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society here where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I do my best to bring that about and I urge you to do that also.

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Respectfully,
Gabi Clayton
Olympia, WA

**From:** Lesley Forrester <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Lesley Forrester
Turtle Creek, PA

**From:** Katherine McNeill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Katherine McNeill
Sacramento, CA

**From:** Gloria Cash-Procell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Gloria Cash-Procell
Huntsville, AL

**From:** Elizabeth Hall <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Elizabeth Hall
Porter Ranch, CA

**From:** Irene Nance <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Irene Nance
T Or C, NM

**From:** Maria Taylor <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Maria Taylor
Davenport, IA

**From:** Kellie Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Kellie Miller
Orange, CA

**From:** Christiane Schwager <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Christiane Schwager
Sterling Heights, MI

**From:** Phallon Davis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Phallon Davis
Santa Rosa, CA

**From:** Mark Brown <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mark Brown
San Antonio, TX

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Philip Rich
Queensbury, NY

**From:** Davida Kristy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Davida Kristy
Playa Vista, CA

**From:** Lise Brenner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Lise Brenner
Brooklyn, NY

**From:** Patricia Dion <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Patricia Dion
Strongsville, OH

**From:** Caephren McKenna <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Caephren McKenna
Oakland, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ishan George
Sunnyvale, TX

**From:** Carol O'Neill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Carol O'Neill
Vancouver, WA

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Yolanda Berumen
Baldwin Park, CA

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Lyle Wirtanen
Walla Walla, WA

**From:** Calvin Jager <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Calvin Jager
Grand Rapids, MI

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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casee maxfield
Los Angeles, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Peter W Peters
Rochester, NY

**From:** Kay Klinkenborg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Kay Klinkenborg
Sun City, AZ

**From:** d burn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
d burn
Spring City, PA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Trisha Sheridan-Stanfill
Fort Worth, TX

**From:** Nancy Preston <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Nancy Preston
NEW YORK, NY

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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San Francisco, CA

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Michael Lueras
Chatsworth, CA

**From:** William Smart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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William Smart
Dothan, AL

**From:** Teresa Mathews <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Teresa Mathews
West Des Moines, IA

**From:** John Magisano <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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John Magisano
Brooklyn, NY

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Maryann Graziano
Plymouth, MN

**From:** Robert Long <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Robert Long
Niskayuna, NY

**From:** Lisa Rustemeyer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Lisa Rustemeyer
MANDEVILLE, LA

**From:** Richard Larmer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Richard Larmer
Saint Louis, MO

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Erin Alderson
Huntingtown, MD

**From:** Saundra Lormand <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:34:27 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Saundra Lormand

[redacted]

**From:** Jo Ann McNaughton-Kade <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jo Ann McNaughton-Kade
Effingham, IL

**From:** Gerald L Soliday <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Gerald L Soliday
Richardson, TX

**From:** Luci Ungar <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Luci Ungar
Sonoma, CA

**From:** Susan Peirce <[redacted]>
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Santa Fe, NM

**From:** Dennis Kreiner <[redacted]>
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Carpentersville, IL

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Littleton, CO

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Barbara Babin
Denver, CO

**From:** Stephan Lyman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Stephan Lyman
Charlestown,, RI

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sue E
Cheyenne, WY

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marion Constantinides
Pittsburgh, PA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Montpelier, VT

**From:** Ocean Pellett <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ocean Pellett
Waterford, CT

**From:** Marion Difalco <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:40:21 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

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Respectfully,
Marion Difalco
CINCINNATI, OH

**From:** Doug Henderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Despite what many in the current administration would like to think, this country was NOT founded to be a Christian country, OR to offer a particular religion more protection than others, OR more than those with no religious belief at all.

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Doug Henderson
Stevens Point, WI

**From:** Karla Giroux <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Karla Giroux
Hawthorn Woods, IL

**From:** Sherry Perkins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Sherry Perkins
Clarkesville, GA

**From:** Lisa Fuchilla <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Lisa Fuchilla
Phillipsburg, NJ

**From:** Charles Davids <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Charles Davids
Daytona Beach, FL

**From:** Kris Tostengard Michel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Kris Tostengard Michel
Minneapolis, MN

**From:** Michael King <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Michael King
Jacksonville, FL

**From:** Dr John Brooks <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Dr John Brooks
Tate, GA

**From:** Margaret Anderson <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Margaret Anderson
ALTA LOMA, CA

**From:** Marissa Williford <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Marissa Williford
Winder, GA

**From:** Diane Stevens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:43:39 -0400
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Respectfully,
Diane Stevens
Marlborough, MA

**From:** Lori Stefano <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Lori Stefano
Yelm, WA

**From:** Mark Johaningsmeir <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:44:34 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a United Methodist minister-retired. I believe that the concept and practice of religious liberty is truly American and follows the teachings of my church.

I submit this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the opposite. This report elevates one limited set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others.

True religious freedom does not mean using one privileged belief system to undermine the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

My church calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity.

Therefore I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. I believe that this report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not one narrow religious tradition that would privilege a select few and exclude all others.

Respectfully,
Mark Johaningsmeir
Aurora, CO

**From:** Michael Haralson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:44:37 -0400
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Respectfully,
Michael Haralson
Atlanta, GA

**From:** Mary Hill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:45:29 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans. You cannot force a faith on a people.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Ms Mary Hill
[redacted]

**From:** Edward Kaeufer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Edward Kaeufer
Blaine, WA

**From:** Johanna Meyer-Mitchell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Johanna Meyer-Mitchell
Martinez, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Margot May
San Francisco, CA

**From:** Jack Riley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jack Riley
Phoenix, AZ

**From:** Betty Burnett <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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I have been a Christian church-goer for 86 years. I love the church. I hope people join it >voluntarily< not under duress because they need a grade or a job or a benefit.

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Respectfully,
Betty Burnett
St. Louis, MO

**From:** Elizabeth Kramer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Elizabeth Kramer
Pittsford, NY

**From:** Martha Vazquez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Martha Vazquez
Santa Barbara, CA

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Respectfully,
Deborah Nesselhauf
Estero, FL

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Leah Helmer
Medford, NY

**From:** Lena Jurgens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Lena Jurgens
East Wenatchee, WA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jessica Fike
Pickerington, OH

**From:** Mark Peterson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:47:42 -0400
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Mark Peterson
Memphis, TN

**From:** Robert Conant <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Robert Conant
Boynton Beach, FL

**From:** James Deshotels <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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James Deshotels
Robertsville, MO

**From:** GARY HIGGINS <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
GARY HIGGINS
SCHULENBURG, TX

**From:** Dale Beaver <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Dale Beaver
Chula Vista, CA

**From:** Kathleen Kilcommons <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Kathleen Kilcommons
Trumbull, CT

**From:** Kate Crecelius <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:50:51 -0400
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Respectfully,
Kate Crecelius
Lafayette, IN

**From:** Dawn Newcomer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Dawn Newcomer
Spring, TX

**From:** Dave Ferguson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:51:24 -0400
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Dave Ferguson
Loveland, CO

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Lenna Ojure
Lexington, VA

**From:** Michelle Albers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Michelle Albers
Castle Rock, CO

**From:** Mary More <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mary More
Flourtown, PA

**From:** Neal Attinson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:52:00 -0400
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Respectfully,
Neal Attinson
Sonoma, CA

**From:** Caren Caldwell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Caren Caldwell
MEDFORD, OR

**From:** Janice Warrington <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Janice Warrington
Melbourne, FL

**From:** Nancy Oetter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nancy Oetter
Naperville, IL

**From:** Diann Harris <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Diann Harris
Saint Charles, MO

**From:** Jennifer Sheetz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jennifer Sheetz
Fort Worth, TX

**From:** Judith Basch <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Judith Basch
Fort Lauderdale, FL

**From:** Melinda Mullican <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Melinda Mullican
Indianapolis, IN

**From:** Cherlyn Crowley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:56:07 -0400
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Respectfully,
Cherlyn Crowley
Broomfield, CO

**From:** Linda Bergeon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Linda Bergeon
Medford, OR

**From:** Mark Makowski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Mark Makowski
Sun City, AZ

**From:** Martha Auerbach <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Martha Auerbach
Brookline, MA

**From:** Chris Highland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Finally, I strongly support the Johnson Amendment that keeps political partisanship out of the pulpit.

Respectfully,
Chris Highland
Asheville, NC

**From:** Reeve Love <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Reeve Love
Albuquerque, NM

**From:** Cathy Noga <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Cathy Noga
Carnegie, PA

**From:** L D <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
L D
Oakland, CA

**From:** Dolores Scheelen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 18:58:19 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am 85 years old. My parents emphasized our country's freedom to practice our religion free from persecution and taught me to hold sacred my ability to vote. they paid from their limited income for religious education for me, wanting government to maintain separation of church and state. I strongly oppose the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Dolores Scheelen
MEDFORD, OR

**From:** Rebecca Carlson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Rebecca Carlson
East Peoria, IL

**From:** Judith King <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Judith King
Vero Beach, FL, FL

**From:** Andrew Arellano <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Andrew Arellano
Lyons, IL

**From:** Matthew Tarpley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Matthew Tarpley
Covington, GA

**From:** Frances A Rove <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Frances A Rove
Leawood, KS

**From:** Melissa Grondin <[redacted]>
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Melissa Grondin
Malden, MA

**From:** Jeffrey Jones <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jeffrey Jones
oregon city, OR

**From:** Emmet Ryan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Emmet Ryan
Floral Park, NY

**From:** Terri Decker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Redding, CA

**From:** Keith Brintzenhoff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Keith Brintzenhoff
Kutztown, PA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Oakland, CA

**From:** glenn gawinowicz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
glenn gawinowicz
Oreland, PA

**From:** Jean Berman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Jean Berman
Paonia, CO

**From:** Johnny Hall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Johnny Hall
Dana, KY

**From:** William Yates <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lothian, MD

**From:** John Stofko <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Allentown, PA

**From:** Carlisle Levine <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Arlington, VA

**From:** Ramona Hallick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ramona Hallick
Toms River, NJ

**From:** Joseph Owen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Speparation of Church and State is essential to religious freedom, and it always as been. As a deeply religious person, I have always been concerned about individuals being free to practice their religion. This is essential for all religions, so long as the rights of others are not being impinged on or that religious belief is not being used as an excuse to impinge on the rights of others.

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Joseph Owen
Mesa, AZ

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Shirley Pelletier
Conway, MA

**From:** William Phelan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Tallahassee, FL

**From:** Dolores Arndt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dolores Arndt
Dafter, MI

**From:** j yudell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
j yudell
Santa Monica, CA

**From:** Roberta Moore <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 19:07:51 -0400
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Roberta Moore
Littleton, CO

**From:** Barry Zuckerman <[redacted]>
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Barry Zuckerman
Middletown, NY

**From:** Patricia Elliott <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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My belief system demands that I work to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. I believe everyone should be treated with equal dignity. As a result, I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment. The report should reflect religious pluralism, not a narrow politically motivated perspective.

Respectfully,
Patricia Elliott
Horseshoe Bay, TX

**From:** Gail Heilbrunn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Gail Heilbrunn
Cedar Hill, TX

**From:** Donna Maurillo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 19:10:21 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. If we truly believe in a God, then we have to acknowledge that this God created all of us as equals.

I am a practicing Christian, but I accept that people have other ways of believing and of honoring God. I seriously OBJECT to any legislation that treats certain religions as illegitimate.

I also object to religion being taught in public schools. Each American has been granted freedom to practice their chosen faith. To promote one belief system over another is against the FIRST AMENDMENT.

Our Founders were not all Protestants, or even all Christians. They purposely put freedom of religion in the very first position in their Bill of Rights. Let's not tell those wise Founders that they were wrong.

Respectfully,
Donna Maurillo
Scotts Valley, CA

**From:** Greg Kay <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Greg Kay
Cypress, TX

**From:** Peter Ware <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Peter Ware
Medford, OR

**From:** Pam Pouchot <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 19:13:11 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

Religious liberty does not refer only to Christianity. It is for all religions as well as those who are agnostic or atheist. The U.S. was not founded as a Christian nation, but a nation where the federal government did not take sides. Let us worship or not worship a creator as we please, not as ordered by the government. Uphold the Constitution.

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Respectfully,
Pam Pouchot
Yorktown, VA

**From:** John Crotty <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
John Crotty
Manchester, MO

**From:** Beth Morey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Beth Morey
BELLE FOURCHE, SD

**From:** Judy Merrill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 19:14:54 -0400
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Respectfully,
Judy Merrill
Oakland, CA

**From:** "E.S. SCHLOSS" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
E.S. SCHLOSS
NEW YORK, NY, NY

**From:** Barbara Roaslik <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Barbara Roaslik
Rochester Hills, MI

**From:** William Warren <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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William Warren
Germantown, TN

**From:** Regina Guarneri <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Regina Guarneri
Sacramento, CA

**From:** Lynn Pooley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lynn Pooley
Lakewood, OH

**From:** leon Virden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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leon Virden
Minneapolis, MN

**From:** Heidi Kroll <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Heidi Kroll
St Cloud, MN

**From:** Rosemary Conoley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rosemary Conoley
Richardson, TX

**From:** Maria Guzman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Maria Guzman
Bakersfield, CA

**From:** Kathryn Williams <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Kathryn Williams
Fort Myers, FL

**From:** Steven Urquhart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Steven Urquhart
Roanoke, VA

**From:** Duane Niatum <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Duane Niatum
Seattle, WA

**From:** Sandra Schomberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Sandra Schomberg
Corvallis, OR

**From:** Linda Martin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Linda Martin
Jacksonville, FL

**From:** Jan Villott <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jan Villott
Pleasanton, CA

**From:** Mary Walls <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Mary Walls
Deming, NM

**From:** Karen Nelson <[redacted]>
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Karen Nelson
Maple Valley, WA

**From:** Peter Patterson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Peter Patterson
Sudbury, VT

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Charlene Henley
San Jose, CA

**From:** Rebekah King <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rebekah King
Frederick, MD

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Respectfully,
Dorothy Shelley
Austin, TX

**From:** Doug Helliesen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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laurie winnette
Austin, TX

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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JENNIE COHEN
Pasadena, CA

**From:** Bonnie Brunkhorst <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Bonnie Brunkhorst
Riverside, CA

**From:** John Sonin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Douglas, AK

**From:** Paige Ziehler-Martin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Monrovia, CA

**From:** Pamela Sullivan <[redacted]>
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Pamela Sullivan
Hooksett, NH

**From:** Jenina Quinn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jenina Quinn
Edmonds, WA

**From:** Kevin Grimes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Williston Park, NY

**From:** Leland DeGolier <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Myrtle Creek, OR

**From:** Sharon I Gouwens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Thetford Center, VT

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Niagara Falls, NY, NY

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Steve Groze <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Aaron Tyrrell
Knoxville, TN

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nacogdoches, TX

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Manchester, TN

**From:** Sharon Balzano <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sharon Balzano
Wheat Ridge, CO

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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LARRY OTTEMAN
Ames, IA

**From:** Melissa Dodson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Melissa Dodson
Oxford, CT

**From:** Keith Phelps <[redacted]>
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Keith Phelps
Indianapolis, IN

**From:** Donna Gensler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Donna Gensler
Pittsburgh, PA

**From:** Toby Willis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 19:38:51 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

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Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Toby Willis

[redacted]

**From:** Landa Bowen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Landa Bowen
Country Club Hills, IL

**From:** Yolanda Sutton <[redacted]>
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Yolanda Sutton
Westland, MI

**From:** Marc Silverman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marc Silverman
Los Angeles, CA

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Cliff Atendido
Burlingame, CA

**From:** Debra Atlas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Debra Atlas
Weslaco, TX

**From:** Darlene Deloff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Darlene Deloff
Beaverton, OR

**From:** Alan Krantz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Alan Krantz
West Hills, CA

**From:** Mark Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mark Smith
Oconto Falls, WI

**From:** Brock Cordeiro <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Dartmouth, MA

**From:** Ernest Hammer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ernest Hammer
White Plains, NY

**From:** Jennifer Anthony <[redacted]>
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Jennifer Anthony
Portland, OR

**From:** Yolanda McGinn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Albuquerque, NM

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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San Diego, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Arthur Riedel
Palm Bay, FL

**From:** Patricia sorn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Patricia sorn
Stow, MA

**From:** Joanne Barber <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Joanne Barber
Winter Haven, FL

**From:** Richard Brown <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Blue Springs, MO

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Sally Phelps
Tucson, AZ

**From:** Roberta Davis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Roberta Davis
Henrietta, NY

**From:** Elizabeth Hegeman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Elizabeth Hegeman
Berlin, MA

**From:** Alice Ciuffo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Alice Ciuffo
Whiting, NJ

**From:** phil mello <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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My belief system demands that I protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors from this theocratic oppression. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious freedom, not conformity to a dangerous ideology that has been openly used to promote violence against anyone who disagrees.

Respectfully,
phil mello
Chandler, AZ

**From:** Noel Crim <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Noel Crim
Sun City West, AZ

**From:** John Schmittauer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
John Schmittauer
Millfield, OH

**From:** Michelle Darbro <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Michelle Darbro
Fort Lauderdale, FL

**From:** Christopher Papa <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Christopher Papa
San Carlos, CA

**From:** Clarice McKenney <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 19:52:26 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

As a lifelong Christian, I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who also believes in the dignity of every person, I am opposed to the recommendations in this report.

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My belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and well being of my neighbors. It calls me to support a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity.

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Respectfully,
Clarice McKenney
Bonners Ferry, ID

**From:** Betty Duson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Betty Duson
Houston, TX

**From:** Crystal Pierce <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Crystal Pierce
Springfield, MO

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Neil Fisher
Sand Springs, OK

**From:** Joyce Simonds <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Joyce Simonds
Temecula, CA

**From:** John Karlin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
John Karlin
Oklahoma City, OK

**From:** Sean Long <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Sean Long
Mount Prospect, IL

**From:** dorothy kethler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
dorothy kethler
Ranchos De Taos, NM

**From:** Alice Floberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Alice Floberg
Belvidere, IL

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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AJ cho
San Leandro, CA

**From:** Margaret Halladin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Margaret Halladin
San Rafael, CA

**From:** PEGGY YORK <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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PEGGY YORK
portland, ME

**From:** Tracy Griffin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 19:59:12 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

All the above reasons is why I'm sending this today.  I feel very strongly about keeping Church and State separated as it always should be.

Sincerely,
Ms. Tracy Griffin
[redacted]

**From:** "J.B. Sacks" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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J.B. Sacks
Palm Desert, CA

**From:** "Rev. Louisa Dyer" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rev. Louisa Dyer
weaverville, NC

**From:** Donna Rutledge <[redacted]>
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MEDFORD, OR

**From:** Linda Dorsey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Linda Dorsey
West Des Moines, IA

**From:** Katherine Skaar-Garner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Katherine Skaar-Garner
Albert Lea, MN

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 20:00:48 -0400
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Darby Tarr
Harrisville, NY

**From:** Scott Kennedy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Scott Kennedy
Keizer, OR

**From:** CHRIS PHELPS <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
CHRIS PHELPS
ENGLEWOOD, FL

**From:** Jacquie Astemborski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jacquie Astemborski
Westminster, MD

**From:** Mary Hankins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Mary Hankins
Newtown Square, PA

**From:** Louise Whitehead <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Louise Whitehead
Salem, OR

**From:** Mara Obelcz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Mara Obelcz
Hatfield, PA

**From:** Bradley Leger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Bradley Leger
MARRERO, LA

**From:** Nikki Blaha <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nikki Blaha
Naples, FL

**From:** Shaeril McBrown <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Shaeril McBrown
Bronx, NY

**From:** Claudia Bubeck <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Claudia Bubeck
Lafayette, CA

**From:** Bishop Dr Michael D Turner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Bishop Dr Michael D Turner
Lubbock, TX

**From:** Robert Rowe <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Los Angeles, CA

**From:** Mark Salamon <[redacted]>
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Mark Salamon
San Mateo, CA

**From:** Hilary Lake <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Hilary Lake
Petoskey, MI

**From:** Ana Johnson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ana Johnson
Longmont, CO

**From:** Norman Sandel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Norman Sandel
Beacon Falls, CT

**From:** Margaret Russell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Saginaw, TX

**From:** Nate Sanford <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Nate Sanford
Moraine, OH

**From:** Kathalin Walker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Page, AZ

**From:** Catherine Henney <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Catherine Henney
Indianapolis, IN

**From:** Joan Budd <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Joan Budd
Pleasantville, NY

**From:** David Daube <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**From:** Cindy Matthews <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Cindy Matthews
Springfield, MA

**From:** James Hudson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
James Hudson
Muscle Shoals, AL

**From:** Frank Hahn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Frank Hahn
Boonville, IN

**From:** Rosemary E Gaskell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 20:17:52 -0400
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Respectfully,
Rosemary E Gaskell
Winchendon, MA

**From:** Brian Brown <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Brian Brown
Lewisburg, PA

**From:** Karen Roland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Karen Roland
Greensburg, KY

**From:** Lois Rifner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 20:21:05 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to oppose the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission.

As someone who believes ALL people should have freedom to worship according to their own beliefs, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Respectfully,
Lois Rifner
Saint Louis, MO

**From:** Rose Flowers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 20:22:22 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I oppose the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. I believe in the Constitution. I believe in the Bill of Rights. I believe in the separation of church and state and the freedom of and from religion. An individual has a right to worship as they please, but no one can force a religion on another. Our founders did not set up a "Christian Nation" but instead remember the religious persecution in England and were adamant that our new nation would not be governed or influenced by religion.
As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, the Commission must substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report. It must follow the Constitution.

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Rose Flowers
Georgetown, IN

**From:** Shelly Peterson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Shelly Peterson
Anacortes, WA

**From:** Laughing Womyn Ashonosheni <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Laughing Womyn Ashonosheni
Benton Harbor, MI

**From:** Terri Betz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Terri Betz
Sutherlin, OR

**From:** Michelle Fox <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Michelle Fox
Downey, CA

**From:** Pamela Bump <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Pamela Bump
PII

**From:** William Watts <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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William Watts
Athens, GA

**From:** Carole Williams <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Carole Williams
Morgantown, WV

**From:** Kate Butt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Kate Butt
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**From:** Susan Rotatori <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Susan Rotatori
Shaker Heights, OH

**From:** Doris Chorny <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 20:27:46 -0400
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Doris Chorny
New Paltz, NY

**From:** Ronald Killingsworth <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Ronald Killingsworth
Leslie, MI

**From:** Emily Everhart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Emily Everhart
Lexington, NC

**From:** Britney Andrews <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Britney Andrews
Columbus, OH

**From:** C Curtis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
C Curtis
Garland, TX

**From:** Don-Jan Thompson-Oen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 20:30:39 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Our constitution requires freedom of religion for all, and I strongly support that idea. Your proposals tramp on the freedom of religion and need to be dropped.

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Alamosa, CO

**From:** Mark Waltzer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 20:31:01 -0400
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Respectfully,
Mark Waltzer
Marlton, NJ

**From:** Jonah Nelson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Jonah Nelson
Salt Lake City, UT

**From:** John Schmittauer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
John Schmittauer
Millfield, OH

**From:** Kevin Macdonald <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Kevin Macdonald
Belgrade Lakes, ME

**From:** Andrea Schauer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 20:35:49 -0400
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Respectfully,
Andrea Schauer
Aurora, CO

**From:** Diane Pierce <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Diane Pierce
Ames, IA

**From:** Kevin Banach <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Kevin Banach
Old Saybrook, CT

**From:** Joanne Sweeney <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Joanne Sweeney
Sautee Nacoochee, GA

**From:** Cindy Buxton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Cindy Buxton
North Kingstown, RI

**From:** Kevin Milam <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Kevin Milam
Seattle, WA

**From:** Rebecca Merrill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Rebecca Merrill
Auburn, AL

**From:** Beth Darlington <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Beth Darlington
Poughkeepsie, NY

**From:** Katherine Davis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Katherine Davis
Fort Collins, CO

**From:** Thomas Haley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Thomas Haley
Brooklyn, NY

**From:** Felicity Hohenshelt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Felicity Hohenshelt
Jacksonville, FL

**From:** Debra Garries <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respect the Constitution!

Respectfully,
Debra Garries
Missouri City, TX

**From:** Sue Nuccio <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sue Nuccio
Syracuse, NY

**From:** Linda Pawloski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Linda Pawloski
Peoria, AZ

**From:** Kirk Sarell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I appeal to the members of this Commission to act with integrity and good conscience in substantially revising, if not altogether abandoning, the issuance of this report's recommendations. They are antithetical to American values.

The First Amendment clearly sets a foundation for the citizens of this country to be able to freely practice the religion of their choice -- or be free from the coercion of any religion not of their choice. Any honest and moral appraisal of this report would identify it as advocating a version of "Christianity" taking precedence over other religious beliefs or non-beliefs.

I place "Christianity" above in quotation marks as the sincere, practicing Christians I know, who take guidance from Biblical teachings rather than from the dictates of a political movement, is opposed to this sort move to authoritarianism, of fear-mongering for the purpose of discriminatory action. They do not recognize Christianity in these policies; rather, what they recognize is the citing of "religion" as a means to accumulate power over others --- a subjugation that may well in the future turn on the "religious" who initially support these measures. What the recommendations in this report promote is the only true attack on Christianity (no quotes) experienced in this country.

Respectfully,
Kirk Sarell
Northglenn, CO

**From:** "Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a Christian minister, an educator, and a strong advocate for religious liberty and the separation of church and state. I grew up in the Baptist faith and learned early on about how Baptists were among the very first defenders of religious freedom in this new nation. I believe the separation of church and state is one of America's greatest contributions to the world.

I am writing now to express my strong opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission.

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As a Christian, I am called to love my neighbor. That means protecting the freedoms and well-being of ALL my neighbors. It means creating a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity.

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Respectfully,
Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing
Naples, FL

**From:** Rachel Lind <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rachel Lind
Mendota Heights, MN

**From:** DAWN HYDE <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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DAWN HYDE
Flint, MI

**From:** Melanie Howie <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Melanie Howie
Byron, GA

**From:** Karen Pack <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Karen Pack
Lenexa, KS

**From:** Rosalind Carter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rosalind Carter
Washington, DC

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Janet Wolfe
Marshfield, WI

**From:** Carolyn Fay <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Carolyn Fay
Safety Harbor, FL

**From:** William Hughes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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William Hughes
Terre Haute, IN

**From:** Carol Reichert <[redacted]>
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Carol Reichert
Fremont, CA

**From:** barb davis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 20:51:44 -0400
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barb davis
Williams, CA

**From:** Robert Janusko <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Robert Janusko
Bethlehem, PA

**From:** richard byers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
richard byers
San Francisco, CA

**From:** John Shirley Valney <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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John Shirley Valney
Reno, NV

**From:** David Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 20:54:17 -0400
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I submit this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission and to urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before issuing a final report.

As a Christian and a retired United Methodist minister, I believe religious liberty is one of our nation's greatest strengths precisely because it belongs equally to every person. The free exercise of religion depends upon the government protecting the freedom of people of every faith tradition—and of those who claim no religious faith at all. Religious liberty is diminished whenever the state privileges one religious perspective over others.

The draft report does not adequately reflect that principle. It repeatedly elevates one narrow understanding of religion while giving insufficient attention to the rights, dignity, and freedoms of those who believe differently. Religious liberty should never become a justification for denying others equal treatment in housing, employment, education, healthcare, or other areas of public life.

My Christian faith teaches me to love my neighbor and to seek justice. Those convictions lead me to defend not only my own religious freedom but the religious freedom and equal dignity of all people. A government that protects only those who believe as I do is not protecting religious liberty; it is privileging religion.

Our nation is religiously diverse, and that diversity is not a threat to our constitutional order but one of its enduring strengths. I urge the Commission to revise this report so that it reflects the First Amendment's promise of genuine religious liberty for everyone rather than advancing a narrow religious and political perspective at the expense of our shared freedoms.

Respectfully,
David Miller
Barbourville, KY

**From:** Harold Watson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Harold Watson
Springfield, MO

**From:** Geronimo Mato <[redacted]>
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Geronimo Mato
Santa Fe, NM

**From:** Loretta Rafter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Loretta Rafter
Villa Maria, PA

**From:** BRION FEINBERG <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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BRION FEINBERG
Morganville, NJ

**From:** joe Frascone <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
joe Frascone
Dallas, OR

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Tina Bailey
Fort Myers, FL

**From:** Sheila Dixon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sheila Dixon
Concord, CA

**From:** Laura Reilly <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Laura Reilly
Chino Valley, AZ

**From:** Richard Stobbs <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Richard Stobbs
Spring Hill, FL

**From:** Sandra Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Sandra Miller
Greenbelt, MD

**From:** R Mesavage <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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R Mesavage
Winter Park, FL

**From:** Arisa Johnsey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 21:00:57 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others. The Buddhist temple I go to was the only way the Thai community was able to connect with other Thai people in the US for decades. This separation of church and state has allowed me to connect with my heritage through things like Thai dance classes and being able to practice rituals and ceremonies when I've had family members pass away.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate. I believe everyone should be treated fairly and that shouldn't be impacted due to their beliefs around religion. I believe every religion is equally good and teaches people to be good people. Many will often give back to the community and help the most vulnerable.

Sincerely,
Arisa Johnsey

[redacted]

**From:** Ronni Haston <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Ronni Haston
Branson, MO

**From:** Paul Montell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Paul Montell
Baden, PA

**From:** Warren Clark <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Warren Clark
Mammoth Lakes, CA

**From:** Amanda Ingalls <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Amanda Ingalls
Pascoag, RI

**From:** Dena Jensen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 21:05:33 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I have a strong conviction that the separation of church and state is essential to our nation's continued ability to promote the general welfare and remain a beacon of democracy. I am a baptized community member here in Washington state. Additionally, I strongly value the teachings and services of a wide variety of religions and secular community organizations. Their contributions, most often, support the well-being of individuals as well as that of our entire region. I support the following message.

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Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Dena Jensen

[redacted]

**From:** CATHY CARLETON <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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CATHY CARLETON
Lake Luzerne, NY

**From:** Barbara Jackson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Barbara Jackson
Denver, CO

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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The draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission is completely counter to what the Founders valued--the dignity of every human being! If you are serious about what you profess, this needs to be completely revised.

You write as if this report protects religious liberty, but it does the opposite.

Why not tell the truth? For example, about what President George Washington wrote in his 1799 Letter to the Synagogue in Rhode Island--that the government he fought and was willing to die for was one that offered true freedom of religion--for people of any faith, or none at all. You can easily verify the truth--as anyone can--by checking the historical record.

Having taught the history of religion at Princeton University for fifty years, I am deeply saddened by the failure of your draft to simply TELL THE TRUTH.

Please consider that, I am a Christian, Episcopalian, white citizen--and none of that matters for belonging to this great country--meant to be the land of the free and the brave.

Are you free and brave? I sincerely hope so. So why not? The truth is much better than lies--and then we could respect the government you claim to represent.

Respectfully,

Elaine Pagels
Professor of History of Religion
Princeton University

Respectfully,
elaine pagels
Princeton, NJ

**From:** Malinda Mayer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Malinda Mayer
Providence, SC

**From:** Gloria Perez <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Gloria Perez
Rockton, IL

**From:** Christa Gaidos <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Christa Gaidos
Sacramento, CA

**From:** Sall-Ann Sauer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Sall-Ann Sauer
Fort Worth, TX

**From:** Karen Sutton <[redacted]>
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Karen Sutton
RIPON, CA

**From:** Ginny Segaloff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ginny Segaloff
Naples, FL

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Barbara Hoch
Dedham, MA

**From:** "B. Tepp" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
B. Tepp
Beverly Hills, CA

**From:** Dianne Glassford <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dianne Glassford
Las Vegas, NV

**From:** chris fortin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
chris fortin
Sebastopol, CA

**From:** Cornelia Teed <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Cornelia Teed
Bellingham, WA

**From:** sandra levy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
sandra levy
pikesville, MD

**From:** Nora Rhan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nora Rhan
Evansville, IN

**From:** Stephen Slivinsky <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Stephen Slivinsky
Brewster, NY

**From:** Stephen Mudrick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Louisville, KY

**From:** "Rev. Tiina Nummela" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Rev. Tiina Nummela
Somerset, NJ

**From:** Mary Shields <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**From:** Katherine Cozzens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Memphis, TN

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Castro Valley, CA

**From:** Kristen Bolomey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Kristen Bolomey
Fort Myers, FL

**From:** Scott Korman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Floral Park, NY

**From:** Brian Gingras <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Braintree, MA

**From:** Mark Bischoff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 21:21:17 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Mark Bischoff
[redacted]

**From:** KIMCAROLYN OLDS <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 21:22:46 -0400
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Respectfully,
William Stone
Austin, TX

**From:** Doris Dick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Doris Dick
Pittsburgh, PA

**From:** jan weber <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
jan weber
Saint Paul, MN

**From:** Rick MacInnes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 21:28:34 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I oppose the Religious Liberty Commission's draft report.

Religious freedom means protecting the rights of people of every faith and of no faith. Our government must uphold both the free exercise of religion and the constitutional separation of church and state to ensure liberty, equality, and justice for all.

Rather than strengthening religious liberty, this report elevates one narrow religious perspective while weakening the civil rights and protections of others. No one belief system should override equal access to housing, healthcare, education, or employment.

My faith calls me to respect the dignity and freedom of every person. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that enable discrimination and instead produce a report that reflects genuine religious pluralism and equal protection for all Americans.

Respectfully,
Rick MacInnes
Omaha, NE

**From:** Julie Kaye <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 21:30:02 -0400
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Respectfully,
Julie Kaye
Emmaus, PA

**From:** Ellen Hugunin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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I have been a Christian all my life and have never had anyone disrespect me for it. I have however had problems with the type of Christians you claim need protecting. I've been told that I don't hold the right beliefs. I have been a United Methodist pastor, and currently do pulpit supply for the Presbyterian Church USA. I have a Masters of divinity degree. I also urge you to keep separation of church and state. Our founding fathers wanted everyone in the US to be able to worship as they pleased or not. I have a BA in political science and have studied this very issue. I also respect every individual, God created all of us and we are to all be respected and treated as children of God, no matter how we worship or not and who we love.

Respectfully,
Ellen Hugunin
Findlay, OH

**From:** Nancy Olinger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Nancy Olinger
Chanhassen, MN

**From:** Gordon Sanford <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 21:31:00 -0400
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Respectfully,
Gordon Sanford
Monticello, MN

**From:** Yael Fischman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Yael Fischman
Hyattsville, MD

**From:** Cindi Dean <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Cindi Dean
Southbury, CT

**From:** Robert Luebeck <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 21:35:19 -0400
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Respectfully,
Robert Luebeck
franklin lakes, NJ

**From:** chris christian <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
chris christian
chesapeake, VA

**From:** Janet Totten <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Janet Totten
Santee, CA

**From:** Judy Kukuruza <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Judy Kukuruza
Bakersfield, CA

**From:** Steve Adkins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Steve Adkins
Aurora, IL

**From:** Catena Galipo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Catena Galipo
Cleveland, OH

**From:** Jill Shachter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Jill Shachter
Vernon Hills, IL

**From:** Barbara Isely <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Barbara Isely
Denton, TX

**From:** Doug Frugé <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Doug Frugé
Whitingham, VT

**From:** Katherine Cooke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Katherine Cooke
Owensboro, KY

**From:** "Rev. Max Burg" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Rev. Max Burg
Chicago, IL

**From:** Leo Kucewicz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Leo Kucewicz
Bryn Mawr, PA

**From:** Karralena Castaway <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Karralena Castaway
Caribou, ME

**From:** Lobsang Dhondup <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Lobsang Dhondup
Saint Paul, MN

**From:** Sheilagh Bergeron <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Sheilagh Bergeron
Northfield, NH

**From:** roy Johnson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
roy Johnson
Melbourne, FL

**From:** dAnne MacNeil <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 21:50:37 -0400
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MESA, AZ

**From:** Kathy J <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Kathy J
Denver, CO

**From:** Beverly Gavenda <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Beverly Gavenda
Austin, TX

**From:** Kathleen Oates <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Kathleen Oates
Durham, NC

**From:** Richard Nordin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Richard Nordin
Des Moines, IA

**From:** Sandy Sage <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sandy Sage
Wapanucka, OK

**From:** Yvette Whorton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Yvette Whorton
Chicago, IL

**From:** Elizabeth Kopper <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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But, the more important challenges are found in laws that are based on the beliefs of one religion. For example, my son is gay and is married to his partner. Some religions believe that this is a sin and that same sex marriages should be overturned. They also believe that life begins at conception, or even before, and oppose abortion and contraception. For 50 plus years, I have rejected these narrow beliefs, and I support abortion, same sex marriage, and rights for the LGBTQ community. Giving power to one religion to dictate the actions of another is not religious freedom but religious domination.

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Elizabeth Kopper
South Windsor, CT

**From:** Kay Sundstrom <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Kay Sundstrom
Eureka, CA

**From:** Korie Shokmalli <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Korie Shokmalli
Getzville, NY

**From:** Carol Auer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 22:00:05 -0400
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Respectfully,
Carol Auer
New Paltz, NY

**From:** Joseph Pasternack <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Joseph Pasternack
Sturgis, MI

**From:** Robert Renfro <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**From:** Connie Hupperts <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Connie Hupperts
Peoriaeoria, AZ

**From:** Gina Willis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Gina Willis
Norfolk, VA

**From:** Mary Downing <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Des Moines, IA

**From:** Romona Czichos-Slaughter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Hollister, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mary D Jackson
Smithfield, NC

**From:** Diane Schwarz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Diane Schwarz
Cheverly, MD

**From:** Charlene Downes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Charlene Downes
Kirkland, WA

**From:** Russell Weisz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Russell Weisz
Santa Cruz, CA

**From:** Betty Imm <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Betty Imm
Lower Burrell, PA

**From:** Dr Patricia Williams <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Dr Patricia Williams
Asheville, NC

**From:** Laurel Kornfeld <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Laurel Kornfeld
Highland Park, NJ

**From:** EARNEST WILEY <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Hermitage, TN

**From:** Emmah Doucette <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Emmah Doucette
Fryeburg, ME

**From:** Anne Pruitt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Anne Pruitt
Batavia, IL

**From:** Maureen Mooney <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Maureen Mooney
Chicago, IL

**From:** Nancy Barta-Norton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Religious liberty and separation of church and state are foundational to our nation and must be preserved. The dignity of all is critical to our democratic society.

Sincerely,
Nancy Barta-Norton

Respectfully,
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Cranston, RI

**From:** April Lasiter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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April Lasiter
Fort Smith, AR

**From:** Jaszmene Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Jaszmene Smith
Bridgeton, NJ

**From:** Catherine Foley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Catherine Foley
Stony Brook, NY

**From:** Charlene Underwood <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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I also believe churches and other houses of worship should remain focused on their core missions of faith, service, and community—not partisan politics. The Johnson Amendment has long helped preserve that distinction by maintaining the tax-exempt status of nonprofit religious organizations while limiting political campaign activity.
I am concerned that this draft report would weaken these longstanding protections by elevating one narrow set of religious viewpoints while diminishing the rights of others. Religious liberty should never be used to justify reducing civil rights protections, limiting access to healthcare, or allowing discrimination in housing, education, employment, or other areas of public life.
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No one should have their civil rights, access to healthcare, or equal treatment under the law diminished because someone else's religious beliefs are given preference by the government.

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Charlene Underwood
West Chester, PA

**From:** Amy Engimann <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Amy Engimann
Saint Charles, IL

**From:** Jason Fourier <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 22:29:54 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

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Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Jason Fourier

[redacted]

**From:** Mary Peterson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mary Peterson
Spartanburg, SC

**From:** Dale Shero <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dale Shero
Athens, GA

**From:** Pamela Olson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Pamela Olson
Plain, WI

**From:** Lenora O'Neill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lenora O'Neill
Toledo, WA

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Respectfully,
Tyrone Lecour
Fayetteville, GA

**From:** Holly Bandel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Holly Bandel
Dallas, TX

**From:** Billy Angus <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Billy Angus
Hamilton, MT, MT

**From:** pf bauer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
pf bauer
Staten Island, NY

**From:** Clairence Pickens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Clairence Pickens
Hartford, CT

**From:** John Schlosser <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
John Schlosser
Ardmore, PA

**From:** Thomas Theisen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Thomas Theisen
Sun City, AZ

**From:** Sara and Austin Henry <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sara and Austin Henry
Bowie, MD

**From:** Jenelle Knight <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jenelle Knight
Centennial, CO

**From:** Elizabeth Ahrens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Lawrence Bolfik
Tempe, AZ

**From:** Marilyn Borrelli <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Marilyn Borrelli
Indian Land, SC

**From:** Tyra Pellerin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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New Orleans, LA

**From:** Danny Cuff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Danny Cuff
Norwood, MA

**From:** Janice Burstin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Janice Burstin
Laguna Woods, CA

**From:** Adelaide Steely <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Adelaide Steely
Duncansville, PA

**From:** Wendy Willis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Wendy Willis
Victor, NY

**From:** Larry Levin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Larry Levin
Chico, CA

**From:** Maryann Smale <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Maryann Smale
Towanda, PA

**From:** Jack West <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Jack West
Kissimmee, FL

**From:** Phoenix Giffen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Phoenix Giffen
Petaluma, CA

**From:** Jeremy Young <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Jeremy Young
Glendale, NY

**From:** Patrick Ramsey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Patrick Ramsey
Albuquerque, NM

**From:** Barbara Ginsberg <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Barbara Ginsberg
SANTA CRUZ, CA

**From:** Diane Stackhouse <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 22:58:32 -0400
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Peru, IN

**From:** Kim Leighton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** wallace ransom <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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wallace ransom
Oakland, Calif, CA

**From:** Robert Craig <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Robert Craig
LAKE BARRINGTON, IL

**From:** Shannon Allsop <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Shannon Allsop
Holladay, UT

**From:** Peggy Kramer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Peggy Kramer
Gardena, CA

**From:** David Hollingsworth <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Fayetteville, NC

**From:** Mha Atma S Khalsa <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 23:16:04 -0400
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Mha Atma S Khalsa
Los Angeles, CA

**From:** Kathleen Lindaas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Kathleen Lindaas
Broomfield, CO

**From:** Alexandra Napoleon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Alexandra Napoleon
Yardley, PA

**From:** Gail Fleischaker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**From:** Victor Lidz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Victor Lidz
Chesterbrook, PA

**From:** Derek Benedict <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Nellie Medlin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Holly Springs, MS

**From:** Bonnie Winter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bonnie Winter
Shrewsbury, PA

**From:** Dana Trick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dana Trick
Moorpark, CA

**From:** James Herther <[redacted]>
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James Herther
Saint Paul, MN

**From:** Ruth Boice <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Shamong, NJ

**From:** Maggie Hughes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Maggie Hughes
Berkely, CA

**From:** Matthew Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Matthew Miller
Bay Shore, NY

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 23:33:57 -0400
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Janet Clemenson

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**From:** Chuck Itzkovitz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Atlanta, GA

**From:** James B Sitrick Jr <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jefferson, ME

**From:** Rita Duran <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rita Duran

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**From:** Mary Adams <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Melanie Rogers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Melanie Rogers
Las Vegas, NV

**From:** Cheryl Phillips <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Raleigh, NC

**From:** Eric Nichandros <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Eric Nichandros
Castro Valley, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Weatogue, CT

**From:** Roxanne Hills <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Charles Roth <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Charles Roth
Pasadena, CA

**From:** Susan Nierenberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Teaneck, NJ

**From:** Doris Ashbrook <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Doris Ashbrook
Richmond, IN

**From:** Scott Shafrin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Cincinnati, OH

**From:** Rodney Wood <[redacted]>
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Rodney Wood
Montgomery Village, MD

**From:** Monica Jamison <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 23:52:03 -0400
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Respectfully,
Monica Jamison
Olin, IA

**From:** Ralph Walker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Ralph Walker
Ft. Collins, CO

**From:** Moss Cleary <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Moss Cleary
Farmington, NY

**From:** Denise Coen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Denise Coen
Ferndale, WA

**From:** Jessica Johnson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jessica Johnson
Selma, CA

**From:** Betty Keegan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Betty Keegan
El Paso, TX

**From:** Michael Norden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Michael Norden
Defiance, OH

**From:** Miriam Dunbar <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Miriam Dunbar
Mancos, CO

**From:** Susan McClure <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Susan McClure
Bozeman, MT

**From:** Nancee Noel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nancee Noel
Hemet, CA

**From:** Marsha McGovern <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marsha McGovern
Sun City, AZ

**From:** Jacoba Dolloff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jacoba Dolloff
La Mesa, CA

**From:** Gill Fahrenwald <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Gill Fahrenwald
Olympia, WA

**From:** Lillian Thompson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lillian Thompson
Phoenix, AZ

**From:** Jonathan Mariante <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jonathan Mariante
Wilmington, NC

**From:** Grace Lorentzen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:12:12 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

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Grace Lorentzen
Millbrae, CA

**From:** Sam Orlich <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Sam Orlich
Milwaukee, WI

**From:** Peter Bromer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Peter Bromer
Miami, FL

**From:** Beth Goode <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:14:47 -0400
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Beth Goode
Los Angeles, CA

**From:** Karen-Marie Mason <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Karen-Marie Mason
Silver Spring, MD

**From:** Nancy Lee <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nancy Lee
Madison, WI

**From:** David Walter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
David Walter
Roslindale, MA

**From:** Nancy Marshall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nancy Marshall
Portland, OR

**From:** Susan Jordan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Susan Jordan
Golden Valley, MN

**From:** Sylvia De Baca <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sylvia De Baca
San Dimas, CA

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Jessica Felix
Tucson, AZ

**From:** Debbie Summers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:31:01 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Debbie Summers
Panorama City, CA

**From:** robert rosenblum <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:32:11 -0400
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Respectfully,
robert rosenblum
San Diego, CA

**From:** "R. M. Jackson" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:34:56 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
R. M. Jackson
Kansas City, MO

**From:** Nancy Bukowski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:37:44 -0400
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Respectfully,
Nancy Bukowski
Carmichael, CA

**From:** Alec and Sandy McDougall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:38:15 -0400
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Respectfully,
Alec and Sandy McDougall
Mount Vernon, WA

**From:** Lisa Buscho <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Lisa Buscho
Eugene, OR

**From:** Peter Sadlier <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:39:18 -0400
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Respectfully,
Peter Sadlier
Bedford, MA

**From:** Marion McNamara <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:40:42 -0400
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Respectfully,
Marion McNamara
BARRINGTON, IL

**From:** Ellen Segal <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:44:21 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Ellen Segal
La Crescenta, CA

**From:** Dawn West <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:44:59 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Dawn West
Sutherland Springs, TX

**From:** Jasmine Maurer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:44:59 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As a Christian who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, and freedom of religion for all, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Respectfully,
Jasmine Maurer
Homer, AK

**From:** Mark Randall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:46:32 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Mark Randall
Portland, OR

**From:** Renee Olthoff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:51:57 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Renee Olthoff
Sun City, AZ

**From:** Mary Copeland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Mary Copeland
Sunbury, OH

**From:** Suzanne Worcester <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:53:30 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I disagree with the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. Several key Founding Fathers were adamant that our country would NOT be a Christian state, and some specifically articulated there would be separation of Church and State. Those espousing one or both of these views included John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Treat Paine, and Paul Revere.

To argue that our country was founded as a Christian State would disregard the views of these extremely important Founding Fathers listed above. Indeed the Founding Fathers specifically designed the founding documents in our country to be as expansive as possible in the definition of religious liberty including Deists and Non-Deists, Trinitarians and Unitarians, and those who hold no religion whatsoever. This was intentional. The goal was to avoid the bloody religious conflicts that plagued Europe in our great country. And our country has successfully reduced such conflicts because of the work of our Founding Fathers. The Religious Liberty Commission's Report will do the opposite of the Founding Fathers intent by restricting religious liberty of millions of America (including myself, I'm a practitioner of the faith of several Founding Father's religion which has been relegated to "other" in this Administration). Clearly the views of this report do not represent the views of our Founding Fathers.

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Respectfully,
Suzanne Worcester
Monterey, CA

**From:** Nancy Guzan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:55:40 -0400
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Nancy Guzan
San Bruno, CA

**From:** Tharen Robertson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:58:18 -0400
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Respectfully,
Tharen Robertson
San Juan Capistrano, CA

**From:** Carol Robinson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 00:59:57 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Carol Robinson
West Columbia, SC

**From:** Aimee Morein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 01:04:28 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Aimee Morein
Ojai, CA

**From:** Jeffrey Evans <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 01:07:16 -0400
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Jeffrey Evans
Wintersville, OH

**From:** Virgene Link-New <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Love your neighbor. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Virgene Link-New
Anacortes, WA

**From:** Kaye Lysen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 01:10:58 -0400
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Respectfully,
Kaye Lysen
Bothell, WA

**From:** Margaret McNeil <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 01:14:29 -0400
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Respectfully,
Margaret McNeil
Anchorage, AK

**From:** Lorna Ferguson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 01:16:09 -0400
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Respectfully,
Lorna Ferguson
East Millinocket, ME

**From:** Dawn West <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 01:20:06 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Dawn West

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**From:** Matthew Klimczak <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 01:22:16 -0400
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Matthew Klimczak
Downers Grove, IL

**From:** Maryellen Redish <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Maryellen Redish
Palm Springs, CA

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Stephanie Glatt
Buellton, CA

**From:** Cheryl Eames <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Cheryl Eames
Sun City, AZ

**From:** Carolyn Shafer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Carolyn Shafer
Toms River, NJ

**From:** Roberta Stern <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Roberta Stern
Oakland, CA

**From:** Helen Curtis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Helen Curtis
Spokane, WA

**From:** Rosemary Clifford <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rosemary Clifford
New Rochelle, NY

**From:** Rich Rohde <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Rich Rohde
Ashland, OR

**From:** Marge Lofstrom <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Malmo, ID

**From:** Mary Hansen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mary Hansen
Montgomery, OH

**From:** Radine Ramsey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Radine Ramsey
Albuquerque, NM

**From:** Gene Majewski <[redacted]>
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Gene Majewski
Addison, IL

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San Francisco, CA

**From:** Tom Atha <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Tom Atha
Alhambra, CA

**From:** Frederick Tripp <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Frederick Tripp
Lovell, ME

**From:** Stephanie Dickerson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Homer, AK

**From:** Jan-Paul Alon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Cherry Hill, NJ

**From:** Forest Frasieur <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Benicia, CA

**From:** A Rossner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Summit, NJ

**From:** Elena Rumiantseva <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 04:00:01 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

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Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

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Sincerely,
Elena Rumiantseva

[redacted]

**From:** John Anderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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John Anderson
San Diego, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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New York, NY

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Wilbur Miller
Columbus, OH

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Pomona, CA

**From:** Ray Waters <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 04:42:28 -0400
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Respectfully,
John Funderlic
Schererville, IN

**From:** Deborah McCreary <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 04:48:08 -0400
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Respectfully,
Deborah McCreary
Grand Rapids, MI

**From:** Abbie Bernstein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 05:09:26 -0400
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Sincerely,
Abbie Bernstein

Respectfully,
Abbie Bernstein
West Hollywood, CA

**From:** Peter Lotto <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 05:28:31 -0400
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Respectfully,
Peter Lotto
Fayetteville, NY

**From:** David Ross <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
David Ross
Waukee, IA

**From:** Rebecca Johnson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 05:43:33 -0400
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Respectfully,
Rebecca Johnson
Camden, ME

**From:** Robert Jehn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 05:53:01 -0400
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Respectfully,
Robert Jehn
Cochranton, PA

**From:** Warren Kundis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 05:57:01 -0400
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Respectfully,
Warren Kundis
Downers Grove, IL

**From:** Janice Stewart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 05:58:53 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Janice Stewart

[redacted]

**From:** Gary Milam <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 06:03:53 -0400
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No Trump, no KKK, no fascist USA!

Respectfully,
Gary Milam
Elkland, MO

**From:** Alice Polesky <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 06:12:53 -0400
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Respectfully,
Alice Polesky
San Francisco, CA

**From:** James Rice <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
James Rice
Middlebury, CT

**From:** Lora Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Lora Smith
VERO BEACH, FL

**From:** Caleb Pusey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Caleb Pusey
Asheville, NC

**From:** Greta Hatley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Greta Hatley
Concord, NC

**From:** Teresa Wilmot <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Teresa Wilmot
ROCKFORD, IL

**From:** Brian Bode <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Brian Bode
Rosemount, MN

**From:** marilyn w <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
marilyn w
Uxbridge, MA

**From:** Mindie Flamholz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Mindie Flamholz
Baltimore, MD

**From:** Dawne Kinsey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Dawne Kinsey
Tippecanoe, IN

**From:** Wayne Carlson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Wayne Carlson
Palm Bay, FL

**From:** Ellen Corcella <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:00:41 -0400
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Respectfully,
Ellen Corcella
Indianapolis, IN

**From:** Marjorie Keiter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Marjorie Keiter
Glenside, PA

**From:** J H <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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It is my view that we need "Religious Equality" not "Religious Favortism"...

We need multiethnic gods, deities that look like everyone... Not a government that tries to "erase" international gods, that tries to tell us how many gods there are and what they can or can't look like.

Respectfully,
J H
Preston, MD

**From:** Michael McCool <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Michael McCool
Millbury, MA

**From:** Marianne Seggerman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:21:41 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

Mixing religion and political power harms religion - as well as discriminating against people of faith whose faith is not included. Religion should be independent and gain its authority without any support from any political power. This report does not protect religious freedom - it harms it.

Respectfully,
Marianne Seggerman
Westport, CT

**From:** laurie fiesler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
laurie fiesler
Olmsted Falls, OH

**From:** Donna Aloise <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:21:41 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Donna Aloise
Massapequa, NY

**From:** Nancy Loftin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:23:38 -0400
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Respectfully,
Nancy Loftin
Toledo, OH

**From:** Penelope Hooper <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:25:39 -0400
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Respectfully,
Penelope Hooper
Evans, GA

**From:** Tim Jinks <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:30:51 -0400
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Respectfully,
Tim Jinks
Fort Worth, TX

**From:** Mercedes Lackey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:31:43 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am absolutely outraged.

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Respectfully,
Mercedes Lackey
CLAREMORE, OK

**From:** Richard Shaffer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:34:22 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear America,
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Uphold my constitutional freedom of religion right. “One nation under God” does not specify that the god be a follower of Christ or any other teacher.

“Religious Freedom” means exactly that. Your biased committee is directed by a biased administration. Please disband.

Respectfully,
Richard Shaffer
Cookeville, TN

**From:** Anne Burner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:35:32 -0400
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Respectfully,
Anne Burner
South Bend, IN

**From:** Kim Osborne <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:39:33 -0400
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Respectfully,
Kim Osborne
Decatur, IL

**From:** Sarah Rose <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:43:15 -0400
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Respectfully,
Sarah Rose
Port Jefferson Station, NY

**From:** Brooks Moore <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:44:07 -0400
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Respectfully,
Brooks Moore
Jacksonville, FL

**From:** Keaton Shenk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:45:53 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

As a citizen of the U.S. and a Christian and someone who belives in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

Protecting religious liberty should mean freedom of religion as protected by the 1st amendment -- freedom for different expressions of Christianity, as well as freedom for any religion that exists in our country. One narrow set of religious viewpoints does not respect the rights and safety of all.

I dream of and urge us all to work for a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. God sees us all as beloved children. Anything in this report that does not reflect genuine religious pluralism, but would privilege a select few, does not belong in our democracy where the rights of all must be protected.

Respectfully,
Keaton Shenk
Harrisonburg, VA

**From:** Carolyn Alden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:47:02 -0400
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Respectfully,
Carolyn Alden
Naples, FL

**From:** Wiliam McFall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:48:50 -0400
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Respectfully,
Wiliam McFall
Denver, CO

**From:** J Tighe <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:52:14 -0400
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Respectfully,
J Tighe
Hanover, PA

**From:** Ann Throop <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:54:16 -0400
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Ann Throop
Souderton, PA

**From:** Jimmie Robinson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jimmie Robinson
PENSACOLA, FL

**From:** Mary Deffebach <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 07:58:57 -0400
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Reading and reflecting on biblical scripture, especially on the words of Jesus clearly states and demonstrates that "Christians do unto other as you would have them do unto you". That means feeding the hungry, protesting the weak, sharing one's talents to help others.

Respectfully,
Mary Deffebach
Melbourne Beach, FL

**From:** Phil Langley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:04:28 -0400
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Respectfully,
Phil Langley
Burlington, NC

**From:** Judith Rayl <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:06:28 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Judith Rayl
Shawnee, KS

**From:** michele chazkel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:10:39 -0400
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Respectfully,
michele chazkel
New Paltz, NY

**From:** Sherrill Silver <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:10:59 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Sherrill Silver
New Paltz, NY

**From:** Gail Beth Works <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:11:39 -0400
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Respectfully,
Gail Beth Works
Conyers, GA

**From:** Ann Arellano <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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If the proposals set forth in this report are turned into action, they would affect me, my family, my neighbors, my religion in a negative manner. They would not advance freedom or liberty for anyone.

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Respectfully,
Ann Arellano
Downers Grove, IL

**From:** Harold Littleton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:12:02 -0400
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Respectfully,
Harold Littleton
Asheville, NC

**From:** Emma Krueger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:15:21 -0400
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Respectfully,
Emma Krueger
Mentor, OH

**From:** Jesse Younce <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:17:00 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Jesse Younce
Milford, MI

**From:** marilyn shup <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:17:07 -0400
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Respectfully,
marilyn shup
Asheville, NC

**From:** Nancy Zavodny <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:18:00 -0400
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Respectfully,
Nancy Zavodny
Boyceville, WI

**From:** John Peirce <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:21:03 -0400
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Respectfully,
John Peirce
McFarland, WI

**From:** Linda Bollenbach <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:22:03 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Linda Bollenbach
Nixa, MO

**From:** CHARLOTTE LEHMANN <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:22:34 -0400
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Respectfully,
CHARLOTTE LEHMANN
MANASSAS, VA

**From:** Rosemary Maziarz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:22:40 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I attended parochial school as a child. I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Respectfully,
Rosemary Maziarz
Saint Charles, IL, IL

**From:** Dorothy Dorothy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:24:16 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Dorothy Dorothy
Millsboro, DE

**From:** Laura Remington <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:26:29 -0400
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Respectfully,
Laura Remington
Deland, FL

**From:** Elliot Halberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:27:03 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

Six Million Jews like me died because of religious bigotry and hatred of those who are different.
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Respectfully,
Elliot Halberg
Chesterfield, MI

**From:** Tom Cordaro <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:31:28 -0400
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Respectfully,
Tom Cordaro
Aurora, IL

**From:** Henry Sammis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:38:09 -0400
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Respectfully,
Henry Sammis
Hollis, NH

**From:** Terrie Phenicie <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Terrie Phenicie
Athelstane, WI

**From:** Dianne Yaunches <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:40:11 -0400
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Respectfully,
Dianne Yaunches
Rockville, MD

**From:** Blaze Swieton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:43:13 -0400
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Respectfully,
Blaze Swieton
Lenexa, KS

**From:** Jane Bloom <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Jane Bloom
New Paltz, NY

**From:** Frances Marquart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:47:10 -0400
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Respectfully,
Frances Marquart
Lakewood, WA

**From:** Ruth Kay Souder <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Ruth Kay Souder
Red Hill, PA

**From:** Elizabeth Snyder <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:47:22 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I strongly oppose controls that limit the constitutionally protected freedom to worship.

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Respectfully,
Elizabeth Snyder
Birmingham, MI

**From:** Brian Whitman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Brian Whitman
Pittsfield, MA

**From:** Tanja Snelling <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:50:11 -0400
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Respectfully,
Tanja Snelling
Brandon, FL

**From:** James A Clark Jr <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
James A Clark Jr
Colorado Springs, CO

**From:** Alexander Griffith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:52:11 -0400
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Respectfully,
Alexander Griffith
Ambridge, PA

**From:** Meredith Kent-Berman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Meredith Kent-Berman
New York, NY

**From:** Dennis Ledden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:58:01 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dennis Ledden
Sequim, WA

**From:** Carolyn McKinney <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 08:58:11 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am writing about serious concerns concerning the draft report by the Religious Liberty Commission. Religious liberty applies to all, not just Christians like myself.

While the report claims to protect religious liberty, but it seems to do the opposite. I fear it puts neighbors, family and friends at risk if they don't share the same version even of Christianity. Religious freedom supports the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people regardless of what they believe.

My Christian belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect true religious freedom and the pluralism that allows.

Respectfully,
Carolyn McKinney
Anderson, IN

**From:** Elizabeth Goodson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Elizabeth Goodson
Athens, GA

**From:** Sharon Hollander <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Sharon Hollander
Ferdinand, IN

**From:** Dawn Nimmo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Dawn Nimmo
Loves Park, IL

**From:** Louise Dahlgren <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Louise Dahlgren
Maple Grove, MN

**From:** bob nace <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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bob nace
Pleasant Hill, CA

**From:** Denise Cameron <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Denise Cameron
Bronx, NY

**From:** Tracey McFadden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Tracey McFadden
Elburn, IL

**From:** Don Barth <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Don Barth
Richmond, VA

**From:** Michael Dunson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Michael Dunson
Belton, TX

**From:** Denise Brennan <[redacted]>
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Denise Brennan
Auburn Hills, MI

**From:** Rosalie Shultz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rosalie Shultz
Urbandale, IA

**From:** E K Worthington <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
E K Worthington
Greencastle, PA

**From:** Leah Krippner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Leah Krippner
Rockford, IL

**From:** Lynn Steele <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Lynn Steele
Geneva, IL

**From:** Holly Brauner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 09:29:29 -0400
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Holly Brauner
Salem, MA

**From:** Forrest Ehmke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Forrest Ehmke
Wichita, KS

**From:** Ron Verdonk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Clinton, MD

**From:** Susan O'Neill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Susan O'Neill
Maple Park, IL

**From:** Thomas Cope <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Medina, OH

**From:** Marie Garescher <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marie Garescher
Peekskill, NY

**From:** Jose Moreno-Lacalle <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jose Moreno-Lacalle
New Paltz, NY

**From:** "Rev. Melissa Malcolm" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Rev. Melissa Malcolm
Kingsport, TN

**From:** fred schoell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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fred schoell
Overland Park, KS

**From:** Jo McDaniel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jo McDaniel
Ashland City, TN

**From:** Sara Morrison Neil <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sara Morrison Neil
Framingham, MA

**From:** Karen Kirk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Karen Kirk
Williamsport, PA

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Amber Ives
Flagstaff, AZ

**From:** JOANN SADLER <[redacted]>
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Correctionville, IA

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Linda L Johnson
Rockford, IL

**From:** Robert Thomasson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Williamston, MI

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Angela Castille
Austin, TX

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Lorraine Beals
East Greenbush, NY

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Waddell, AZ

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Don Ronken
St. Louis, MO

**From:** Mallika Mohan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Mallika Mohan
Houston, TX

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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ALISON BARNETT M.D.

Respectfully,
ALISON BARNETT
Pittsburgh, PA

**From:** Craig Holcomb <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 10:03:06 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a lifelong Methodist, discussion leader for an adult Sunday School Class, a former Dallas City councilmember and have been an Election Judge for ten years.

The separation of church and state is very important to me and to our country.

Craig Holxomb
[redacted]

Sincerely,
Mr. Craig Holcomb
[redacted]

**From:** ALISON BARNETT <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** David Troiano <[redacted]>
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David Troiano
Highland Village, TX

**From:** Justin Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As an American, a Christian, and an Episcopalian aspiring to the Priesthood, I believe deeply in the dignity of every person, and I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

I write this as one whose theology is built on the margins of society. This report does not protect religious liberty; it protects religious supremacy. It takes the ancient, necessary protection of individual conscience and twists it into a weapon for the institutional elite. I strongly oppose this draft based on the following provisions:

1. Taxpayer-Funded Discrimination Against LGBTQ+ People
The report seeks to allow religious institutions to cash federal checks while slamming their doors in the faces of LGBTQ+ people under the banner of "religious freedom." In my theology, the table is open to everyone, especially those the religious gatekeepers try to cast out. Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize state-sanctioned bigotry. If an institution wants public money, it must serve the entire public.

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Expanding school vouchers without civil rights protections is a direct assault on religious minorities. The wall of separation between church and state wasn't built to suppress religion; it was built to protect the people from the tyranny of a state-sponsored church. Funneling public funds into exclusive private religious schools starves the public square and forces everyday citizens to bankroll a religious consensus most do not share.

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Healthcare is a vital act of healing in a messy, physical world and, dare I say, a human right. The report's push to prioritize a provider's religious objections over a patient’s survival is deeply dangerous. It effectively allows medical professionals to deny lifesaving care to women and LGBTQ+ people based on a theological purity test.

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Real solidarity means fiercely protecting our Jewish neighbors from the very real and violent threat of antisemitism. However, this report lays the groundwork to use the fight against antisemitism as a blunt-force tool to police, silence, and target other marginalized communities. Pitting vulnerable communities against each other to consolidate political power is not an act of religious liberty.

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Rolling back the Johnson Amendment is not about free speech for pastors. It is a calculated move to turn tax-exempt churches into unregulated super PACs. The church is supposed to be a refuge for the people—a place for bread, wine, and community—not a dark-money ATM for the political establishment. Allowing corporate interests and political operatives to fund the pulpit destroys the soul of the community.

In summary, this report is a blueprint for Christian Nationalism, an ideology that betrays both the American Constitution and the radical, inclusive reality of the Gospel. I urge you to delete this draft entirely and remember that true religious liberty exists to protect the people from the powerful, not the other way around.

Respectfully,
Justin Miller

Nokomis, FL

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Lebanon, OR

**From:** Sue Szymak <[redacted]>
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Fort Worth, TX

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans. Separation of church and state is one of the bedrock freedoms of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

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Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

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Sincerely,
Sheila Crespi

[redacted]

**From:** Stacey Zuckerman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Stacey Zuckerman
Sioux City, IA

**From:** John Dervin <[redacted]>
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John Dervin
Apopka, FL

**From:** Elizabeth Flournoy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Dames Quarter, MD

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Superior, WI

**From:** Lawrence Schulz <[redacted]>
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Westmont, IL

**From:** laurie strubbe <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 10:30:45 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a lifelong practicing Catholic. I paid tuition for my children to attend Parochail schools, and argued against vouchers as I/we did NOT want the government telling us how to pray, or what to teach about religions!

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Stephanie Fairchild
Cambridge, OH

**From:** Alice Schemmel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Alice Schemmel
Oakdale, CA

**From:** Alice Schemmel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Forrest Ehmke
Wichita, KS

**From:** Kimberly Carignan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Kimberly Carignan
Beachwood, OH

**From:** Lynn Rowan <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 10:33:42 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Religious beliefs are deeply personal, and religious freedom is deeply embedded into the founding of our country. No government should dictate what people can think or believe!

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

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Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Lynn Rowan

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**From:** Kate Gillooly <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Kate Gillooly
Cleveland Heights, OH

**From:** Judith Berry <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Judith Berry
Durham, NC

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Respectfully,
Melissa Barnard
Central Square, NY

**From:** SUZANNE Fair <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
SUZANNE Fair
PHOENIX, AZ

**From:** Kathleen Knoeppel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 10:43:50 -0400
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Respectfully,
Kathleen Knoeppel
Hartland, WI

**From:** James Scott Heine <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
James Scott Heine
Columbus, OH, OH

**From:** David Ortman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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David Ortman
New port ric, FL

**From:** "Dorothy E. Halzack" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Lowell, MA

**From:** Bruce Cratty <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bruce Cratty
Akron, OH

**From:** Richard Worth <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Richard Worth
Rio Rico, AZ

**From:** Whitney Altopp <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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My belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors because my God says to "Love your neighbor." My belief system calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity and "do not judge." I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself, acting like an arbiter of each person's personal faith. Our founding father's explicitly said that the United States of America would NOT do that! Our country has flourished because of our humility and our recognition that we cannot direct the work of God.

Respectfully,
Whitney Altopp
Ridgefield, CT

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As a United Methodist, I am called  to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. My Christian faith calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity.

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Nancy Duerling
Cambridge, MD

**From:** Phillip Patzer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Phillip Patzer
Cadillac, MI

**From:** Nora Haenn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 11:04:16 -0400
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I write to voice opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission, as contrary to the country's founding principles. The founding fathers sought a separation of church and state because they had already seen what it meant for Christians such as the Puritans and Quakers to run afoul of state-sponsored Christianity. Their doctrine of a separation of church and state helped the United States avoid acute arguments and social unrest that continued in Europe and elsewhere. We have benefited from undue religious influence in public life, and the proposals in this report would set the country back 250 years.

I urge the Commission to reject the report's recommendations. Those recommendations will allow for discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment. This sort of discrimination will undermine the religious liberty the report's authors hope to expand.

Respectfully,
Nora Haenn
Pittsboro, NC

**From:** Berniece Dahl <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Berniece Dahl
Tucson, AZ

**From:** Carlotta Hayes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Hardwick, VT

**From:** Daniel Zanchi <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Daniel Zanchi
Rancho Mirage, CA [redacted]

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Rancho Mirage, CA

**From:** Mary Anne D'Ambrosio <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Mary Anne D'Ambrosio
Bellevue, WA

**From:** Cynthia Stenavich <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Cynthia Stenavich
Janesville, WI

**From:** Laurie Plank <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Laurie Plank
Hummelstown, PA

**From:** Jeanne Lyle <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jeanne Lyle
West Des Moines, IA

**From:** L V <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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L V
San Antonio, TX

**From:** Sam Aldiero <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sam Aldiero
Trenton, NJ

**From:** Hailey McCalip <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Hailey McCalip
Slaughter, LA

**From:** Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Mary Ryan-Hotchkiss
Portland, OR

**From:** Judith Fenley <[redacted]>
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Judith Fenley
Sebastopol, CA

**From:** Susan Riseman <[redacted]>
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Susan Riseman
Sacramento, CA

**From:** Jodi Daniels <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jodi Daniels
Maylene, AL

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Amy Saari
Eastpointe, MI

**From:** Lauretta Padgett <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lauretta Padgett
Sullivan, IN

**From:** Pia Heyn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Pia Heyn
Panama City, FL

**From:** Helen Yeomans <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Overland Park, KS

**From:** Margret Cifaldi <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Las Vegas, NV

**From:** Joyce Palmer <[redacted]>
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Joyce Palmer
Rockford, IL

**From:** "Rev. Lee Self" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Hickory Creek, TX

**From:** nan graves <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
nan graves
Carlsbad, CA

**From:** Larry Cornelius <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 11:52:38 -0400
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Larry Cornelius
Sun City, AZ

**From:** Alena Jorgensen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Alena Jorgensen
Temple City, CA

**From:** Diana Day <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Diana Day
Alexandria, VA

**From:** Alyssa Bolt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Richard Nadler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Boynton Beach Florida, FL

**From:** Margot May <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** George Hartman <[redacted]>
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**From:** Augusta Rosenauer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Suzanne Bowler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:11:39 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Barbara Blesse
Carterville, IL

**From:** Jocelyn Davis-Beck <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:13:07 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Jocelyn Davis-Beck
[redacted]

**From:** Wanda Wendt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:15:09 -0400
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Respectfully,
Wanda Wendt
Des Moines, IA

**From:** Susan Johnston <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:16:59 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

Excuse me, but I fail to understand how blocking women's rights for medical care is religious freedom? How discrimination against LGBTQ+ people is religious freedom?

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Respectfully,
Susan Johnston
Nashville, TN

**From:** arlene heitner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:19:37 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
arlene heitner
Mill Valley, CA

**From:** Bernie Hovden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:23:17 -0400
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Respectfully,
Bernie Hovden
Sebastopol, CA

**From:** Lisa Ploch <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:23:57 -0400
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Sincerely,
Lisa Ploch

[redacted]

**From:** Jackie Pluska <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:26:38 -0400
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Respectfully,
Jackie Pluska
Grayslake, IL

**From:** Emily Garcia <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:37:43 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Emily Garcia
Houston, TX

**From:** Kristof Haavik <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:38:47 -0400
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Respectfully,
Kristof Haavik
Menomonee Falls, WI

**From:** Kevin Quail <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:43:28 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report, you stupid fucking assholes.

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Respectfully,
Kevin Quail
Placitas, NM

**From:** Don Wilson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:46:57 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Don Wilson
Lenexa, KS

**From:** Sara Lilja <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:50:39 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Sara Lilja
Moorestown, NJ

**From:** JOHN WILHELM <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:53:43 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. I see it as nothing but a direct assault on the freedom of religion guaranteed by the framers and the constitution. It stands in direct opposition to both the letter and spirit of the first amendment. Instead of supporting the free expression of religion it clearly favors white Christianity over other religions or those who choose not to participate in an established religion. This report should not only NOT be adopted, it should be CONDEMNED for its actual attack on first amendment rights.

Respectfully,
JOHN WILHELM
Cleveland, OH

**From:** J S Voyles <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 12:59:57 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am PERSONALLY submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. I strongly believe the statements made in this message. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Respectfully,
J S Voyles
Jacksonville, NC

**From:** Marlen Conrad <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:04:36 -0400
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Respectfully,
Marlen Conrad
Portland, OR

**From:** Niyaf Salafiyyah <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:05:07 -0400
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Respectfully,
Niyaf Salafiyyah
Jacksonville, FL

**From:** Elle Coleman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Elle Coleman
Jacksonville, FL

**From:** Barbara Skadberg Chavez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:09:53 -0400
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As a heathen, I deserve to have the same freedom as a Christian. I do not in any way wish for anyone not to follow their own religious beliefs. It is enshrined in our Constitution.

Respectfully,
Barbara Skadberg Chavez
Commerce City, CO

**From:** Debra Garries <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:11:04 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

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That would be unconstitutional.

Respectfully,
Debra Garries
Missouri City, TX

**From:** Gary Towne <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:13:41 -0400
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Respectfully,
Gary Towne
Harpers Ferry, WV

**From:** J C <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:20:56 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the _fake_ Religious Liberty Commission- this isn't Christianity- it's Propaganda !
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Respectfully,
J C
Germanton, NC

**From:** Mary Casey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:22:53 -0400
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Respectfully,
Mary Casey
Manchester, NH

**From:** sam peterson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:25:43 -0400
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Respectfully,
sam peterson
vista, CA

**From:** Ann Inoue <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:30:24 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

As an Evangelical Protestant pastor and a long-time health care professional, I am submitting this comment to express my deep concern and opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, regardless of faith, gender (I believe there are only 2-4 possible, biologically and genetically), race, ethnicity, national origin, or mental or physical ability, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the reverse. The U.S. Constitution was designed and even amended to progress and protect the rights of all its citizens to live as free people. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

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Respectfully,
Ann Inoue
Sayville, NY

**From:** Alan Lowry <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:34:34 -0400
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Respectfully,
Alan Lowry
Connellsville, PA

**From:** Ellen Killam <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:42:49 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Ellen Killam

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**From:** Fred Nadelman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Fred Nadelman
Winston Salem, NC

**From:** Becky Andrews <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Becky Andrews
Baton Rouge, LA

**From:** dianne seiffert <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:50:40 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

The Religious Liberty Commission has revealed its unAmerican and unconstitutional bias to support to advantage a single religious perspective at the expense and trashing of others that merit equal standing. I strongly oppose this draft report, The Commission needs to disband or start over to create a report that all Americans can be proud of by expanding its membership to reflect the range of religious beliefs represented in this country and who through civil discussion and consideration can create a document all Americans can be proud of. Start with our religious freedoms declaration in The Constitution. The diversity of religious beliefs in this country and the respect of all that their core values assert make our country strong. As someone who believes deeply in the worth and dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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If members of the Commission cannot produce a report reflecting the strengths if our nation's religious pluralism, then it should recognize it's subversive agenda and disband without issuing any report.

Respectfully,
dianne seiffert
bethesda, MD

**From:** Teresa Summers-Minette <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Teresa Summers-Minette
Waynesboro, VA

**From:** Daryl Ragan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Daryl Ragan
Green Valley, AZ

**From:** DeeDee Tostanoski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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DeeDee Tostanoski
Alexandria, VA

**From:** Monica Walk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Monica Walk
Rockford, IL

**From:** Monica Walk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 13:58:27 -0400
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Sincerely,
Ms. Monica Walk
[redacted]

**From:** Deborah Bruner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Deborah Bruner
Denver, CO

**From:** Reed Fenton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Reed Fenton
Lake Balboa, CA

**From:** Bonnie LeBlanc <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 14:19:39 -0400
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Respectfully,
Bonnie LeBlanc
Kenner, LA

**From:** sam peterson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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sam peterson
vista, CA

**From:** Dodd WILLINGHAM <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Dodd WILLINGHAM
Redmond, WA

**From:** Elizabeth Butler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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I also reject the provision to roll back the Johnson Amendment, opening the door for tax exempt houses of worship to funnel dark money into political campaigns

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Butler
Henderson, KY

**From:** Robert Fischer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Robert Fischer
CARMEL, IN

**From:** "P. R. Sturm" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
P. R. Sturm
Carson City, NV

**From:** Sandy Blaha <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Sandy Blaha
LITTLETON, CO

**From:** Kathryn Pedersen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Kathryn Pedersen
Black Mountain, NC

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Gerald Moore
San Francisco, CA

**From:** "Rev. Sherman Skinner" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Rev. Sherman Skinner
Denville, NJ

**From:** Tara Giunta <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 14:53:00 -0400
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In her final opinion as a Supreme Court justice in 2005, Sandra Day O'Connor, a judicial conservative, reflected on the importance of church-state separation to guarantee full religious freedom. "The First Amendment expresses our Nation's fundamental commitment to religious liberty by means of two provisions – one protecting the free exercise of religion, the other barring establishment of religion."

She concluded with a challenge: "Those who would renegotiate the boundaries between church and state must therefore answer a difficult question: Why would we trade a system that has served us so well for one that has served others so poorly?"

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Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

I urge you to maintain the separation of church and state.

Sincerely,
Tara Giunta

[redacted]

**From:** Ginger Randall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:02:48 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I'm submitting this comment to state my firm opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. I believe deeply in the dignity of every single person — not a select few — and I'm urging the Commission to substantially revise these recommendations before finalizing anything.

Let's be honest about what this report actually does. It claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the opposite: it elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while sidelining the rights and safety of everyone else. That's not religious freedom — that's religious favoritism wearing freedom's name. True religious liberty was never meant to be a weapon one belief system gets to wield over the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently, or who hold no religious belief at all.

My own belief system calls me to something bigger than that — to protect my neighbors, all of them, and to help build a society where everyone stands on equal footing regardless of what they believe or don't. I'm asking this Commission to reject any recommendation that would open the door to discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, or employment. Recommendations like that don't protect religious liberty — they hollow it out from the inside.

If this report is going to mean anything, it needs to reflect genuine religious pluralism — not a single narrow, politically driven perspective dressed up to look like principle.

Respectfully,
Ginger Randall
Longmont, CO

**From:** "Rev. Cindy Briggs-Biondi" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:03:58 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I submit this comment as a Christian pastor who believes deeply in religious liberty. True religious freedom protects every person's right to believe, worship, or even not believe, according to their own conscience. It does not give one religious tradition the power to impose its beliefs on others through government policy.

The Commission's draft report does not strengthen religious liberty. It weakens it by blurring the constitutional line between church and state. That separation is not hostility toward religion, or toward Christianity. It is what has allowed people of many faiths, and of no faith, to live together in freedom.

The report's recommendations would allow religious organizations receiving taxpayer funding to discriminate against LGBTQ+ people, expand school voucher programs without adequate protections for religious minorities, elevate providers' religious objections over patients' access to medically necessary care, weaken the Johnson Amendment by inviting tax-exempt houses of worship into partisan politics, and use concerns about antisemitism in ways that risk targeting other communities.

I am very much for religious liberty, but these recommendations do not expand it. They privilege some religious beliefs at the expense of others. They risk forcing taxpayers to fund discrimination rooted in someone else's theology. They expose children from minority faiths to educational systems that may not respect their own beliefs. They allow one person's religious convictions to limit another person's access to healthcare, and they invite political parties to use churches as vehicles for campaign spending. That compromises both the integrity of our elections and the prophetic independence of our many and varied faith communities.

As a Christian and as a pastor, I do not want the government telling me, or any other church, what to preach. But I also do not want the government endorsing my faith over someone else's or allowing my religious beliefs to determine another person's rights. That is not religious liberty, it is religious privilege.

Americans hold many different religious beliefs and moral convictions, but our Constitution protects the freedom of each person to live according to conscience without government favoring one faith over another. The First Amendment protects both the free exercise of religion and against the establishment of religion because these principles belong together. When either is weakened, everyone's freedom is at risk.

I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that erode church-state separation and instead embrace a vision of religious liberty that protects the equal rights, dignity, and freedom of all people, regardless of their faith, or lack thereof.

Respectfully,
Rev. Cindy Briggs-Biondi
Charleston, WV

**From:** Nancy Lanier <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:04:23 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

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Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

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Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

America has always been a diverse population made up of people of different ways of life including religion. Our government and supreme court should continue to keep government and religion separate.

Sincerely,

Nancy W. Lanier

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Nancy Lanier

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**From:** Judith Griffin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:14:30 -0400
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Respectfully,
Judith Griffin
Saint Joseph, MN

**From:** Polly García <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Polly García
Oakland, CA

**From:** Maggie Louden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Maggie Louden
Hedgesville, WV

**From:** Kaye Ratliff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Kaye Ratliff
Wadesboro, NC

**From:** Geri Inama <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:23:02 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

Our Constitution states plainly and unequivocally that our government will be separate from any theological restraints or beliefs. I object strongly to the notion, that this commission seems to adhere to, that I need any so-called religious leader telling me how to live, or love, or believe, or even exist. This report seems to be another tool of Christian Nationalists to bypass our Constitution and laws.
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Respectfully,
Geri Inama
Anchorage, AK

**From:** David Cook <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:25:14 -0400
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Sincerely,
David Cook

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**From:** Douglas Johnstone <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Douglas Johnstone
Jacksonville, FL

**From:** Christine Manor <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Christine Manor
Rockville, MD

**From:** David High <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:30:34 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As a proud graduate of the University of Oklahoma, with a BA Degree in History, and as a former high school teacher of American History, and as a practicing attorney, I know that the separation of church and state is a foundational principal of what makes the United States a great nation. Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

I have watched, in disbelief, the false representation and assertion that the United States is a "Christian Nation." That flies in the face of our nation's history and does a huge disservice to the brilliance of our founding fathers.

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Sincerely,
Mr. David High

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**From:** r s <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:30:49 -0400
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Respectfully,
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Mountain Top, PA

**From:** Gabriel Stanley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:35:13 -0400
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Respectfully,
Gabriel Stanley
Richton Park, IL

**From:** Eric Wester <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:39:50 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person and the responsibility we have as a nation to protect free expression of belief and avoid establishing benefits to specific faith groups through preferential treatment, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This draft improperly advances a narrow set of religious views while it claims to protect religious liberty. It works against the vision and purpose of the Commission. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

My role as a Christian clergyman and retired Army chaplain calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. I seek to support a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Eric Wester
Jacksonville, FL

**From:** Diana Negroponte <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:45:01 -0400
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Respectfully,
Diana Negroponte
Washington, DC

**From:** Duane Niatum <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Duane Niatum
Seattle, WA

**From:** Vernon Neece <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:56:38 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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The 1st Amendment to the US Constituions states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." This amendment guarantees both the free practice of one's religion, but also freedom from religion. I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Respectfully,
Vernon Neece
Durham, NC

**From:** Jenny Poon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 15:59:19 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Jenny Poon
Anchorage, AK

**From:** Elizabeth Kinney <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Elizabeth Kinney
Alamosa, CO

**From:** Christi Dillon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Christi Dillon
Mooresville, NC

**From:** Louise Stark <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Louise Stark
Phoenix, AZ

**From:** Susan Summers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Susan Summers
Carmichael, CA

**From:** Ronald Field <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Ronald Field
Springfield, VA

**From:** Nancy Ross <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Nancy Ross
Franklin, MA

**From:** Dan Roark <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Dan Roark
Dallas, TX

**From:** Jim Derzon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jim Derzon
Harrietstown, NY

**From:** Gene McGill <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 16:40:53 -0400
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I am an atheist.  I do not confront religious folks about their failth.  So I expect the same treatment from them as well as from my government.

Sincerely,
Mr. Gene McGill

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**From:** debi kaufmann <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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debi kaufmann
Denver, CO

**From:** Holly Kooistra <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Holly Kooistra
Grimes, IA

**From:** Anina Carr <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Anina Carr
Sandisfield, MA

**From:** Linda David <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Linda David
Charlottesville, VA

**From:** Susie Folks <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 17:05:54 -0400
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Susie Folks
Pottstown, PA

**From:** Patriciae Harrison <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Patriciae Harrison
Harvey, LA

**From:** g j <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
g j
Arena, WI

**From:** Cynthia Crittenton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Cynthia Crittenton
Newbury Park, CA

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Barbara Johns
Harrisburg, PA

**From:** William Phelps <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Mary Schmidt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mary Schmidt
Mound, MN

**From:** Kathy Sandknop <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Kathy Sandknop
Ballwin, MO

**From:** Josephine Baker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Josephine Baker
Washington, DC

**From:** Yahm Levin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**From:** Emily Saenz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Emily Saenz
Ann Arbor, MI

**From:** Todd Day <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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GOP AND RIGHT WING "CHRISTIANS", '...YOU CAN NOT SERVE BOTH GOD AND MAMMON.' - MATTHEW 16

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Todd Day
Portland, OR

**From:** Bianca deLeon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bianca deLeon
Fort Pierce, FL

**From:** Jacqueline Pleet <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 18:21:32 -0400
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Sincerely,
Dr. Jacqueline Pleet

[redacted]

**From:** Melinda Kinnaird <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Melinda Kinnaird
Hot Springs National Park, AR

**From:** Robert Gill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Fords, NJ

**From:** Eleanor Jones <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Eleanor Jones
Cambridge, MA

**From:** Cheryl Madeja <[redacted]>
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royal oak, MI

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Sincerely,
Doug Jolley

[redacted]

**From:** Joyce Montague <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 19:04:20 -0400
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Respectfully,
Joyce Montague
Gifford, PA

**From:** Jill Bailey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Jill Bailey
Albuquerque, NM

**From:** Jan Humphrey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Jan Humphrey
Greenville, SC

**From:** Lisa Stone <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 19:23:45 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Ms. Lisa Stone

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**From:** Jean Boller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Jean Boller
CEDAR FALLS, IA

**From:** Cornel Bozdog <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 19:32:42 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Carol Watts <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Sheila MAYO <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 19:34:27 -0400
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Sheila MAYO
Orlando, FL

**From:** Terri Lombardo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 19:47:18 -0400
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Terri Lombardo
Land O Lakes, FL

**From:** Ellen Findley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 19:49:49 -0400
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Ms. Ellen Findley
[redacted]

**From:** Curtis Stofferahn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 19:52:33 -0400
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Curtis Stofferahn
Fargo, ND

**From:** Linda Indyke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 20:02:26 -0400
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Respectfully,
Linda Indyke
Cockeysville, MD

**From:** Krystiana Davis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Krystiana Davis
Moncure, NC

**From:** Carol Benson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Carol Benson
albuquerque, NM

**From:** Maria Tyler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Maria Tyler
Hampstead, MD

**From:** Tim Pendergast <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Raymond, NH

**From:** Robert Goldstein <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 20:22:45 -0400
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**From:** Harriett Katzen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Harriett Katzen
Columbia, MD

**From:** Elizabeth Mckernan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Elizabeth Mckernan
Pasadena, MD

**From:** Ella McGrail <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 20:58:24 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Ella McGrail
Albany, NY

**From:** Kathleen Davies <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 21:03:36 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As a member of clergy in the predominately Christian South, I implore you to safeguard and protect the constitutional mandate of separation of Church and State. On behalf of my Muslim neighbors, my Sikh neighbors, my Jewish neighbors, my non practicing neighbors, and all of the neighbors I ask you to protect all of us and all of our beliefs.

We, as Americans, are better than this fear mongering and exclusion. When students in the future study this moment in History, they will be horrified by the decisions this administration is making. God is not pleased when we make the circle so small.

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Rev Kathleen Davies

[redacted]

**From:** Addison Jones <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Addison Jones
Merritt Island, FL

**From:** Donna Spars <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Donna Spars
Franklin, WI

**From:** Nephi Ferguson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. Nephi Ferguson
[redacted]

**From:** Martha Cludius <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Martha Cludius
Fort Worth, TX

**From:** Deborah Falik <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Deborah Falik
New York, NY

**From:** Eti Berland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Eti Berland
Skokie, IL

**From:** Robert Hebner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 21:34:01 -0400
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There are many things that you can do. These include:

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Sincerely,
Robert Hebner
[redacted]

**From:** William Stone <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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William Stone

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**From:** Virginia Manuel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Virginia Manuel
Houston, TX

**From:** Sheila Ward <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sheila Ward
San Juan, PR

**From:** Christina E Dickson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Christina E Dickson
Black Mountain, NC

**From:** Lauren Warner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lauren Warner
Peterborough, NH

**From:** Debra Reuter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Debra Reuter
Vacaville, CA

**From:** Gerald Mackey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Gerald Mackey
Gainesboro, TN

**From:** Carol Mackey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Carol Mackey
Gainesboro, TN

**From:** Michael Wallens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Michael Wallens
Alpine, TX

**From:** Diana Talbott <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Diana Talbott
FIRCREST, WA

**From:** Carol Book <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Carol Book
York, PA

**From:** Lizann Keyes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Lizann Keyes
Santa Cruz, CA

**From:** Ruth Wells <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Ruth Wells
Charlotte, NC

**From:** moses hamilton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**From:** Bob ONeil <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Bob ONeil
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**From:** Donna Brown <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Donna Brown
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dr. Denise Galbo

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**From:** Dyron Bush <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Matthew Hall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Matthew Hall
Lexington, KY

**From:** Evelyn Hanssen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Sherry Bupp <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 07 Jul 2026 23:57:12 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As a lifelong Catholic Christian, who has deep respect and love for people who follow Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and other faith traditions - or no faith tradition - I urge the Religious Liberty Commission to ensure their final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Sherry Bupp
[redacted]

**From:** Janet Prince <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 00:00:23 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Janet Prince
Nashua, NH

**From:** Michael Wallace <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 00:07:26 -0400
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Michael Wallace
Sarasota, FL

**From:** Sherry Bupp <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Sherry Bupp
Redmond, WA

**From:** Heather Campbell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Heather Campbell
Benicia, CA

**From:** Pamela Gallegos <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Pamela Gallegos
Madison, WI

**From:** Sona Rejebian <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 00:56:28 -0400
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Respectfully,
Sona Rejebian
Evanston, IL

**From:** Holly Hall <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 01:53:35 -0400
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Respectfully,
Holly Hall
Temecula, CA

**From:** Jennifer VerHelst <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 02:07:15 -0400
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Respectfully,
Jennifer VerHelst
Holland, MI

**From:** Jay Hufton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 02:33:36 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Jay Hufton

[redacted]

**From:** Amy Bakken <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 04:00:00 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Ms Amy Bakken
[redacted]

**From:** Gulshan Oomerjee <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 04:00:28 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Gulshan Oomerjee
Simi Valley, CA

**From:** Edward Main <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 05:56:14 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Edward Main

[redacted]

**From:** Osa Moody <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 06:00:02 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Osa Moody
Wentzville, MO

**From:** Lynde Uihlein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 06:52:02 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Lynde Uihlein
Milwaukee, WI

**From:** Katherine Ware <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 07:24:43 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Katherine Ware
Lewes, DE

**From:** Liljana Baddour <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 08:11:29 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Liljana Baddour
Rockford, IL

**From:** Janis Nicolosi-Endo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 08:19:31 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. This commission is thinly veiling an attempt to establish a Christian theocracy. Although I practice Buddhism, I believe my faith is personal & should not impose or infringe on others with their beliefs.
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Janis Nicolosi-Endo
Fair Lawn, NJ

**From:** Andrea Peacock <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 08:34:14 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

Our Founding Fathers held a diverse range of religious beliefs, almost all came from Protestant backgrounds.

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Respectfully,
Andrea Peacock
Hardeeville, SC

**From:** Don Deakins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 08:48:53 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Religious superstition has no place in government.

Sincerely,
Don Deakins



**From:** Liz Mikre <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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As an atheist, I have the right to my beliefs.

And I do not want Christian sharia law in this country

Sincerely,
Liz Mikre

[redacted]

**From:** Ralph Weinberger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ralph Weinberger

[redacted]

**From:** Augusta Rosenauer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Augusta Rosenauer
naples, FL

**From:** Tony Stornello <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 09:07:59 -0400
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Tony Stornello

[redacted]

**From:** Rose Hawley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 09:26:51 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I oppose the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission.

Since the Religious Liberty Commission only considers one religion worth protecting, it forces the rest of us to accept the following:

A philosophical interpretation of ancient bible stories that have been debated, disputed and rewritten countless times and muddled by thousands of translations.

…And, to my deep distress, the current interpretation focuses on fear, anger and revenge… leaving out empathy, compassion and love of neighbor.

A world without empathy, compassion and love is not a world to put into policy.

Respectfully,
Rose Hawley
Bonita Springs, FL

**From:** Anthony Toft <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 09:40:06 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

The First Amendment demands absolute protection of church-state separation—and my religious freedom depends on it.

This isn't abstract principle. This is MY constitutional shield. As a British national and U.S. Green Card holder, I rely on these protections every bit as much as any citizen. Without genuine separation of church and state, I—as a Humanist—are directly vulnerable to government-imposed religious orthodoxy.

The First Amendment's Establishment Clause forbids government from:

Imposing religious beliefs on ANY person within U.S. jurisdiction
Favoring one faith over another
Compelling participation in prayer or religious observance
Using taxpayer funds to advance religious doctrines
For Humanists specifically, church-state separation means:

MY beliefs deserve equal respect under law—not second-class status beneath "traditional" religions
Public schools must remain free of coercive prayer—my children won't be marginalized or pressured to conform to majority faiths
Tax dollars cannot subsidize religions that may discriminate against me—including faith communities that reject secular philosophies or Satanism
Government cannot privilege "mainstream" religion while dismissing Humanism as unworthy of constitutional protection
Church-state separation is MY firewall against discrimination. It guarantees that when I walk into a classroom, a courthouse, or participate in civic life—I answer to my own conscience, not to legislators' theological preferences. As a permanent resident, I am equally entitled to these protections.

The First Amendment does not ask citizenship. It guarantees me—the Humanist, the Satanist, the atheist, the minority believer, the immigrant—equal standing before the law. Any erosion of this separation is an erosion of MY freedom.

Religious Liberty means ALL liberty—including mine.

Sincerely,
Anthony Toft

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**From:** Maia Rose <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 09:49:35 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the opposite. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

My belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Maia Rose
Lander, WY

**From:** Anya Wasilenski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 09:52:04 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As a Christian who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Christianity calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity, where I love my neighbor like myself. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Anya Wasilenski
Ann Arbor, MI

**From:** J Gary Nelson <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 09:52:15 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

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Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

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Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Mr. J Gary Nelson

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**From:** Chris Wilstein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 10:09:49 -0400
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Sincerely,
Chris Wilstein

[redacted]

**From:** Paula Maiorano <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 10:11:04 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Paula Maiorano
WIlmington, DE

**From:** Dorothy Simonis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 10:31:03 -0400
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Respectfully,
Dorothy Simonis
Hudson, OH

**From:** Beth DuBois <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 10:37:35 -0400
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Respectfully,
Beth DuBois
Fayetteville, NY

**From:** Carol White <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 10:47:40 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Carol White
Scottsboro, AL

**From:** Martha Hill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 10:48:13 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Martha Hill
Charleston, WV

**From:** Brian Cook <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 11:07:18 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

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Sincerely,
Mr. Brian Cook
[redacted]

**From:** Peter Kazeck <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 11:10:46 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

One of the reasons our country was founded was to make sure every citizen had religious Freedom !!! That doesnt mean we were explicitly a Christian nation !!! Freedom to practice any religion or -NO- religion at all.

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Respectfully,
Peter Kazeck
Palm Bay, FL

**From:** Samantha Demers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 11:13:41 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others. This has never been a Christian nation. Church and state must remain separate.

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Sincerely,
Ms Samantha Demers
[redacted]

**From:** Kay Hawley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 11:18:28 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Kay Hawley
Wichita, KS

**From:** Carolyn Wates <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 11:28:21 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Carolyn Wates
Springer, OK

**From:** Lisa Hochman <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 11:32:06 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Lisa Hochman

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**From:** Marty Grundy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 11:40:27 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

As a white Christian citizen I strongly oppose the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. I believe deeply there is Light in every person and therefore I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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My religious faith calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to work to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Marty Grundy
needham, MA

**From:** Darla Wilson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 12:13:39 -0400
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Sincerely,
Dr. Darla Wilson

[redacted]

**From:** Linda Fischer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 12:25:13 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Linda Fischer
Centennial, CO

**From:** Lois Upham <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 12:43:16 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report. (See bottom of this message for personal comment.)

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PERSONAL COMMENT:
As a lifelong Christian, I believe that Jesus called us to treat all people equally and to be generious in our acceptance of others--even folks whose religious traditions are different from our own. This generosity was enshrined in our Constitution calling for the separation of Church and State - thus allowing for the free worship by citizens of whatever belief system they embrace. Please do NOT destroy this freedom by imposing political limits upon it.

Respectfully,
Lois Upham
Covington, GA

**From:** Eugene Wilson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 12:44:28 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

The appointed members of your Commission represent only one view of their own faith, and I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report. The report is an example of Religious Extremism and must NOT be allowed to be published. It will not be a legitimate document to a majority of our United States citizens.

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My belief system and my God calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism as desired by the Founders of our great Nation, not a single narrow politically-driven perspective that would privilege a select few. If approved, Commission members will have done a disservice to our one God, and to the intent of the Founders of our Great Nation.

Respectfully,
Eugene Wilson
Shawnee, KS

**From:** Marc Reynolds <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 13:02:07 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dr. Marc Reynolds

[redacted]

**From:** Linda Bolduan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Linda Bolduan
Lake Oswego, OR

**From:** Denyse Corrado <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Religion should not be used a political tool!

Sincerely,
Denyse Corrado

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**From:** Ruth Humes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Ruth Humes
El Mirage, AZ

**From:** Robert Turk <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Paula Jackson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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This report shows nothing like the religious freedom envisioned in the Constitution but rather, it establishes favor for a narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Paula Jackson
CINCINNATI, OH

**From:** Lois Ann Macleod Lois Ann Macleod <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Lois Ann Macleod Lois Ann Macleod
GRAPEVIEW, WA

**From:** William Insley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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William Insley
Kettering, OH

**From:** Kaitlyn Ault <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 14:44:45 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a lifelong Christian stay-at-home mother, living in a rural community. Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Kaitlyn Ault

[redacted]

**From:** David Pack <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 14:45:49 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission.

The United States IS NOT A CHRISTIAN NATION. Has the commission ever read the first amendment to the U.S. constitution? It says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Apparently not!

Christian nationalism is anti-Biblical heresy that specifically leads people to ignore what Jesus Christ asks them to do. Go read Matthew 25: 31-46 while you approve policies to take food and housing away from those who need it.

I also commend Micah 6:8 to you - "He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God." You stand against all three of these requirements, supporting unjust detention policies, spreading hate, and acting with enormous arrogance consistently.

So get off of your so-called Christian high horse. You are clueless about Christ asks of us!

Respectfully,
David Pack
Lenexa, KS

**From:** James Gerber <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 14:49:40 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Michael Bolles <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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In the 17th century - more than 100 years before our nation's founding - my ancestors came to these shores in search of true religious liberty. As Pilgrims, my ancestors were subjected to religious persecution in Europe because of their beliefs. Due to their experience and those of countless others, one of our nation's founding principles has been freedom of religion as enshrined in the US Constitution's First Amendment. This allows all Americans to worship whatever religion they choose.

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Respectfully,
Michael Bolles
Hackensack, NJ

**From:** Reynold Soucy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Sandra Briggs <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Sandra Briggs
Sandy, UT

**From:** Melissa Maxson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Melissa Maxson
[redacted]

**From:** David Rose <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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David Rose
Lakewood, NJ

**From:** Henrietta Rogers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Henrietta Rogers
Farmington, MI

**From:** J Calvin Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 15:46:25 -0400
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And some of them do it in the Holiest of Names.

It needs to stop. Pastors take no Federal oath, and it shows. They and their religious dogma and zeal have no place in our government. Christian Nationalism is wrong-headed and hurts both Church and State.

Sincerely,
J Calvin Smith

[redacted]

**From:** jill harmer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 16:08:44 -0400
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Sincerely,
ms jill harmer
[redacted]

**From:** Jerrie Drinkwine <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 16:16:07 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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Americans do value church-state separation. It does make our country stronger, and we will not tolerate it being erased by a dubious commission.

Church-state separation matters to me because I am a devoted Christian that wants my personal beliefs out of politics. I see that Chrisianity is be distorted and manipulated at the whims of politicians. Also, as a Christian and history teacher, I believe everyone has a right to their own beliefs no matter what religion or no religion at all. On the 250th anniversary of American independence, we all need to protect this pillar of our democracy.

Sincerely,

Jerrie Drinkwine

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Ms. Jerrie Drinkwine
[redacted]

**From:** Harry White <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 17:03:03 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am very concerned about the report being issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. It is clearly biased in favor of a "Christian Nationalism" perspective on American history. We need to maintain a separation of Church and State! Americans have freedom of religion. This report, if implemented, would restrict our freedoms, and allow government to use its considerable power to advocate for a religion, especially for Christian Nationalism.

Please, don't go against the wishes of our Founding Fathers. Because of the separation of church and state, we have the right to practice any religion, or no religion, as long as we don't harm others. Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another.

Please, keep coercive prayer out of our classrooms! Don't let Christian Nationalist government entities influence people using the power of government. Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Harry White

[redacted]

**From:** Suzanne J Dickson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Suzanne J Dickson
Wilmington, NC

**From:** Andrea Mason <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Protect people's rights to believe in what they want, even if it is to believe in no religion.

Respectfully,
Andrea Mason
Hawthorne, FL

**From:** Charles A Adelman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Charles A Adelman
Los Angeles, CA

**From:** Todd Boerger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Todd Boerger
Hattiesburg, MS

**From:** Donald Hudson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 18:15:53 -0400
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Separation of church and state guarantees that parents can make their own decisions about religion and religious education. Baptists believe that belief and worship of God is meaningless if our members do not have free will to make their own choice. Please protect parents and churches from religious direction from our government.

Sincerely,
Donald Hudson



**From:** Ares Ridenour <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 18:42:47 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

Church-state separation protects houses of worship from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference.

Church-state separation protects our public schools by keeping coercive prayer out of classrooms. It ensures schools are welcoming for students of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Church-state separation protects taxpayers from being forced to fund religion. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Mr. Ares Ridenour
[redacted]

**From:** Marguerite Huey Larson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 19:22:39 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the opposite. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

My belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Marguerite Huey Larson
Norman, OK

**From:** Scott Wasserman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 19:31:35 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate. There never was a state religion in this country and there never should be.

Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

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Sincerely,
Scott Wasserman

[redacted]

**From:** Andrea Yang <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 19:54:40 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Mrs Andrea Yang

[redacted]

**From:** Ilene Mondschein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 19:58:12 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Miss Ilene Mondschein

[redacted]

**From:** Joseph koalska <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 20:02:40 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Mr. Joseph koalska

[redacted]

**From:** John Keevert <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 20:34:52 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As a Unitarian Universalist who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I require the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report. Our country was founded on freedom of and from religion, with explicit separation of church and state. to the benefit of both. Of course individuals are guided by their beliefs, but there should never be an official religion.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the opposite. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

My belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
John Keevert
Rochester, NY

**From:** Antonia Darragh <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 20:37:46 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the opposite. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

I feel obligated to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. I want to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Antonia Darragh
La Jolla, CA

**From:** Brooke Lindsay <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 21:05:31 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone—religious and nonreligious people alike. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

In her final opinion as a Supreme Court justice in 2005, Sandra Day O'Connor, a judicial conservative, reflected on the importance of church-state separation to guarantee full religious freedom. "The First Amendment expresses our Nation's fundamental commitment to religious liberty by means of two provisions – one protecting the free exercise of religion, the other barring establishment of religion." She concluded with a challenge: "Those who would renegotiate the boundaries between church and state must therefore answer a difficult question: Why would we trade a system that has served us so well for one that has served others so poorly?"

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Sincerely,
Brooke Lindsay

[redacted]

**From:** Linda Sentz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 21:07:05 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

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THE FOUNDING FATHERS KNEW VERY WELL WHAT HAPPENS WHEN RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT UNITE AND IT'S NEVER A GOOD THING FOR EITHER OF THEM. EUROPE SPENT HUNDREDS OF YEARS AT WAR BECAUSE OF IT!

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Respectfully,
Linda Sentz
Champlin, MN

**From:** Mary Pfeifer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 21:21:29 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I'm submitting this comment to express my strong opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. I believe every person deserves to be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect, and I urge the Commission to substantially revise this report before it is finalized.

While this report claims to protect religious liberty, I believe it does the opposite. It elevates one narrow set of religious beliefs while failing to protect the rights, safety, and freedoms of people who hold different beliefs or no religious beliefs at all. Religious freedom should never be used as a justification to limit someone else's civil rights, healthcare, education, or ability to participate equally in society.

My values call me to care for my neighbors, stand up for vulnerable people, and support a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity under the law. I ask the Commission to reject recommendations that could enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, or employment. A report about religious liberty should protect the freedom of all people, not advance one politically driven interpretation at the expense of others. I hope the final report reflects genuine religious pluralism, fairness, and equal protection for everyone.

Respectfully,
Mary Pfeifer
Louisville, KY

**From:** Corinne Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 21:23:12 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Corinne Smith
Talkeetna, AK

**From:** Robert Kriesel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 21:28:33 -0400
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Respectfully,
Robert Kriesel
West Lakeland, MN

**From:** Constance Dryden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 21:30:37 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Constance Dryden
Bridgeton, MO

**From:** Melissa Kahn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 21:34:40 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Melissa Kahn
Versailles, KY

**From:** Stephen Fitch <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 21:41:39 -0400
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Respectfully,
Stephen Fitch
Thousand Oaks, CA

**From:** Raymond Collins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 22:02:56 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Raymond Collins
Miami, FL

**From:** William Hale <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 22:15:54 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
William Hale
San Leandro, CA

**From:** Sean McShee <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 22:22:33 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Sean McShee
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

**From:** barbara baraw <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 22:35:32 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

This statement is to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, it does the opposite. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom allows for civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

Through my belief system I am called to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. I am called to help create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment which ultimately undermine religious freedom itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
barbara baraw
Stowe, VT

**From:** Kaye Kittredge <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 22:43:21 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. I reject the report's recommendations and urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Respectfully,
Kaye Kittredge
North Reading, MA

**From:** Jack Stafford <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 22:44:47 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Jack Stafford

[redacted]

**From:** Carla Ficke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 23:16:04 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As a clergy person & someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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My Christian belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Carla Ficke
Denver, CO

**From:** Jennifer Hobbs <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 23:20:42 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Jennifer Hobbs
Newark, DE

**From:** Susan Dennis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 23:27:12 -0400
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To disregard this very basic freedom is a disgraceful scar on democracy as we celebrate 250 years.

Respectfully,
Susan Dennis
Phillipsburg, NJ

**From:** Janet Hedgepath <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 23:43:38 -0400
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Respectfully,
Janet Hedgepath
Vancouver, WA

**From:** Loisj Zeidman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 23:44:29 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Ms Loisj Zeidman
[redacted]

**From:** Jon Hauxwell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 08 Jul 2026 23:45:22 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As an American citizen, I'm concerned by recent political statements which devalue the church-state separation enacted by our nation's founders. I don't want to see the weight of the state's power privileging religious sentiments over those favored by non-religious taxpayers.

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Sincerely,
Dr. Jon Hauxwell
[redacted]

**From:** Aaron Chase <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 00:43:26 -0400
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Respectfully,
Aaron Chase
York, ME

**From:** Aaron Chase <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 01:03:00 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mr. Aaron Chase

[redacted]

**From:** Brandi Kilmer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 04:53:06 -0400
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Respectfully,
Brandi Kilmer
Chantilly, VA

**From:** richard codding <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 08:44:51 -0400
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Respectfully,
richard codding
Rochester, NY

**From:** Karen Barker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 09:05:53 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

As a Unitarian universalist, I believe that religious freedom is a crucial part of what it means to be a citizen of the United States of America. It is not appropriate, and does not align with the wishes of our founders or the current people of this country, to limit religious beliefs to only one way of thinking. We are a pluralistic and open-minded society.

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Respectfully,
Karen Barker
Newark, DE

**From:** Catherine Caron <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 09:29:43 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission and I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

I have worked for interfaith/inter-religious dialogue and understanding in Spokane as director of the Interfaith Council and though I have retired from that work I am absolutely convinced, now more than ever, that those of us who hold any authority must work to protect religious groups and other groups of people who are being maligned by current lies and misrepresentation being perpetrated in our nation, specifically a Christian fundamentalist ideology that perceives itself as the only correct path for living. I myself am a Catholic Christian, and I'm willing to live side-by-side with other Christian groups, but I am not willing to let one of those Christian groups, my own, or any other, decide that it should holds ultimate truth. God, by whatever name, is far more complex than one single ideology can describe. And human beings and the multiple cultures and religious traditions into which we are born and educated are far more complex and beautiful than can be described or guided by a single religious ideology.

The report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission claims to protect religious liberty, but it absolutely does not do so. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

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Respectfully,
Catherine Caron
Spokane, WA

**From:** Caroline Constantine <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 09:29:45 -0400
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Respectfully,
Caroline Constantine
Denver, CO

**From:** Steven Woolley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 10:41:57 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

Grace and peace to you,
Speaking as a priest in The Episcopal Church, I am deeply disappointed by the draft report of the Religious Liberty Commission. It has little to do with America's commitment to religious freedom as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution. Instead, it appears to privilege one particular expression of Christianity, principally what is often described as conservative evangelicalism, at the expense of the rich diversity of Christian traditions in this country.
I am especially concerned by any proposal that would permit churches to contribute financially to political campaigns or publicly endorse political candidates. Individual Christians have both the right and the moral responsibility to become informed voters and are free to support or oppose candidates as conscience dictates. Those rights, however, should not be extended to congregations or denominations acting as institutions.
I am also troubled by recommendations that would expand the use of school vouchers for parochial schools. As a strong supporter of public education, I believe voucher programs divert public funds needed to provide the highest quality education possible in our public schools, particularly those serving communities with the greatest needs. The role of magnet schools and school choice within the public school system is an entirely different issue and beyond the scope of these comments.
Finally, any movement toward Christian nationalism is utterly incompatible with orthodox Christianity. The age when the religion of the prince determined the religion of the people, whether they embraced it or not, ended long ago. Although a majority of Americans may identify as Christians of one tradition or another, the United States is not, and never has been, a Christian nation in any constitutional sense. To become one would inevitably diminish the religious liberty of those who profess other faiths—or no faith at all—and would be contrary to both the spirit and the letter of the Constitution.
Taken as a whole, the draft report gives the impression that the Commission was never primarily concerned with strengthening religious liberty for all Americans. Rather, it appears to advance a particular ideological agenda. In its present form, it reads less like an objective study with thoughtful recommendations than an advocacy document promoting a predetermined conclusion.
Yours in Christ's service,
The Rev. Steven Woolley Williamsburg, Virginia

Respectfully,
Steven Woolley
Williamsburg, VA

**From:** Carole Menninger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 11:06:17 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am 79 years old and have always maintained that the separation of religion and state should be the law of the land!

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Sincerely,
Ms Carole Menninger

[redacted]

**From:** Mary Pat Burns <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 11:11:04 -0400
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Respectfully,
Mary Pat Burns
Rocky River, OH

**From:** Mildred Meyer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 11:12:59 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission.

Religious freedom means freedom for everyone.

Respectfully,
Mildred Meyer
New Paltz, NY

**From:** Neve Mazique-Bianco <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 11:15:04 -0400
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Respectfully,
Neve Mazique-Bianco
Hampton, NJ

**From:** Michael DeLoye <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 11:37:33 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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From the founding of our country, church-state separation has been vital to the progress of our nation. Allowing religion to interfere with governmental activities is not good for religious groups or the country.

Sincerely,
Michael DeLoye

[redacted]

**From:** Gail Otis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 11:48:33 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Gail Otis
Plymouth, MA

**From:** Connie Miatech <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Connie Miatech
Nevada City, CA

**From:** Herbert Ogden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 12:02:13 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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As a Unitarian Universalist I try to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors and create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. Please reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. The report should reflect genuine religious pluralism. It should privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Herbert Ogden
Rutland, VT

**From:** Katarina Sousa <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 12:16:29 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Katarina Sousa

[redacted]

**From:** Lisa Livelybrooks <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 12:18:27 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Lisa Livelybrooks
Veneta, OR

**From:** Carrie Gleason <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 12:20:37 -0400
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Respectfully,
Carrie Gleason
Bennett, CO

**From:** Ellen Isley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 12:31:53 -0400
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Respectfully,
Ellen Isley
Scituate, MA

**From:** Gus Gonzales <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Gus Gonzales
Duncanville, TX

**From:** Cynthia Lapp <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 12:36:59 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As a Christian pastor, I believe deeply in the dignity of every person, that all are created in God's image. The Commission must substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report or we will not truly have religious liberty.

While this report claims to protect religious liberty, it does the opposite. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

As a Mennonite, my ancestors came to this country because they were seeking freedom of religion. Generations later, I still believe in that freedom for all religions, not just mine. My faith invites, indeed commands, me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of ALL my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few Christians of a certain stripe.

Respectfully,
Cynthia Lapp
Hyattsville, MD

**From:** Linda Lewis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 12:55:43 -0400
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Respectfully,
Linda Lewis
Venice, FL

**From:** David Rush <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 12:57:55 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

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Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education.

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Church-state separation ensures equal treatment under the law. The government must serve all people fairly, regardless of what they believe or whether they practice a religion, and taxpayer-funded religious groups must not use religion to discriminate.

Sincerely,
Mr David Rush

[redacted]

**From:** Ryan Keane <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 12:59:15 -0400
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Respectfully,
Ryan Keane
Marlborough, MA

**From:** Barbara Rocha <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 13:03:23 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

We cannot stand strong, we cannot be the democracy our founders envisioned if we do not embrace each person's right to love the God of their choice or not love any God at all. We erode all our freedoms when we opt to make ourselves the arbiters of how people worship.

Christianity means we follow Christ. There is nothing in this position that honors the teachings of Christ. "Love thy neighbor as thyself" is just one of the many directives that point in this direction. And the Golden Rule is certainly not being applied here.

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Respectfully,
Barbara Rocha
Desert Hot Springs, CA

**From:** michael septimus <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 13:12:34 -0400
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Respectfully,
michael septimus
kelayres, PA

**From:** Linda Gertenbach <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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As an United Methodist clergywoman, I am guided by the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church when making decisions in the public sphere. "Our involvement in political systems is rooted in the gospel imperative to love our neighbors, to do justice and to care for the vulnerable. . .we acknowledge that love requires responsible political action and engagement aimed at the betterment of society and the promotion of the common good. ..We affirm that both church and state have vital and distinct roles to play in relation to the larger society . . .we generally affirm the independence and integrity of both insitutions and we advocate for a relationship of mutual respect in which neither institution seeks to dominate or unduly influence the other. . We urge governments, businesses, churches and other institutions in civil society to take concerted action to preserve and protect the rights of all religious people. We object any form of discrimination and intolerance toward religious minorities. . .We endorse the right of all religious people to practice their faith, free from unjustified and unnecessary legal, political and financial restraints.

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Respectfully,
Linda Gertenbach
Lakewood, CO

**From:** Sandra Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 13:40:47 -0400
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Respectfully,
Sandra Miller
Greenbelt, MD

**From:** Richard Beach <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 13:59:16 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Richard Beach

[redacted]

**From:** Susan McBain <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 14:06:55 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

As my minister said in her sermon last Sunday, "This report is heresy."

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Respectfully,
Susan McBain
Woodinville, WA

**From:** Kathy Hayes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 14:24:23 -0400
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I believe in Jesus and I believe in separation of Church and state.

Respectfully,
Kathy Hayes
Gaston, OR

**From:** Bonnie Abrahamson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Bonnie Abrahamson
Vero Beach, FL

**From:** Bob Rossi <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 15:24:53 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am in the Lay Servant Ministry program in my Methodist church where I am associated with a foodbank ministry, a covenant group that I founded, and community ministries. I have spent much of my life serving others on the basis of my belief in God and my wider faith perspective that I believe is Scripturally sound.

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My God calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors as a defining act or demonstration of His love which I have no claim to except through His mercy. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity, once more as a demostration of God's love for all. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately point more people to atheism and even undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few. I am with Christ, not Herod.

Respectfully,
Bob Rossi
Salem, OR

**From:** Joseph Hample <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 15:25:53 -0400
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Respectfully,
Joseph Hample
Morgantown, WV

**From:** Kathleen L Lundy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 15:28:18 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Kathleen L Lundy
Salt Lake City, UT

**From:** Gethin Wied <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 15:34:03 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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My belief in Jesus Christ and his call to love others regardless of who they are compels me to support the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. My baptismal vows as a Christian call on me to promote the dignity of every human being. As a member of the clergy, I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Gethin Wied
SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

**From:** Colleen Harshbarger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 15:37:59 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

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Respectfully,
Colleen Harshbarger
Morgantown, WV

**From:** Cara Vasquez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 15:38:33 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Cara Vasquez

[redacted]

**From:** Joe Webb <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 15:44:19 -0400
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Respectfully,
Joe Webb
Williamstown, WV

**From:** Dean Knight <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 15:58:37 -0400
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Sincerely,
Dean Knight

[redacted]

**From:** Denise Wise <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 16:17:57 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Washington, WV

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. Kenneth Giunta

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**From:** Tranee McDonald <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**From:** Virginia Snider <[redacted]>
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Virginia Snider
Buffalo, NY

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Pamela Hinrichs

[redacted]

**From:** Bret Preston <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**From:** Reed Miller <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Sara Brumfield <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Salvatore Ninfo

[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Andrea Lacey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Andrea Lacey

[redacted]

**From:** Erica Reisman <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Evan Davis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 17:40:44 -0400
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Given all the false claims by supporters of President Trump that the United States was founded as and should operate as a Christian nation, it is incumbent upon him to publicly deny that claim. Anything less, including silence, must be seen as his support for that false interpretation of our founding documents and our subsequent history as a nation of religious freedom. Such failure supports the efforts to create a Christian version of Iranian theocracy in the United States.

Sincerely,
Evan Davis
[redacted]

**From:** Linda Vopicka <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Stephanie Compton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Stephanie Compton

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**From:** Andrew Brust <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Mark Kinney <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 17:42:03 -0400
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Mr Mark Kinney

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**From:** Sofia Montemayor-Thomas <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Jean Shildneck <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 17:44:31 -0400
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Jean Shildneck
Scituate, MA

**From:** Elizabeth Krocheski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Elizabeth Krocheski

[redacted]

**From:** Jessica Laughton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Jessica Laughton

[redacted]

**From:** Gregg Herbert <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Allen Markham <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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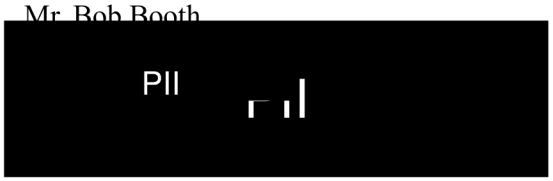
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Lana Cooke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Morgantown, WV

**From:** J Frati <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Sincerely,
Cheryl Vears

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dr Linda Silversmith

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**From:** Herb Shelton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Herb Shelton

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I am particularly concerned about:
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Repeal of the Johnson Amendment. Allowing tax-exempt religious institutions to engage in partisan political activity blurs the line between church and state funding and electoral politics.
Expanded public funding for religious schools and institutions without corresponding accountability or protections for students of other faiths or no faith.
The commission's own composition — overwhelmingly one religious tradition — undermines its credibility in claiming to speak for "religious liberty for all Americans," including Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Jews, and the nonreligious, whose concerns received comparatively little attention in its hearings.
Religious liberty is best protected when government stays out of the business of favoring belief over disbelief, or one faith over another. I urge the commission to reconsider recommendations that erode that neutrality.

Sincerely,
Mr. Daniel Beller

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**From:** Phillip Wilson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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William Gamelli

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**From:** Richard Yood <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 18:12:26 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Melvin Buzzard <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 18:17:13 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Melvin Buzzard
Morgantown, WV

**From:** Ida Mollett-Chapman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 18:19:49 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Robert Nelson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Robert Nelson
Provo, UT

**From:** David Webb <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dr Elizabeth Boessenkool
[redacted]

**From:** Scott Trainor <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Evelyn Urquhart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Pamela Carnes

[redacted]

**From:** Margaret Collins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Cody Goin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Kolin Kilpatrick

[redacted]

**From:** Melissa McClure <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Melissa McClure

[redacted]

**From:** Timothy Blevins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Brenda Hunter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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- Sandra Day O'Connor - (1930 – 2023) American attorney, jurist, and associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (1981 - 2006), nominated by President Ronald Reagan, and the first woman to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court justice

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[redacted]

**From:** Mary Boone <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Dr. Barbara Sorkin

[redacted]

**From:** Jackie Nirenberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Jeremy Geouge

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Andrea Tatkow <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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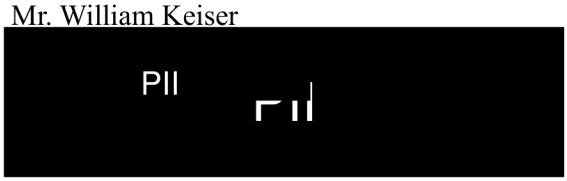
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Alton Mumm
President
Nebraska Alliance for Retired Americans

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[redacted]

**From:** James Tornatore <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Kayla Pocquette <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Carl Rubenstein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Michele Missner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mrs Michele Missner

[redacted]

**From:** Brandon Ortega <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Cathy Chapman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Nik Leland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 19:04:30 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Angela Ducommun
PII PII

**From:** Sandra Minnesang <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mr. Jim Jacobson

[redacted]

**From:** Paula Arevalos <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Bob Quail <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Lezlie Ringland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Doyle Stadt

[redacted]

**From:** Jeremy Olliges <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 19:45:34 -0400
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Sincerely,
Jeremy Olliges

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**From:** Debbie Hollis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 19:47:43 -0400
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**From:** Cindra Barnard <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 19:48:50 -0400
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Cindra Barnard

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**From:** JoBeth Bossart-Porter <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 19:51:52 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mrs. JoBeth Bossart-Porter

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**From:** Edward Blaha <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Edwin Martin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Dr. Edwin Martin

[redacted]

**From:** Sandi Hebley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 19:54:46 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Our country was built on a foundation of religious freedom, which means people can worship as they choose, and that means ALL religions are valid. And no one has to accept any religion!

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[redacted]

**From:** Harold Draper <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 19:55:27 -0400
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Also your proposal establishes Protestant fundamentalism as the state religion, excluding even other Christian religions.

Sincerely,
Mr Harold Draper

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**From:** Adam Jenkins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 19:56:15 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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You have an obligation to ensure that your final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans. Religious liberty is not under attack. It's secularism that is, and that's not the way it should be. Neither should endure deprivation of rights one way or the other.

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Adam Jenkins
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**From:** KENNETH ERICKSON <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 19:56:57 -0400
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**From:** Laura Anderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Laura Anderson
[redacted]

**From:** Cassandra Mosley <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 20:00:41 -0400
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Sincerely,
Cassandra Mosley

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**From:** Dawne Kinsey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 20:01:05 -0400
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**From:** Jonathan Brier <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 20:02:13 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Mr. Jonathan Brier

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**From:** Chris Teachey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Kristine Simons <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Kristine Simons

[redacted]

**From:** Lois Hoyt-Berry <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** John Zeman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Laura Rendon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
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[redacted]

**From:** Don Hittle <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 20:07:58 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Let's be honest, those who created the Religious Liberty Commission and who seem to be determined to set its agenda are primarily if not exclusively interested in promoting the idea of Christian nationalism and imposing this idea on our social and political institutions.

How about you surprise these folks by clearly supporting the separation of church and state, as to do otherwise would only further threaten both our democracy and our religious freedom. Thank you for your consideration.

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Mr. Don Hittle

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**From:** Jacqueline Brabant <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Natalie Oyler-Lusco <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Malcolm Wattman <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Myles Davis <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Thank you.
Sincerely,
Will Evans

[redacted]

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[redacted]

**From:** Colleen Sundberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**From:** Christi Trimble-Kreutz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Sheila Green <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mrd Sheila Green

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I believe that my religion and my spiritual life is extremely personal and that no one has the right or the authority to mandate what I choose to believe or practice. I want the same freedom for all Americans. Furthermore, I believe in the rule of law and it troubles me greatly that anyone would minimize the significance of the First Amendment of the Constitution. Let us not forget the words of Sinclair Lewis: "When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross".

Sincerely,
Michelle Wadle

[redacted]

**From:** Daniel Kuperus <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 20:39:01 -0400
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**From:** Phoenix Giffen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Allan Campbell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** James Moule <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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James Moule

[redacted]

**From:** Steve Schatz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Donna Krause <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Donna Krause
[redacted]

**From:** Tim Sauke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 20:43:05 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mr. Tim Sauke

[redacted]

**From:** Carol Hugdahl <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Joseph Pasternack <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Michelle Thibodeaux <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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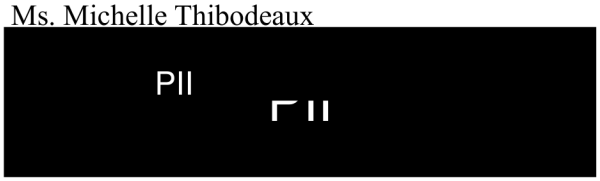
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Cecilia Garza
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**From:** Jan Rybka <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Jan Rybka

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**From:** Mike Tice <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mike Tice

[redacted]

**From:** Margie Thibodeaux <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Tracy Gleason <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mr Tracy Gleason

[redacted]

**From:** Sandy Templin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Dr Sandy Templin

[redacted]

**From:** Christine Griffith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Christine Griffith

[redacted]

**From:** Katherine Smith-Mortensen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Katherine Smith-Mortensen

[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Lyla Neumann

[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Michael Mercer

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**From:** Ray Hearne <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 21:08:02 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mr. Steven Sainders

[redacted]

**From:** Danica Worner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Quanah Brightman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Douglas Plante <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Jean Beschta <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Chris Hoyler
Wyncote, PA

**From:** Lyz Kurnitz- Thurlow <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Amira Mansour <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
karen winnubst
Cedar Hill, TX

**From:** Anne Landman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 22:25:00 -0400
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Sincerely,
Ms. Anne Landman

[redacted]

**From:** Sandra Keans <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Sandra Keans

[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. Utkarsh Nath

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**From:** Patty Lee Hakes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Patty Lee Hakes

[redacted]

**From:** Jesus de la Garza <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 22:28:27 -0400
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Dr. Jesus de la Garza

[redacted]

**From:** Edie Spease <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mrs Edie Spease

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**From:** Randall Farleigh <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 22:33:27 -0400
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Sincerely,
Randall Farleigh

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**From:** Martin Carlton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Patricia Winter

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**From:** Donna Pope <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Donna Pope
Tampa, FL

**From:** Carol Wright <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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Sincerely,
Kris Korfanta

[redacted]

**From:** David Troup <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mrs. Joy Rosenberry Chase
[redacted]

**From:** Freda Eisenberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Freda Eisenberg
[redacted]

**From:** Richard Gundlach <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Silas Miller

[redacted]

**From:** Sue Steinacher <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 23:18:25 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report allows for all the different ways Americans choose to practice their Christian faith, and all the other faiths embraced by our citizens. I come from a long line of Quakers, and we were once persecuted for our beliefs despite them coming directly from the teachings of Jesus.

We can only be free to practice our different forms of Christianity, and other belief systems, that are truest for us is to maintain separation of church and state.

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Ray Soller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Attn: Kelly Shackelford

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The separation of church and state assures ALL the people that in the words of George Washington in his letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island :
"It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights, for, happily, the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."

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Sincerely,
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**From:** Renee Arnett <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 16:26:37 -0400
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Ms. Renee Arnett

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**From:** Chris Clayborne <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Gary Benz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Dan Joyce <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Scherry Rowland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Linda Eastman
[redacted]

**From:** James Manore <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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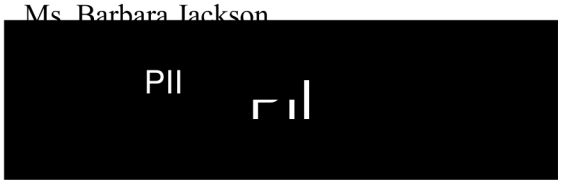
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Molly Hunt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** William Henry <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Pamela Bielma <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Robert Leyba

[redacted]

**From:** Leslie Evelo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Valerie Elder <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Julie Bernstein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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The Religious Liberty Commission should reflect the variety of faiths that we have in our country and should uphold freedom of religion for all of them which means that the government should not be endorsing or favoring any particular faith or faiths. Thank you for seriously considering my thoghts onthis very important subject.

Sincerely,
Dr. Julie Bernstein
[redacted]

**From:** Barbara Tischler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Dr. Jenna Hutchinson

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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All of this is VERY important to me and most people I know,  including atheists who are good people too.

Sincerely,
Ms. PATRICIA NORTON
[redacted]

**From:** Martin and Sharon McGladdery <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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I've practiced Nichiren Shoshu Buddhism for 47 years. Christian Nationalism presents a very real threat to my rights as an American citizen.

Sincerely,
Les Dorr, Jr.

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Mr. Les Dorr

[redacted]

**From:** Joseph Izzo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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I was raised in a Roman Catholic/Christian family, earned a Master's degree in Biblical Studies from La Salle University in 1978 and came to realize that much of the "cherry-picking" of the scriptures by the Christian Nationalist right wing was neither Christian nor biblically grounded. By 1982 I became a Quaker and Buddhist practitioner although I still treasure the teachings of Jesus but not those of his supposed followers. I refuse to accept your brand of distorted Christianity.

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I regard the principles of the Constitution as sacred!

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[redacted]

**From:** Heidi Renteria <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ms. Heidi Renteria

[redacted]

**From:** glenda dugan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Claudia Wiebold

[redacted]

**From:** Susan Leibowitz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Richard Poelker

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms Marcia Russell
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**From:** "H. Lehman Holder Jr." <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Deborah Durbin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Deborah Durbin

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**From:** Rustin Kern <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Sincerely,
Ms. PENELOPE S JEFFREY

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**From:** Cheryl Dzubak <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Catherine Davis

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Joan Grossman

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**From:** Joanna Taylor <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**From:** Maritn Moskowitz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** J Frati <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Best regards,

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J Frati

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**From:** Lenore Sivulich <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mr. Alexander McKenzie

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**From:** Arlene Drucker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Daniel Devlin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Damon Weber <[redacted]>
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**From:** Diana Avery <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Alfredo Ocasio <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Nancy Norton
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**From:** John Gray <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mr. John Gray
[redacted]

**From:** Stephen Krokowski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Oakley Van Slyke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Candace Corbani <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Tammy Haller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mr. Richard Rutherford
[redacted]

**From:** Jen Gunderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 17:43:54 -0400
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Sincerely,
Jen Gunderson
[redacted]

**From:** Bryanf Loomas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Kathleen Nicholas
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**From:** Aloysius Wald <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mr. Aloysius Wald

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**From:** Kirt Moelling <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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As a Christian pastor and a lawyer, i am accutely aware of the importance of this separation. Moreover, the state giving favored sect status to any religion is anathema to the First Amendment. This is obvious from any plain and non-tortured reading of Constitutional jurisprudence and history. Some American colonies were fou ded TO ESCAPE state imposed religion. Let's not relitigate the issue or attempt a slanted rewrite of history.

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Sincerely,
Rev. Kirt Moelling

[redacted]

**From:** James Bandoli <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 17:48:44 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I can read, and the first amendment is bell-clear - government cannot choose winners and losers in religious matters. Stop the Christian nationalist rhetoric and follow the constitution.

Sincerely,
Dr. James Bandoli

PII PII

**From:** Pat Bilger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Kathy Schnitzius <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lee O'Brien

[redacted]

**From:** Vernon Batty <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Paula Crook

[redacted]

**From:** Debi Drewes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Maria Studer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Elder Maria Studer

[redacted]

**From:** Dolores Arndt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ms. Dolores Arndt

[redacted]

**From:** margaret murphy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Ms. margaret murphy

[redacted]

**From:** Carol Sevcik <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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Carol Sevcik

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**From:** Michael Carter <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Michael Carter

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mr. Brian Fletcher

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Paul Dupuis
[redacted]

**From:** Pete Franzen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
James Chambers

[redacted]

**From:** Lilly Knuth <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Kathryn Fox <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Barbara Clement <[redacted]>
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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I'm writing to ask you to mark this 250th anniversary of American freedom by acting in accordance with a deeply held principle established by the Founding Fathers: please do your part to ensure that the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vitally important role that church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

I was raised in a devout Catholic household at a time when many in this country still believed that a practicing Catholic should not hold elected office. Over the decades that prejudice faded but religious discrimination itself didn't go away - it just shifted to focus on othe, less mainstream faith traditions.

But standing firm on the American principle of church-state separation is what protects religious freedom for all of us. And it's our responsibility to see that the principle endures for future generations because it's fundamental to what we believe as Americans: that our government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone, that it cannot favor one religion over another, that families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education for their children.

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Sincerely,
Barbara Clement
[redacted]

**From:** Brian McCaskill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Jeffrey Denniston PhD CPS <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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PS I agree with the above and am now adding my own comments. Church-State seperation DOES matter. I was in an minority religion for several years and I was lucky to live in the United States, where I have freedoms.

AMEN

Dr. Jeff

Sincerely,
Dr. Jeffrey Denniston PhD CPS

[redacted]

**From:** Sally Woodard <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sally Woodard
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**From:** Dan Stanger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Raleigh Koritz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Adam Levine

[redacted]

**From:** Jodi Goodman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 18:11:27 -0400
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For our wonderful country to thrive, and live up to its promise, we must return to freedom without favor. Otherwise, we'll become a theocracy and dictatorship.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jodi Goodman

[redacted]

**From:** Ed Solenberger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** jeff dupre <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**From:** James Shannahan <[redacted]>
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Evelyn West

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. Jeff Soots

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**From:** Terry Fraser <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Terry Fraser
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**From:** Alexander Kowtun <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Alice Stehle <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Carolyn Blevins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Carolyn Blevins

[redacted]

**From:** Mary Alm <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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How dare you suggest my faith means less than your faith, that my faith is not protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America! This is unconscionable.
The founders (who were well aware of the Unitarian faith) clearly decided to favor NO ONE RELIGION over all others.
Stop pretending otherwise.
Building a strong wall between the functions of government and of religion was a stroke of genius on their part.
It is my opinion that you should be shoring up this wall, not weakening it.

Sincerely,
Ms. Mary Alm

[redacted]

**From:** Barry Swedlow <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Robert Zeller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Micheal Erickson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** rebecca west <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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[redacted]

**From:** Leo Kucewicz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Leo Kucewicz

[redacted]

**From:** Elaine Maurer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Jane Owen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 18:24:44 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Deborah McFatter

[redacted]

**From:** Michalle Gleason <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Carole Williams <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Rev. Kat Taylor



**From:** Michael Spafford <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** lloyd Kumley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Lori Riley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Isidoro Tamborello <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Reid Wood <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Joseph Fuller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Nikki Blaha <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Justin Philipps <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Maxine Litwak <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Maxine Litwak

[redacted]

**From:** Eric Steinberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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If you don't correct this mess, I am sure you are going to hell

Sincerely,
Mr. Kenneth Kast

[redacted]

**From:** Larry Bair <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
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**From:** Susan Schmidt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Kristin Lewis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Carol Devoss <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Paula Mossaides <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jul 2026 19:11:15 -0400
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There is a place for religion in our community. However, when the state recognizes one denomination over all other denominations, this creates a two-tier citizenship. This is contrary to our country's foundational principals; that all people are created equal.

We've seen the results of a combined state and one denomination. The People who are treated as second class citizens do not feel that all People are created equal.

The only manner to treat all people equal is to keep the public space open to all religions. This is the purpose of keeping the state separate from religion.

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[redacted]

**From:** Barbara Tagg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Rolf Friis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Gayle Civale <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms Gayle Civale

[redacted]

**From:** Mark Giordani <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 00:26:22 -0400
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**From:** Linda Flynn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Church-state separation is the foundation of America.

Sincerely,
Linda Flynn

[redacted]

**From:** MARION MOSS HUBBARD <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 00:38:32 -0400
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Sincerely,
Dr. MARION MOSS HUBBARD

[redacted]

**From:** Madeline Shapiro <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Madeline Shapiro

[redacted]

**From:** Betsy Cousins-Coleman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 00:40:26 -0400
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**From:** "Thomas M. Bush" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 00:42:24 -0400
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I strongly agree with all that I have said above.

Sincerely,
Thomas M. Bush

[redacted]

**From:** Regina Reich <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Suzanne C Malochee <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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KEEP GOVERNMENT OUT OF RELIGION AND RELIGION OUT OF GOVERNMENT. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Suzanne C Malochee
[redacted]

**From:** Michael Blaszkiewicz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Marianne Frusteri <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Jen Hazen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** virginia weaver <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Jonathan Mariante <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Kenneth Lawson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Veola Carter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Aimee Dars Ellis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 01:25:27 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Melissa Cathcart

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**From:** Susan Kohlhagen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mr. Michael Blailock

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**From:** Dirk Buijsman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Destiny Mendoza <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Nancy Pollok <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 02:31:03 -0400
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**From:** Valarie St Marie <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** John Anderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Alisha Nickols <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Nancy White



**From:** Michael Zacharia <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mr. Michael Zacharia
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**From:** Amy Harlib <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Betty Stromberg
[redacted]

**From:** Forest Frasieur <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 04:00:03 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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[redacted]

**From:** William Bishop <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Michael Zacharia <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. Michael Zacharia

[redacted]

**From:** Robert Ramsey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 04:23:10 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dr. Goebbels would be extremely proud of your committee. It brings to life all of the propaganda and filth he supported during theThousand Year Reich.

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This committee formation is a tragic continuation of a pathetic attempt by an UNChristian individual to destroy the democracy and individual's religious choice of all citizens of United States of America. You have no more knowledge of religious freedom than Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin. You should be ashamed yourselves. The image of the president (sic) holding a Bible upside down says all an average American needs to know about his stupidity and incompetence.

Sincerely,
Robert Ramsey

[redacted]

**From:** Julie Kanoff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 04:42:04 -0400
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Do not dismiss the founding principle of church and state separation as a hoax or outdated. It has made America what it is today and what we are seeing dismantled day by day by this Republican regime under a lawless president.

Sincerely,
Ms. Julie Kanoff
[redacted]

**From:** Alice Polesky <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 04:46:01 -0400
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Alice Polesky

[redacted]

**From:** Angus MacDonald <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 05:08:24 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Kendall Griffith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 05:13:20 -0400
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Kendall Griffith

[redacted]

**From:** Erik Schwarz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 05:49:02 -0400
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Sincerely,
Erik Schwarz
[redacted]

**From:** L Glasner <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 06:11:37 -0400
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**From:** Abbie Bernstein <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 06:12:38 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Ms. Abbie Bernstein

[redacted]

**From:** Linda Rucci <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Linda Rucci

[redacted]

**From:** john maloney <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mr. john maloney

[redacted]

**From:** Gerald Stidham <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Frank Wissler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Frank Wissler

[redacted]

**From:** John Krizan <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 07:07:39 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mr. John Krizan

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**From:** Glenda Mattes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 07:12:16 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Dorothy Schwendinger <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Rock Dash <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 07:36:06 -0400
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Rock Dash

[redacted]

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Miss Dorothy Schwendinger

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**From:** Gail Trill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 07:43:24 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Herbert Lord <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Donald Jackman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Zareth Jones <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Naomi Weisman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Wayne Griest <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 08:19:08 -0400
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**From:** Janet Cavallo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Jaszmene Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Ed Malone <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mr. CHARLES KEELING

[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Ms. Judith Hazelton

[redacted]

**From:** Michael Stella <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 09:01:27 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Fiona Allison <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Troy Hamilton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Ron Richter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Antonino Erba <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Mary Ann van Hartesveldt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** David Iler <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Paul Messner <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Julie Prandi <[redacted]>
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Andrea Coffey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** George Shrewsbury <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 09:56:48 -0400
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**From:** Mary Sullivan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** David Clayman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 10:17:33 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Vickie Stangl <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 10:18:25 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

The Separation of Church & State is what has made our nation so revolutionary & our government stable since 1789. We have not endured religious strife and religious wars happening in the Middle East & Iran where bloodshed & oppression continue to plague these nations without a church-state separation mandate.

As a retired Political Science instructor I am well aware of the purpose & important inclusion in the US Constitution of the Establishment Clause due to James Madison's concern about religious coercion from political leaders using religion as their authority to oppress American citizens.

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The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others. Too many current laws & policies are using religious dogma to take away the rights of Americans. We see what is going on: from Roe, to contraceptives & even women voting continue, these important rights are being erased based upon one religious dogma, thus violating this long held principle in the Constitution that our government shall not promote or endorse any one belief system.

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Nothing is more critical to a stable democracy than a government free of religious intrusion. If you cannot support that fact then you clearly have other designs & are purposely failing to uphold the highest law of the land.

Sincerely,
Ms Vickie Stangl

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**From:** John Winn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Robert Depew <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Alexander LeClaire <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dr. Alexander LeClaire

[redacted]

**From:** Frank Aiello <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 10:34:16 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Show us all that this commission is truly a patriotic one that understands and upholds the US Constitution which clearly defines separation of Church & State. That is: the freedom to practice whatever religion or none that you as an individual choses.

Sincerely,
Ms. Robin Beerman

[redacted]

**From:** Riley Canada II <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Tammy Jantzen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Dwayne Thomas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Larry Gradwohl <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Miss jill harmer

[redacted]

**From:** Sheila Kinkead <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Kevin Curtis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 11:06:49 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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My wife and I hope the Religious Liberty Commission's report supports church-state separation in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

Church-state separation means religious freedom for all and freedom from religion for all.

Our government should never impose religious beliefs or favor one religion over another.

Separation of church and state promises that children and their families make their own decisions about religion and religious education without government intervention in public schools.

We live in Madison County. President Madison was instrumental in the creation of the establishment clause. He opposed the establishment of a tax to support religion by asking the question, "which religions?"

Sincerely,
Kevin Curtis

[redacted]

**From:** Stewart Hockenberry <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 11:08:50 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a born American and I am an atheist (not an agnostic). I personally reject all forms of religion but respect and can well tolerate others' freedom to religious practice and faith as long as these practices do not impinge upon or oppress another American's freedom to similarly live their personal life without prejudice or persecution.

I am an atheist, not based upon any scientific argument or proof, but on ethical conviction. Experience and the overdetermined patterns of history have taught that religion preys upon the vulnerable with coercive fears and threats as the stick to the carrot of cynical exploitive promises of transcendent redemption. For the select few appointed on top, the spoils of religion are lavish while for the great hapless multitudes in its thrall, its effects are soporific, deadening of life and true creative potentials, terroristically traumatizing and cruel. Since civilizations first emerged, there has been virtually no war, abomination, purge or mass act of human cruelty that has come without the justifying blessing of a convenient religious authority.

The framers of our democratic system of government built within its articles an unequivocal separation between what is church and what is state. That they had done so very deliberately draws directly from the bitter experiences within their homelands that had generationally brought them to this country with the great vision for real freedom. Any rupture in this sacred separation, opens us up again to the same corrupting use of religion as an exploitive authority over the vulnerable many by the self-interested few—the oligarchs, the theocrats and the authoritarian psychopaths who invariably fold any religious doctrine into their own fever dream.

Let me remind anyone who tampers with this vital church and state separation that nowhere has Jefferson's admonishment been more true: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." I, for one, will not stand peacefully by, to allow my personal freedom oppressed by any religious delusion.

Sincerely,
Stewart Hockenberry

[redacted]

**From:** Laura Tomanka <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Church is the place to worship and indoctrinate its members as that religion believes best. Private churches can preach discrimination the wages of sin all they want in their houses of worship. BUT, public places and institutions should be non-religious, neutral, so that all persons who are served by public institutions can feel welcome and equal.

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[redacted]

**From:** Michael Davis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Lisa Webb <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Remember what happened when we, Americans, were forced by the church-state of England to act and worship the way they wanted us to. We revolted. Our founding fathers were smart enough to realize that religion had no place in politics, and that's why they put that in the Constitution.

Sincerely,
Greg Tillman

[redacted]

**From:** Norma Samame <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Dennis Knaack <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Laura Garro <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** "H. Kaplan" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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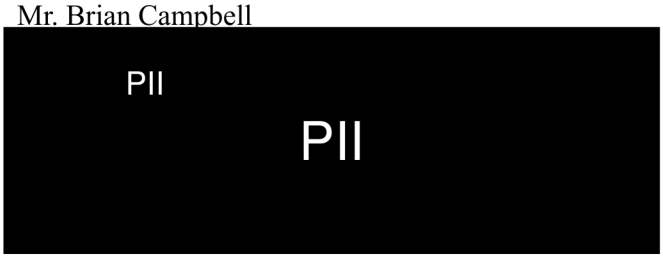
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**From:** Molly OBrien <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 12:01:38 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am writing on the eve of July 4th, when my thoughts are full of America's past, present, and future.

Just over 200 years ago, on July 10, 1822, James Madison – a founder of the Republic, primary architect of the U.S. Constitution, and fourth U.S. President—wrote these words:

"Every new & successful example therefore of a perfect separation between ecclesiastical and civil matters, is of importance. And I have no doubt that every new example, will succeed, as every past one has done, in shewing that religion & Govt. will both exist in greater purity, the less they are mixed together."

I've been to James Madison's estate and stood in his office, surrounded by the books and wisdom he drew on as he labored to craft a constitution that would withstand the push and pull of politics and power. He thought about this deeply, and recognized that freedom to practice one's faith and a government "of, by, and for the people" both do better when protected by church-state separation.

I grew up in the Catholic church. Faith is so deeply rooted that of course people feel strongly about it, as they should. When there is no barrier between religion and government, people who belong to minority faiths are often subject to unequal treatment, and politicians are incentivized to use religion as a wedge. It opens up religious institutions to greater likelihood of political corruption, and fuels conflict.

Tempting as it may be for people of faith to want to remove the separation of church and state, I urge you in the strongest terms not to pursue that course.

Sincerely,
Ms Molly OBrien

[redacted]

**From:** Karin Hemmingsen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 12:02:56 -0400
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I am writing as a native born US citizen (some of whose ancestors came to this land in the 1630's to escape religious discrimination England) and as a strong proponent for our Constitution.

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**From:** Trish Stevens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Michael Holman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Marion Becker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Susan Aronson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Allan Campbell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Allan Campbell

[redacted]

**From:** Rabbi Adele Plotkin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Shari Riffe <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Shari Riffe

[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 03 Jul 2026 13:14:59 -0400
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**From:** Herschel Ramsey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 13:20:37 -0400
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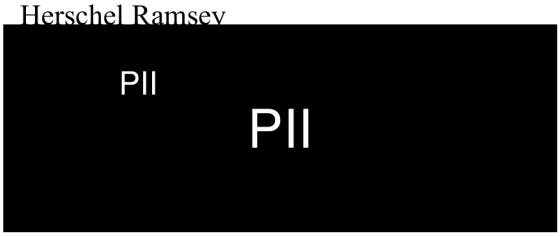
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**From:** Valeri Fornagiel <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 14:13:06 -0400
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**From:** Phillip Mixon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 17:04:26 -0400
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Phillip Mixon

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. D C

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**From:** Michele Hemeryck <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 18:12:43 -0400
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Sincerely,
Michele Hemeryck

[redacted]

**From:** Deborah Greenberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 18:14:42 -0400
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**From:** Steve Botts <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Lynette OPray <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Judith Lewis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 18:29:50 -0400
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**From:** Nora Kancelbaum <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 19:59:01 -0400
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When religious education is presented in publc schools, that is a form of coercion.  No one should be forced to believe in someone else's religion.

Sincerely,
Ms. Nora Kancelbaum

[redacted]

**From:** Alonzo Jones <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 20:44:44 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Our founding fathers were well aware of the dangers of combining political and religious power. Many had personal experiences with the religious wars of the time. They did not want them here. They also did not want to limit the beliefs of the citizens. The variety of faiths in our nation is decidedly healthy.
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[redacted]

**From:** James Moran <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 21:11:56 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Virginia Manuel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Nora Rhan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Dalia Salgado <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Dalia Salgado

[redacted]

**From:** Joan L Bybee <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 22:58:50 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ms. Elizabeth Ruegsegger

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**From:** Andrew Kohen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 04 Jul 2026 23:52:18 -0400
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**From:** Linda Ricks <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 00:38:38 -0400
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FACT: Founders of this nation were aware of the history of Protestant-Catholic political conflict and murders in Great Britain. They were aware of centuries of European wars conducted by countries ruled by "christian" rulers. They chose to have the 13 Colonies united and free of religious conflict since there were Catholic, Quakers, Baptists, et. al and even Jews and Muslims living here at that time.

GET THOSE FACTS INTO YOUR BIGOTED BRAINS!

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**From:** Kevin Ascher <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** David R Wilcox <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 09:36:18 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

True religious freedom for all Americans requires a strict separation of church and state.
This core principle protects the rights of both religious and nonreligious citizens by preventing government endorsement or imposition of faith.
It leaves spiritual decisions to families, shields houses of worship from state control, and keeps public schools welcoming to all backgrounds.
Ultimately, keeping religion and government separate ensures equal treatment under the law, prevents discriminatory use of public funds, and allows both institutions to flourish.
Our founding fathers escaped religious persecution from Europe and ensured that freedom was put into our Constitution.
They believed in a god and were considered deists not religious fundamentalists.
Please continue the separation of church and state from this great nation.

Sincerely,
Erika Shadow

[redacted]

**From:** James Beckwith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Dorothy Anderson <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 10:18:04 -0400
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**From:** Janice Lyle <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 10:40:05 -0400
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**From:** Kate Butt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Carollynn Zimmers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 11:18:33 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Making the choice to learn about another religion should come from a place of curiosity, not forced education like in Texas. Please highlight the importance of the separation of church and state in your final report.

Sincerely,
Ms. Marisa Conners



**From:** James Martin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Christopher Buckley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 12:50:29 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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**From:** Lorie Lucky <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 13:09:19 -0400
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i would have liked to say this myself, but Americans United has already said everything that needs to be said on this issue of separation of church and state.  Do we have to go back to look at one of the giant reasons that the Pilgrims and Puritans arrived here?  To practice their own religous ideas without fear of a government interlocked with any religion.

Recollection of the Grand Inquisition and the many countries and people it brought literally to their knees in Western Europe still springs to mind

Sincerely,
Ms. Lorie Lucky

PII PII

**From:** Dan Green <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 13:24:10 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I'm writing to let you know how important church-state separation is to me and to my community. I believe in religious freedom for *all* Americans and I hope you do too. I hope your final report will take this into account.

It would be serious government overreach--not to mention misuse of taxpayer funds--if any one religion was favored over another. It would also betray our Constitution.

Sincerely,
Dan Green
[redacted]

**From:** Jack Stansfield <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mr. Jack Stansfield

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**From:** Susan Cullom <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 13:29:29 -0400
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I am not part of any of any of the hundreds of religions practiced here in the USA and do not want anyone's version of their religion shoved down my or my children's throats by elected officials whose job is to represent their constituents, religious or not.
What happens if a Satanist, Hindu, Muslim is elected and wants to share their beliefs thru government channels-you ok with that?
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**From:** Jeffrey Collins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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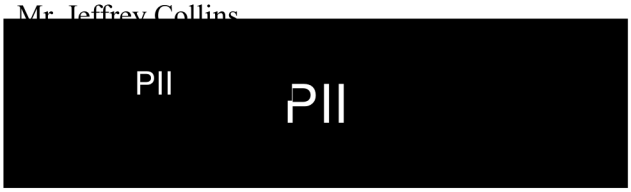
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 14:03:51 -0400
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**From:** Ann Michel <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Corley Phillips <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 14:47:45 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Peter Roberts
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**From:** Lucas Miller <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Lynne Glaeske <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Anne Cooper <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Dr Anne Cooper

[redacted]

**From:** Katharine Harbury <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 15:59:59 -0400
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Our Founding Fathers, especially George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, learned from the tragic history of religious persecution back in old Europe and thus were determined bot to repeat Europe's mistakes. Thus they all came up with religious tolerance for all.

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Remember, early European settlers in the 17th-century forced Christianity on the Indigenous people. On the other side of the same coin, most of us Americans are descendants from ancestors who were persecuted for their religion, be it the Salem Witch trials, Quakers, Huguenots, Judaism, and so on.

The separation of church and state gives us the absolutely essential right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm or force our beliefs on others.

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Again, our very wise Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate, and held such ideas listed below concerning the future:

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This is what made this country so outstanding and extraordinary in the eyes of the world. We must thus keep the separation of church and state!

Sincerely,
Ms. Katharine Harbury

[redacted]

**From:** Marian Schwartz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 16:06:00 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am writing to strongly express my view that the separation of church and state is an idea put forth by the founding members of this country, and is still a very important idea.

In this country, everyone should have equal opportunities to practice their religion, or no religion, as they wish. Government should never promote one religion over another.

This is an idea that differentiates us from many countries and we should be very proud of that.

For example, taxes should not be used to fund religious institutions, and prayer should not be present in public schools.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Marian Schwartz

[redacted]

**From:** Victoria Hassrick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Separation of Church-state is a fundamental foundation of our DEMOCRACY!

Sincerely,
Victoria Hassrick

[redacted]

**From:** Carol Scholp <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** MARTHA CETINA <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Vic DeAngelo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Susan Weddig
[redacted]

**From:** Michelle Condon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Our Constitution's first amendment clearly states that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

I am a very happy United Methodist, and I do not want the government involved in any aspect of my worship and my religion.

Sincerely,
Ms. Michelle Condon

[redacted]

**From:** Nara Thacher <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 20:32:16 -0400
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Sincerely,
Melissa Brooks

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**From:** Lorie Tudor <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 21:56:05 -0400
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I am a devoted Presbyterian, and I am at church several times a week! And I strongly believe that church and state separation is critically important. Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

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**From:** Matthew Conway <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Matthew Conway

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**From:** Thomas Rottmayer <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 05 Jul 2026 23:22:05 -0400
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Mr. Thomas Rottmayer

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**From:** Brandon Barnard <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Robert Schwarz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Thanks so much.
Robert Schwarz

Sincerely,
Robert Schwarz

[redacted]

**From:** Allyson Mathis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 00:08:08 -0400
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The Separation of Church and State matters to me because I'm a Utahn. The religious persecution that members of the LDS Church faced led to the migration of LDS Church members to Utah.

The Separation of Church and State matters to me because I live in a diverse community. Somewhere around half of my community is LDS and lots of other faiths are practiced (Catholicism, Episcopalism, various Protestant denominations), Judaism, many other faiths or none at all.

Not having a faith privileged is the only way to have a free and fair society, and the only way to have freedom of religion.

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Allyson Mathis

[redacted]

**From:** Frank Rouse <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 00:09:49 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mr. Frank Rouse

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**From:** Kathleen Doyle <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 01:02:36 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Alissa Vermillion <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 01:15:11 -0400
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**From:** Kristina Wayland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 08:11:51 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I value the separation of church and state. By separating church and state, Americans have the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

Our government should not impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate. Who should make decisions about religion? Not the state but individuals.

Sincerely,
Kristina Wayland

[redacted]

**From:** Wesley Goible <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 08:20:15 -0400
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**From:** Lori Murphy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 08:27:41 -0400
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As a retired public school teacher, I feel strongly that
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I grew up in a household with one Irish Catholic parent and one English Protestant and religion was a contentious topic. From an early age I realized that fighting over religion is just stupid. Consequently, I do not want any religion shoved down my throat and I do not want my taxpayer dollars to be funding anything religious AT ALL. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

Sincerely,
Ms. Lori Murphy
[redacted]

**From:** Joan Zierler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Joan Zierler

[redacted]

**From:** Alicia Johnson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 09:11:32 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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Sincerely,
Alicia Johnson
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**From:** Linda Jordan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Alexis Alt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Marian Hoops <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Stefanie Carr <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Stefanie Carr

[redacted]

**From:** Anna May Casagranda <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 10:24:06 -0400
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Mrs. Anna May Casagranda

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Jill Beckwith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Jill Beckwith

[redacted]

**From:** Josh Feldblyum <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 11:09:54 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Religious freedom, for people of ALL religious beliefs (or none at all), is a core American value and is an essential component of a free society. And religious freedom requires that no religious belief, or set of beliefs, is punished or privileged by the government, and that there is no coercion to follow or to abandon any specific belief. And maintaining this freedom REQUIRES a strong separation between church and state.

The reason for this requirement is simple - as soon as the government adopts a particular religious belief, whether in an official capacity or even just by declaring that it is established on the principles of a particular religion, all other beliefs are relegated to second-class status. This does not require any overt discrimination. If I declare that the law must be guided by my religion, and you do not share my religion, then there is an inherent risk that the law will compel you to violate your religious beliefs, and you will be unable to do anything about it because my religion is enshrined into law and yours is not. This could even be the case if you and I share the same religion but differ in our interpretations of a relevant bit of scripture. The only solution is for NO ONE's religion to be enshrined into law.

One point I would like to clarify, because I have encountered this argument from people who want to suppress religious freedom - demanding a *secular* government is DIFFERENT from demanding an *atheistic* government. The latter case is an example of giving privileged status to one specific religious belief (in this case, "all religions are false"), and this is no more appropriate in a free society than giving privileged status to any other religious belief. A secular government, on the other hand, is one in which true freedom is preserved - every member of the government (and every other person as well) is welcome to follow whatever beliefs they hold as individuals, but the government itself does not give any sort of preference to any particular belief or set of beliefs. Including, but not limited to, using religious beliefs as a basis for writing laws, hiring staff, or awarding contracts.

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission’s final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans. I am well aware that this Commission was not actually formed to protect religious freedom, but to promote its erosion and to support privileged status for one particular set of religious beliefs. But I hope that, despite this, you will support the American people instead.

Sincerely,
Josh Feldblyum

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**From:** Beth Wilke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 11:11:55 -0400
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**From:** Jill Engbring <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Becca Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 11:59:56 -0400
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Thank you for taking the time to read this. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate. Everyone the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

I share your values of not wanting government intrusion in personal and family decisions and prudence with taxpayer money. Separation of church and state guarantees that students and families—not government officials—can make their own decisions about religion and religious education. Taxpayer dollars should be used for public purposes that benefit everyone.

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Sincerely,
Becca Smith

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**From:** Lisa Schoultz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Andrea Feist <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Andrea Feist

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**From:** Olah Kaplan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Olah Kaplan
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**From:** Sue Crouse <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Amity Buxton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 14:16:46 -0400
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Sincerely,
Dr. Amity Buxton

[redacted]

**From:** Bryan Hill <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
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**From:** Carol Soph <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 14:36:48 -0400
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**From:** Elaine Edell <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Elaine Edell

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**From:** Gilly Nadel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 15:07:44 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As a religious American and a retired attorney, I urge you to issue a report that reasserts the centrality of church-state separation in our democracy.

One thing I've learned over decades of watching American legal doctrine is that we don't want to give even the best government any power that we wouldn't want the worst government to have. If we allow today's government to promote religion, tomorrow's government could use the same power to promote secularism, or Scientology, or really anything that it labels as "religion."

This is why the Founders protected religion from the state -- and the state from religion.

I'm especially wary of my tax dollars being used to promote a particular interpretation of the Bible, especially through the public schools. Each of us reads the Bible through the lens of our respective religion or denomination, and I don't want this most sacred and most private relationship to be shaped by politics.

Please protect religious liberty by confirming that the best -- the only -- way to do so is to keep church and state firmly separate.

Sincerely,
Gilly Nadel

[redacted]

**From:** Arriba Stature <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 15:34:54 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

Faith flourishes when it is free from government interference. The institutional separation of religion and government is what has allowed for religious freedom to flourish in American history. The Religious Liberty Commission is undermining this core American freedom. I ask you to revisit the history of church-state separation to better understand our religious freedom tradition.

Respectfully,
Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons
Washington, DC

**From:** Drew Kolber <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 15:36:32 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the opposite. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

My belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Drew Kolber
Fairfax, VA

**From:** Jan Salas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Amorah Ross <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** "P.R. Sturm" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** william holden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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william holden

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Karen Jacobsen

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**From:** Sofia Montemayor-Thomas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Acton, MA

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West Palm Beach, FL

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STEVEN Nasta
New City, NY

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Portsmouth, OH

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Oak Brook, IL

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Murphy, NC

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James Norris
Saint Louis, MO

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Apple Creek, OH

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Moorpark, CA

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Miami, FL

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Herndon, VA

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Merrill Zack
Brooklyn, NY

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Vincent Geiger
Winter Haven, FL

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Kimberly Seater
Seattle, WA

**From:** Ernestine Linton <[redacted]>
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Jamaica Estates, NY

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Valencia, PA

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Brent Spencer
Los Angeles, CA

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Sherry Wilson
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Denver, CO

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West Hartford, CT

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E Kadera
Warrenville, IL

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Lemont, IL

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Falcon Heights, MN

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**From:** Susan Leibowitz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Robin Dumler
Berlin, MD

**From:** Alex Neubert <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I grew up in a very active Baptist family. My father was an American Baptist pastor for over 45 years. We knew Baptist history, especially about Roger Wiliams who founded the First Baptist Church in America.

Roger Williams, a 17th century English minister, was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony because of his ideas about religious freedom which challenged the exixting powerful Congregational church in Massachusetts. He then moved south, founded the State of Rhode Island, and established Providence as a refuge for individuals fleeing religious persecution. He also founded the First Baptist Church in America. The resulting colony became a sanctuary for Baptists, Quakers, and Jewish settlers, establishing the first true democracy with no religious prerequisites for voting..

A big part of his belief was the Separation of Church and State, arguing that civil government had no right to enforce religious beliefs or punish individuals for matters of their own conscience.

Having lived in another country where there was a 'state religion' (Islam), I was keenly aware of the negative consequences for anyone who would dare to speak out against that church. That experience made me appreciate even more how precious Separation of Church and State is.

I am very concerned that now in the United States there is a growing trend of religious fundamentalists (Christian Nationalists) who believe that they have the right to impose their beliefs on all Americans. Many of these people love to crow about their Baptist faith, unaware of the history of Baptists in America and its struggles. Because they live in parts of the United States where Baptists are now the dominant religion, they believe that all people should 'fall in line'. I find this hypocrisy not only very hard to take but also dangerous. Losing real freedom of religion in America would be a tragedy.

I urge the Religious Liberty Commission to take a strong stand for Separation of Church and State. It is as American as apple pie and a bedrock principle of our country's founding.

Sincerely,
Mr. Alex Neubert

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**From:** Alison McGinty <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 16:43:54 -0400
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Alison McGinty
Boulder, CO

**From:** Karen and Will Lozow Cleary <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Karen and Will Lozow Cleary
Bloomington, IN

**From:** Cynthia Liss <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Cynthia Liss
Brooklyn, NY

**From:** Arthur Friedman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Arthur Friedman
Rego Park, NY

**From:** dave anderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
dave anderson
laurel, MD

**From:** Bernadette Porche <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bernadette Porche
Atlanta, GA

**From:** Joellen Height <[redacted]>
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Joellen Height
Chesapeake, VA

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Leanne Friedman
Davis, CA

**From:** Barbra Wolfe <[redacted]>
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Barbra Wolfe
Las Vegas, NV

**From:** James Klein <[redacted]>
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James Klein
Corpus Christi, TX

**From:** John Reading <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
John Reading
Lemon Grove, CA

**From:** Charles Plopper <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Charles Plopper
Aptos, CA

**From:** Susan Rice <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Susan Rice
Garnet Valley, PA

**From:** Rutherford Charlot <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Rutherford Charlot
Saint Albans, NY

**From:** Rebe Lee <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Rebe Lee
San Lorenzo, CA

**From:** Sybil Schwartzbach <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sybil Schwartzbach
Troy, NY

**From:** Mike Peale <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mike Peale
Aston, PA

**From:** Deborah Zipf <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Deborah Zipf
White Plains, NY

**From:** PAUL Silverstone <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
PAUL Silverstone
New York, NY

**From:** Ellen Peters <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ellen Peters
Williamsburg, VA

**From:** Veronica Roche <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Veronica Roche
Haddon Township, NJ

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Dallas Windham
Fort Worth, TX

**From:** Barbara Meyers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Fremont, CA

**From:** Mary Jane Sager <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mary Jane Sager
Endicott, NY

**From:** John and Robbie Wertin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Payson, AZ

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Paul S Schwartz
Grass Valley, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Roslyn Carson
Ardmore, PA

**From:** Scott Davidson <[redacted]>
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Scott Davidson
Missoula, MT

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Anne Herrmann
New York City, NY

**From:** Alan Mitchell <[redacted]>
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**From:** James Richardson <[redacted]>
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James Richardson
Seattle, WA

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Daniel Demetzky
North Ridgeville, OH

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Mary Ellen Sychtyz
Hanover Township, PA

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Randall Welch
Snowflake, AZ

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Christian Daman
Sterling Heights, MI

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Jane Walters
Madison, WI

**From:** Chris Ziegler <[redacted]>
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Chris Ziegler
Arlington, MA

**From:** Clifford Barr <[redacted]>
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Ann Bein
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**From:** Cameron Samuels <[redacted]>
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Katy, TX

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**From:** Rose Berger <[redacted]>
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am a Christian, committed to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I am absolutely opposed to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission that supports repealing the Johnson Amendment.

I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would elevate preferential options for some Christian perspectives to the detriment of the many Americans in need of housing, healthcare, education, and employment.
Please revise your 12 key recommendations thusly:
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10. Honor the courage of religious conscientious objectors to war and those who refused to commit war crimes in active combat.

Respectfully,
Rose Berger
Oak View, CA

**From:** Jared Cornelia <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Cypress, CA

**From:** SHIRLEY GILFERT <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lugoff, SC

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Respectfully,
Catherine Brackley
Porterville, CA

**From:** Joanne Lakosil <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Joanne Lakosil
Taylor, MI

**From:** Wayne Stalsworth <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Wayne Stalsworth
Seguin, TX

**From:** Rodney Grunes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Rodney Grunes
WILTON MANORS, FL

**From:** Gerritt and Elizabet Baker-Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Gerritt and Elizabet Baker-Smith
Portsmouth, VA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Cathy Delia
Cape Coral, FL

**From:** barbara klein-robuck <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
barbara klein-robuck
San Juan Capistrano, CA

**From:** James Bengel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
James Bengel
Pittsboro, NC

**From:** Mary Lebert <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Mary Lebert
Brighton, MI

**From:** Irene Roos <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Irene Roos
Lakeside, CA

**From:** John Peters <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
John Peters
Conesus, NY

**From:** Carlos Nunez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Carlos Nunez
Reseda, CA

**From:** Linda Hamann <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Linda Hamann
Fargo, ND

**From:** Robert Van Wyk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Robert Van Wyk
Dorset, OH

**From:** Lucas Peters <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Lucas Peters
Reno, NV

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Bailee Francis
Cedar Hill, TX

**From:** Rene Merwin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Durham, NC

**From:** Hollie Motley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Hollie Motley
Chapel Hill, NC

**From:** winifred hopkins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
winifred hopkins
Fullerton, CA

**From:** Angelia Parker-Savage <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bradenton, FL

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bailey, CO

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Rancho Mirage, CA

**From:** Juanita Blau <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Juanita Blau
Shinglehouse, PA

**From:** Jan Emerson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Jan Emerson
New York, NY

**From:** Michele Kolp <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Michele Kolp
Rochester, NY

**From:** Corinne Brown <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Rondi Saslow <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:07:31 -0400
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Rondi Saslow
Berkeley, CA

**From:** Elizabeth Watts <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Elizabeth Watts
Boynton Beach, FL

**From:** Michael Naphys <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Michael Naphys
Runnemede, NJ

**From:** Julius Weiss <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Julius Weiss
Bluemont, VA

**From:** Phil Clark <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Phil Clark
Lakeland, FL

**From:** Terry Flowers <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Terry Flowers
Independence, MO

**From:** Crystal Whitescarver <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 06 Jul 2026 17:08:15 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Crystal Whitescarver
[redacted]

**From:** Louise Machinist <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Louise Machinist
Sarasota, FL

**From:** KAREN Nagel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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KAREN Nagel
Rochester, MN

**From:** Lin Higley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lin Higley
Mead, WA

**From:** Stephen Krokowski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Stephen Krokowski
West Memphis, AR

**From:** Antonino Erba <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Antonino Erba
Dubuque, IA

**From:** Janet Moser <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Janet Moser
Baldwin, NY

**From:** Sara Gunter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sara Gunter
Janesville, WI

**From:** Ryan Baka <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Ryan Baka
Minneapolis, MN

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Douglas Kadison
Austin, TX

**From:** Kevin Walsh <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Madison, CT

**From:** Jim Anthis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jim Anthis
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

**From:** Sallie Martin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Oakland, CA

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Silvis, IL

**From:** Bonnie Xavier <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Bonnie Xavier
Bay City, MI

**From:** Marie Garside <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marie Garside
Simi Valley, CA

**From:** Marshall Kirk McKusick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Marshall Kirk McKusick
Berkeley, CA

**From:** Gene Tunnell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Gene Tunnell
Rome, GA

**From:** Connie Gundlach <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 23:20:09 -0400
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Sincerely,
Linda Roberts
[redacted]

**From:** Deborah Cruze <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 23:26:57 -0400
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Dr. Deborah Cruze
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**From:** Zain Orion <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Elizabeth Packard <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms Elizabeth Packard

[redacted]

**From:** Sandy Cobel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 09 Jul 2026 23:50:14 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. I am Jewish and I do not want Christianity to become the "religion of America." I firmly believe that there should be a clear separation of "church and state" in our country.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the opposite. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

My belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration.

Respectfully,
Sandy Cobel
Renton, WA

**From:** Luis Lopez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Luis Lopez

[redacted]

**From:** Patricia Sittig <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Miss Patricia Sittig
[redacted]

**From:** Don Gorelick <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** William Craig Henry <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Helen Stanwell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 00:11:31 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

It is very important that we support the Constitution and the Bill of Rights which keep religion out of our politics. I firmly believe in the separation of church and state.

I'm an octogenarian and over the years have had friends, acquaintances, and colleagues who were Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Native American (who believed in the ancient religion), and Zoroastrian. They have helped me when I have been ill or recuperating from one of many surgeries. They have helped me when I was working on a challenging project before I retired. America needs to be welcoming to all.

There should not be any religious teaching in our public schools. Children should get their religious indoctrination at home or at Sunday school or at temple or at their mosque. Our Founding Fathers (Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, Tom Paine, James Madison, Alexander Ha.ilton, and George Washington) were Deists. That is why they firmly believed in the separation of Church and State.

Sincerely,
Helen Stanwell

[redacted]

**From:** Linton Wildrick <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 00:12:21 -0400
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Sincerely,
Linton Wildrick

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**From:** Darlene Brown <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 00:14:37 -0400
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Mrs. Darlene Brown
[redacted]

**From:** Bonnie Teeman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 00:17:29 -0400
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**From:** Mary Koch <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Patricia Dufau <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Gregory Mueller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Carol Valentine <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 00:21:37 -0400
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Keep religion out of government and public schools. Keep MY taxpayer money out of religious schools.
Religious Freedom not Religious Coercion.

Sincerely,
Carol Valentine
[redacted]

**From:** Paige Garberding <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Joanna Phillips <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Jesse Parraine <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Jesse Parraine
[redacted]

**From:** Marilyn Nyborg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Melissa Herren <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 01:01:31 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Dr. Michael Soso

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**From:** Marjorieno McCommon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Nancy Wilder <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Clare Hemmer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Joseph Lee <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 04:00:02 -0400
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**From:** Wendy Wilson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Janet Bergamo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 04:26:10 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Mary Payne <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Linda Moorman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Emery Goff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Elizabeth Mahalik <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Karl Bronn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 07:10:08 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

It is critically and morally important that the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans. I am an agnostic but passionately support the position of Americas United for the separation of church and state!

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**From:** Richard Robinson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 07:24:09 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 07:27:34 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear members
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**From:** Barry Thomas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 07:31:31 -0400
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**From:** Tracy Gee <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 07:40:57 -0400
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Sincerely,
Tracy Gee

[redacted]

**From:** Stephen Einson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 07:43:33 -0400
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**From:** Perry Butler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 07:57:27 -0400
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Sincerely,
Perry Butler

[redacted]

**From:** Joan Cottrell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 08:10:55 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This report claims to protect religious liberty, but it does the opposite. This report elevates one narrow set of religious viewpoints while disregarding the rights and safety of others. True religious freedom does not mean using one belief system to supersede the civil rights, healthcare access, or educational protections of people who believe differently or who hold no religious belief at all.

My belief system calls me to protect the freedoms and wellbeing of my neighbors. It calls me to create a society where everyone is treated with equal dignity. I urge the Commission to reject recommendations that would enable discrimination in housing, healthcare, education, and employment and ultimately undermine religious liberty itself. This report should reflect genuine religious pluralism, not a single narrow politically driven perspective that would privilege a select few.

Respectfully,
Joan Cottrell
South Lyon, MI

**From:** Linda Biemer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 08:13:52 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Dr. Linda Biemer
[redacted]

**From:** Marie Brasseur <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms Marie Brasseur
[redacted]

**From:** Florence Rice <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Joe Gillis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Rachael Funk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Rachael Funk

[redacted]

**From:** Joan Brannigan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Steven Kramer <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Mindy Fink <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mindy Fink

[redacted]

**From:** Meredith Kent-Berman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 08:39:49 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Meredith Kent-Berman

[redacted]

**From:** Evan Fulmer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Katherine Porter <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 09:00:43 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Please make these crucial distinctions clear in your report.  They provide the foundation for maintaining our democracy.

Sincerely,
Katherine Porter

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**From:** Averi Peoples <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Averi Peoples

[redacted]

**From:** Jean Grabaskas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Jean Grabaskas

[redacted]

**From:** Juliane McAdam <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 09:24:06 -0400
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**From:** Dana Burke <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 09:30:39 -0400
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Dana Burke
Frankfort, IL

**From:** "N. Eileen Harris" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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The Rev N. Eileen Harris
[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Do unto others as you would have them do to you. Good advice

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Carolyn Dulai
[redacted]

**From:** Janet Bergamo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 09:54:18 -0400
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Jim Smith <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Victoria Williamson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Sheila Zinkerman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Therese Campbell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Bridget Spann <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Bridget Spann
Williamstown, MA

**From:** Michael Wilson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Meredith LaBonte <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Sarah Ballard Molway <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Lisa Bertola
Scituate, MA

**From:** M Carl <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**Importance:** Normal

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M Carl

[redacted]

**From:** Nancy Richards-Stower <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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[redacted]

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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Shana Dellos
[redacted]

**From:** MARTIN BORTNICK <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:01:06 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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MARTIN BORTNICK
[redacted]

**From:** Raymond Allen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Cora Zawiszs <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Cora Zawiszs

[redacted]

**From:** Hernan Sierra <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:08:20 -0400
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Hernan Sierra

[redacted]

**From:** Faith Clements <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:08:23 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I oppose the recommendations in the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. I believe in the dignity of every person and urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Respectfully,
Faith Clements
Rockland, MA

**From:** Mark Matthews <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:13:30 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Mark Matthews
SCITUATE, MA

**From:** Gregory Aydt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:14:01 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Mr. Gregory Aydt

[redacted]

**From:** Linda Furber <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:15:56 -0400
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I am a firm believer in the separation of church and state and during my long lifetime (78 yrs) I have seen how this separation has played such an important role in helping us (citizens) maintain our democracy and provide personal freedom for all.  Please do not allow this very important policy to be compromised.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Linda Furber
[redacted]

**From:** Laura Hartwell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:17:46 -0400
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Sincerely,
Laura Hartwell

[redacted]

**From:** Simone Schicker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:32:06 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Simone Schicker
Kalamazoo, MI

**From:** Wesley Westmeyer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:42:26 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Richard Cruce <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:44:04 -0400
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Mr. Richard Cruce

[redacted]

**From:** Richard Stower <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 11:58:37 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission.

I am Minister Emeritus of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Scituate, Massachusetts. The congregation was gathered in 1636.

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Across diverse faith traditions, "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union establish justice...provide for the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity..." are called to protect the vulnerable and build a society where all people, regardless of belief, are treated with equal dignity. This report and its possible policy implementation moves us in the opposite direction

Respectfully,
Richard Stower
Yarmouth, ME

**From:** DAVE JUSTIN <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 12:05:38 -0400
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Sincerely,
DAVE JUSTIN

[redacted]

**From:** Jeanne Heshelman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 12:17:27 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Deborah Storey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 12:18:50 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** James Bridges <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Reverend James Bridges
[redacted]

**From:** Robert Whitehouse <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Dr. Robert Whitehouse

[redacted]

**From:** Kathleen Reilly <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Kathleen Reilly
[redacted]

**From:** Mary Hutcherson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Ruth Clifford <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ruth Clifford
[redacted]

**From:** Kat Taylor <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 12:46:56 -0400
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
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**From:** Loretta Kane <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** John Dodge <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Jeff Plate <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 13:24:32 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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**From:** Lynne Oulman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 13:26:10 -0400
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**From:** mary whitley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 13:26:21 -0400
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Scituate, MA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Marcia Mathes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Joyce Wiegand <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** David Ward <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Manny Flecker <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Susan Cooper Cronyn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Joel Klass

[redacted]

**From:** Sheila Zinkerman <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 14:53:34 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Ms. Sheila Zinkerman

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**From:** Beth Donahoe <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:07:58 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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It is absurd that a country founded on religious freedom would turn back the clock over 250 years.

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Beth Donahoe
[redacted]

**From:** Mark Beaudin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:08:39 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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Sincerely,
Mr Mark Beaudin

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**From:** Robert Hughes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:14:44 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Robert Hughes
Albany, NY

**From:** Melinda Pavek <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:15:46 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Ms. Melinda Pavek

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**From:** Raymond Intemann <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:19:20 -0400
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Respectfully,
Raymond Intemann
Cliffside Park, NJ

**From:** Samuel Park <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:22:47 -0400
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Respectfully,
Samuel Park
Fullerton, CA

**From:** Laura Haigwood <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:23:47 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Separation of church and state is the most fundamental of America's defining liberties. You are free to follow your faith tradition and personal conscience because I am equally free to follow mine. The founders were not all of one sect nor even of one faith. The proudest moments of our national life are when we offer refuge to victims of religious persecution.

Your report must affirm the separation of church and state if it is to uphold our traditional American liberties as enshrined in the Constitution. Americans want to live in the peace and fellowship of mutual respect, not in a nation riven by hate and prejudice.

Sincerely,
Laura Haigwood

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**From:** Rae Shepherd <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:24:21 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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It is of paramount importance that we maintain a separation of church and state. Religious freedoms are the cornerstone of our democracy. The religious liberty commissions report does not uphold these rights. It doesn't allow for diversity or religious tolerance for the people of the United States, but gives more powers to a religious few. The Johnson act should not be repealed nor should we become a state of Christians only.

Please discuss the four pending religious freedom lawsuits filed. They are important and need your focus.

Please don't let history repeat itself.

Respectfully,
Rae Shepherd
Monroe, WA

**From:** Joseph Valades <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:30:49 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Mr. Joseph Valades

[redacted]

**From:** Linda Mallinson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:31:00 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I do not want the United States to be a country controlled by religious doctrine. The Religious Liberty Commission's final report should be based on thorough research and should uphold the protected citizens' rights that now are protected by church-state separation. Religious freedom for all Americans is provided/protected through the separation of church and state. This separation gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

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Mrs. Linda Mallinson

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**From:** Naomi Barcanic <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:39:47 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** CARLSEN GRIFFITH <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:41:18 -0400
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CARLSEN GRIFFITH
[redacted]

**From:** Renae Kaiserlian <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:50:28 -0400
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Sincerely,
Renae Kaiserlian

[redacted]

**From:** Bruce Korb <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 15:57:18 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Christ taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves.  There are no exceptions.

Respectfully,
Bruce Korb
Homosassa, FL

**From:** Carol Sullivan-Hanley <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 16:10:32 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Carol Sullivan-Hanley
Scituate, MA

**From:** Judy Daniels <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 16:15:05 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Ms Judy Daniels
[redacted]

**From:** Abby Diamond-Kissiday <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 16:19:57 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I don't understand why you believe that my Unitarian Universalist (UU) faith is not one that should be recognized. I was married by my UU minister in our church, the oldest wooden one in continuous use in the US. This is not some fly by night faith, that was dreamed up. We have values, family friendly, and principals. What we do not have is dogma or preacher telling us what we must believe. I feel, you truly need to reconsider UU as a faith to be added back for all those UUs who serve our country.

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Abby Diamond-Kissiday
Hull, MA

**From:** Bryan Fretwell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 16:21:42 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Brad Korb <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 16:26:23 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Brad Korb
Huntsville, AL

**From:** Virginia Keller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 16:52:21 -0400
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Sincerely,
Virginia Keller

[redacted]

**From:** "Rev. Dr. Michelle Walsh" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 16:54:16 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Thank you for your attention to this profoundly moral issue.

Respectfully,
Rev. Dr. Michelle Walsh
Quincy, MA

**From:** Sharon Stephens <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 16:56:06 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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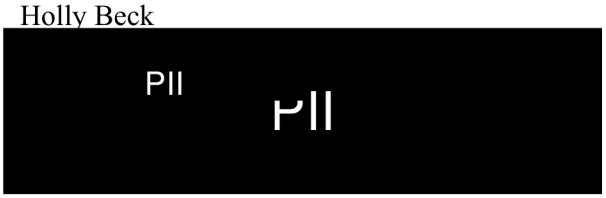
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Religion is a matter of conscience and cannot be dictated by external forces.

Support everyone's right to follow their own conscience and abstain from pursuing this blatantly unconstitutional effort.

Sincerely,
Holly Beck



**From:** Julia Wangler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 17:05:40 -0400
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Sincerely,
Julia Wangler

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 17:14:34 -0400
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**From:** Paul Garrett <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Joya Caryl

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**From:** Jennifer Jones <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 17:41:39 -0400
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Our country's founders took great pains to make sure all US Americans were free to choose their religion. Favoring one type of religion (Christianity) over the many, many other religious beliefs held by many Americans is unconstitutional and immoral.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Jones
Dewey, AZ

**From:** Hampton Howell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 17:44:20 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 17:50:20 -0400
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**From:** Jean Owen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 18:11:18 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Jean Owen
Joliet, IL

**From:** Marcia Smith-Hill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 18:37:08 -0400
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**From:** Johnny Henderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Michael Adams Sr
Willingboro, NJ

**From:** Lindsey LaCelle <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Ariella Henderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ariella Henderson

[redacted]

**From:** Laurie Ulrop <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Gabriel Zafiu <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Karen Farrell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Jennifer Gomez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Jennifer Gomez
[redacted]

**From:** Janet Pozmantier <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Mada Johnston <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Laura Hanks <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Fri, 10 Jul 2026 23:53:38 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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**From:** Mary Kuehne <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 00:00:42 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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As a Christian, I am appalled by these changes. My relationship with Christ tells me that this is wrong. If Christianity were made illegal, it would be easy to convict me. I attend church services three to five times a week, volunteer at my church to help feed people twice a month, have volunteered for church children's programs for over 50 years, graduated from a religious college, lead Bible study at least once a month and am a member of a church council. These are all outward signs, of course, and as St. Paul says I count as nothing. I mention them only because I want you to know that many people who tick off the boxes are not behind this for good reason.

I agree with Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island and advocate for religious liberty, on this. Blurring the differences between church and state is never good for the Gospel. These actions will only alienate people from religion. It is the work of Holy Spirit to call and gather. When we try to force it, we drive people away.

Respectfully,
Mary Kuehne
Dayton, OH

**From:** Tonny Settler <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Tonny Settler
Twining, MI

**From:** Lois Frankel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 07:27:56 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dr. Lois Frankel
[redacted]

**From:** Hosea Henderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 07:32:46 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Hosea Henderson

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**From:** Genesis Henderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 07:33:12 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Margaret Boatman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 08:26:42 -0400
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**From:** Judi Pasino <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 08:37:39 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Judi Pasino
Newark, DE

**From:** Mark Davis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 09:08:53 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Loretta Matthews <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 09:09:16 -0400
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Mrs. Loretta Matthews

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**From:** Fred Holden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 09:14:35 -0400
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**From:** Craig Rich <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Craig Rich
[redacted]

**From:** Don Deakins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 09:28:26 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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Sincerely,
Mr Don Deakins

[redacted]

**From:** Tessa Eldridge-Saeed <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 09:43:12 -0400
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Cristy Caldwell

[redacted]

**From:** Peggy Nagle <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Peggy Nagle
Centerville, OH

**From:** Joyce Short <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Andrea Rauch <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Andrea Rauch

[redacted]

**From:** Anne True <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Anne True
Taunton, MA

**From:** Janis Dorr <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Jesus is my spiritual master of choice, although I respect and learn from masters of other religions as well. It is highly offensive to me that Jesus' teachings are (not for the first time in history, of course) being so utterly bastardized for some people's selfish and deplorable purposes. White "christian" nationalists do not represent anything in keeping with what Jesus taught and lived. This is one more reason that separation of church and state is absolutely necessary.

Respectfully,
Janis Dorr
Baltimore, MD

**From:** Farilyn Hale <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 11:29:39 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Farilyn Hale

[redacted]

**From:** Joanna Norris <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 11:32:47 -0400
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I am a practicing Christian, but have long been taught,  and recognize, that our country was not founded as a solely Christian nation, but one with all faith traditions.  Our Constitution is clear on that.  As Christians we see all mankind as children of God inspite of the differences.  If we believe in the Golden Rule, found in the Sermon on the Mount, some version of which is found in all cultures, it is only natural to love all of our neighbors and embrace the differences, as well as the many similarities.  All humanity comes from one divine source!  That isn't specific to Christianity!  Living our faith is true freedom — but it is not the mandate of government to dictate what we believe.

Sincerely,
Joanna Norris

[redacted]

**From:** JoAnn Loomis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 11:36:57 -0400
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Sincerely,
Ms. JoAnn Loomis
[redacted]

**From:** Jane Hange <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 12:20:44 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Jane Hange
Charleston, WV

**From:** Claudine Nyiramutuzo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 12:31:17 -0400
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Sincerely,
Claudine Nyiramutuzo
[redacted]

**From:** Gentille Dusabimana <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Ron Welch <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ron Welch

[redacted]

**From:** Dinah Jentgen <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 13:13:26 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I grew up in a community that was enriched by equal religious standing among its citizens. The result was a deeper understanding of my own faith and its place in our world. So please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role that tolerance and church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

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**From:** Maggie Hart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Maggie Hart

[redacted]

**From:** Gus Morrison <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Sarah Cleveland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms. Sarah Cleveland
[redacted]

**From:** Vickie Willis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 13:31:18 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Separation of church and state is not a myth. The exact phrase doesn't have to be in the constitution for the concept to be present in our founding documents

Our constitution gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others.

I'm concerned that too many people don't understand history. Separation of church and state refers to the INSTITUTIONAL separation of the two. It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Our Founders recognized that both religion and government flourish when they are separate.

But this doesn't mean that people of faith (or no faith) can't participate in government or strive to influence our government. I am a Baptist Christian who has long supported our historic Baptist identity in this country. I have seen that the principle of separation is necessary for the church's well being and prophetic witness.

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Sincerely,
Vickie Willis

[redacted]

**From:** Kristin Klade <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Rev. Kristin Klade
[redacted]

**From:** Kathy Michaelson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 14:12:12 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Kathy Michaelson
Rockton, IL

**From:** Gloria Andersen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Church-State Separation allows people to practice their religion , or not without coercion.

Sincerely,
Gloria Andersen

[redacted]

**From:** Barbara Hearn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Paula Graham <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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It is your constitutional job to keep church and state separate.

Sincerely,
Paula Graham
[redacted]

**From:** Edward Brown <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 14:39:42 -0400
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The Religious Liberty Commission's final report must add and emphasize the central role that rigorous separation of church and state plays in maintaining our American experiment in true religious freedom for all Americans.

Government decisions must be limited to fact-based argumentation, not based on any church's claim to know what God wants it to do.

Religious freedom requires that individual Americans are left free to choose for ourselves what churches (if any) we trust to speak for God. Or to remain secular, like our Constitution - not invoking the name of God at all.

Separation of church and state should guarantee that no taxpayer money is diverted to so-called faith-based" religious projects.

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Sincerely,
Mr. Edward Brown
[redacted]

**From:** Stanley Chavez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Stanley Chavez
[redacted]

**From:** Jennifer Reichert <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Jennifer Reichert

[redacted]

**From:** Sam Burkhardt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 15:38:10 -0400
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**From:** Sam Burkhardt <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 15:39:10 -0400
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**From:** Joy Rosenberry chase <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 16:03:48 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

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The Constitution GUARANTEES separation of church and state. This means that religious organizations should not be allowed to block people's rights or discriminate against people. Religious freedom does NOT mean someone can refuse to provide medical treatment for someone; that is ridiculous and clearly violates the ill individual's rights. Scientologists don't believe in medical treatment; does that mean they can refuse to provide health insurance for their employees? Of course not! Medical staff and businesses should not be allowed to refuse to perform or pay for medical treatments based on their own personal beliefs. That's what freedom of religion means: no one should be harmed, excluded, or discriminated against based on someone else's religious beliefs.

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Madison, WI

**From:** Susan Porter <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Lynda Knightstep <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 16:31:19 -0400
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Lynda Knightstep
Atascadero, CA

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Kathy Walsh <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Kathy Walsh
New Orleans, LA

**From:** Cena Buchannon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Respectfully,
Cena Buchannon
Huber Heights, OH

**From:** Andrea Deckert <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 17:22:36 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please vote to keep church and state separated. We live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. If Church and state are no longer separated, we will no longer be free. It is only the separation that assures everyone the freedom of their own religious choices. This is what this country was founded upon. This should not be changed. Please keep our freedom, alive and well and not under the Dominion of the government. That has never worked well in the past and it will not work well in the future either. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Andrea Deckert

[redacted]

**From:** Betty Wood <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 17:26:24 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

My Anabaptist ancestors came to the USA in the early 1700's to flee religious persecution in Europe. Our country was founded on religious freedom, a separation of church and state, which was guarded in our Constitution. Roger Williams' established the Rhode Island colony based on this separation of church and state, with the other colonies following soon after. George Washington, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, and other presidents ensured this separation of church and state. It is vital to my religious liberty personally, and to every American.

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Miss Betty Wood

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**From:** Melinda Bobo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 17:43:01 -0400
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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I oppose the the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. We need to have far fewer ties between particular religious groups and government. The Constitution is crystal clear, and the Founding Fathers were, too: No state religion. The church, regardless of faith or denomination, is to be separate from governance. Individuals may use their faith as a guide to their decisionmaking, but the government itself is to have NO affiliation with any religion. The Commission needs to revise its recommendations to be in accordance with the Constitution before finalizing this report.

People who came to this country to escape religious persecution were very aware that any religion, no matter its intentions, will become tyrannical if allowed to rule over people. They had personal experience and did not wish to see them continued. Every single human being is entitled to the same civil rights, healthcare access, and educational protections, regardless of their religious beliefs.

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Respectfully,
Melinda Bobo
PINEDALE, WY

**From:** Gwendolyn Kanies <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 17:55:14 -0400
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Sincerely,
Dr. Gwendolyn Kanies
[redacted]

**From:** Eileen McCorry <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Allison Wilson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**From:** Bethany Opalewski <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Amira Mansour <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Amira Mansour
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**From:** Nancy Burbeck <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Jennifer Myers
[redacted]

**From:** Dolores Belinte <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Dolores Belinte
Farmington, NM

**From:** Edward Bennett <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Dawna Sawatzky <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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ms Dawna Sawatzky

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**From:** Elsie Rivera <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms Elsie Rivera

[redacted]

**From:** Karen Caton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 20:50:02 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

My family believes in the total separation of church and state; it makes our country stronger, and we will not tolerate it being erased by a dubious commission.

On this 250th anniversary of American Independence, we need to protect this pillar of our democracy. American citizens have had the freedom to worship as they want; it is not up to you to decide what belief systems any of us should hold.

You believe the way you want to - worship who you want to - believe in who you want to - but don't think you have the right to make any of the rest do as you do. That is not the American way - and America is not a White Christian Country!

Sincerely,
Karen Caton

[redacted]

**From:** David Dow <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 21:33:32 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Your assistance in this matter is very important.

Sincerely,
Mr. David Dow

[redacted]

**From:** Juliet Cornelius <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 21:56:22 -0400
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Ms Juliet Cornelius
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**From:** Paula Currey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 22:26:16 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Paula Currey
Rose Hill, Ks

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**From:** Tracy Sullivan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 22:34:42 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Tracy Sullivan
Brookline, MA

**From:** Louise Bogart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 23:09:18 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Dr. Louise Bogart
[redacted]

**From:** Louise Bogart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 23:12:05 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dr Louise Bogart

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**From:** CD Kennedy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 23:16:22 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Having been a religion major in college, this issue hits home. When doing deep studies of my professed faith, I also realized the the tenets of other faiths were more similar than different. We split hairs too much.

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America was founded by people seeking true religious freedom!

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Marshfield, MA

**From:** Alan Kennedy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 23:25:09 -0400
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Alan Kennedy
MARSHFIELD, MA

**From:** Kristina Curl Johnston <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Kristina Curl Johnston
Rio Linda, CA

**From:** Carrie Allmon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sat, 11 Jul 2026 23:52:50 -0400
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Respectfully,
Carrie Allmon
Kaysville, UT

**From:** Rebecca Thuch <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 01:12:37 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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[redacted]

**From:** Keith Rosen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 07:05:39 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Elizabeth Thompson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 08:03:47 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Elizabeth Thompson

[redacted]

**From:** Janis Eberenz <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 08:23:16 -0400
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**From:** Marisol Barragan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Marisol Barragan

[redacted]

**From:** William Lang <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 09:23:04 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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[redacted]

**From:** Karen Romero <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ms. Karen Romero

[redacted]

**From:** Tina Boyles <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Tina Boyles

[redacted]

**From:** Denise Bonk <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 09:50:04 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Denise Bonk
Philadelphia, PA

**From:** Judy Hamilton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 10:32:34 -0400
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Respectfully,
Judy Hamilton
Charleston, WV

**From:** Tonya Lizarraga <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 11:34:27 -0400
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America was and is great because we have this freedom to choose. Please Fight for this freedom. Any time force is used love is destroyed.

Sincerely,
Tonya Lizarraga
[redacted]

**From:** Rose Doty <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 11:50:14 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mrs. Darla Mittendorf
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**From:** Aria Fa'amasino <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 13:45:38 -0400
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Aria Fa'amasino
Mesa, AZ

**From:** Roger Shultz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Roger Shultz

[redacted]

**From:** Nelson Huang <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Nelson Huang

[redacted]

**From:** Asha Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 14:32:40 -0400
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Sincerely,
Asha Miller

[redacted]

**From:** Eleanor Bennett <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Eleanor Bennett
[redacted]

**From:** Colet Johnson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Colet Johnson

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**From:** Steven Hendrickson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 15:01:48 -0400
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Steven Hendrickson
Punxsutawney, PA

**From:** Vivian Ogden <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 15:07:29 -0400
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Sincerely,
Vivian Ogden
[redacted]

**From:** Melody Tapia <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 15:30:49 -0400
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Sincerely,
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[redacted]

**From:** Diana Douglas <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Therese Millet <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 17:15:17 -0400
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Dr Therese Millet

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**From:** Wayne Sharpe <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 18:47:36 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mr. Wayne Sharpe
[redacted]

**From:** Judith Chaskes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Judith Chaskes
[redacted]

**From:** Eric Rose <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 19:03:49 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

The influence from your proposals and deliberations will obviously have a major impact on the greatest country in the world at this time.

This is why I urge you to think carefully and deliberately regarding why many of those who founded this great country left their motherlands in Europe. Many of the best of them left the homes of their ancestors because a church was dominant in their country and it happened to have a control over the state. This church-state connection forced their interpretation of "God's will" on everyone in their realm. This often meant that the Scriptures could not be translated or possessed in the common language of the masses. This might mean in some cases that citizens were required on pain of death to participate in a ceremony that claimed to create the actual body and blood of Christ and then make everyone eat it (The Mass). The blood of martyrs still cries out to God from these "Dark Ages."

You may think these examples extreme, but in Revelation 13 two powers are presented and the second causes all the earth to receive the mark of the beast. There is a "no buy no sell" penalty and increasing to capital punishment.

Let's return to the placid and inspired vision of Roger Williams who clearly saw the immortal truth that none should compel the conscience of others. Let's leave the worship of our God, or any god, to the free conscience of all and not entangle the government of our great land with religion of any kind.

In the end of time, "worship" will be forced by increasing penalties. On our watch, let not this be the case. The blood of millions still tells us that when religion is united with the state, corruption is inevitable and persecution is the result.

Sincerely,
Eric Rose

[redacted]

**From:** Simeon Nerelus <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 19:23:03 -0400
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[redacted]

**From:** Julia Anderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** D Christensen <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 19:29:08 -0400
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It is more than clear that our founders in ensuring the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness identified religious freedoms and the importance of church-state separation. Any report by your group or other governmental body must reflect that founding view as indicative of the uniqueness of the American experience.

Church-state separation protects religious freedom for everyone as It ensures that the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. It also protects houses of worship from governmental oversight allowing for independence of thought.

As a Christian, I am thankful to be living in a country where such a Church-state separation exists, allowing each person to develop their own relationship with God. We need our governmental commissions to respect that tenet.

Sincerely,
D Christensen
[redacted]

**From:** Beatrice Sager <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 19:40:49 -0400
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Sincerely,
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**From:** Alyssa Singh <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Alyssa Singh
[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 20:09:31 -0400
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If the current practice of Christianity by patriots across this nation is in itself, insufficient to win general, widespread adherence to its principles, and we blame the moral decline of our nation on such lack of acceptance of this religion (which I too happen to practice), clearly that religion and its enforcement is not the solution. Benjamin Franklin famously said that "When a religion is good, I conceive that it will support itself; and, when it cannot support itself, and God does not take care to support, so that its professors are obliged to call for the help of the civil power, it is a sign, I apprehend, of it being a bad one."

Recognize these political movements for what they are, an attempted power grab by certain religionists, whose personal moral code is failing to voluntarily win citizens to adhere to their version of Christian principles. Thus the need to enforce that which people will not freely choose on their own.

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Sincerely,
Dr Franklin Cobos II
[redacted]

**From:** Stephanie Reed <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 20:30:43 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Just a reminder if you haven't read the Constitution lately, the first amendment says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof". This is a concept called "separation of church and state". (State means the government.) Thomas Jefferson wrote about it if you want to look him up.

This means the government cannot impose religious beliefs on anyone or favor one religion over another. Religious liberty means that all Americans have the freedom to choose what religion--or no religion--to practice.

The Supreme Court thinks so too. In the Supreme Court decision on West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette, Justice Robert H. Jackson wrote: "If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein. If there are any circumstances which permit an exception, they do not now occur to us."

You can't truly have religious liberty without separation of church and state and I hope you remember this.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Reed

[redacted]

**From:** Dwayne Lovejoy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 20:33:29 -0400
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Sincerely,
Dwayne Lovejoy
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Barbara Taylor <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Barbara Taylor
[redacted]

**From:** Arjen Bes <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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I am for separation of church and state!
I don't want any changes for now and the future!

Sincerely, Arjen Bes

Sincerely,
Mr. Arjen Bes
[redacted]

**From:** Heidi Rose <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 21:16:28 -0400
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Sincerely,
Heidi Rose

[redacted]

**From:** Kimberly Layon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 21:38:06 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,

Kim Layon

One note: while the phrase "wall of separation between church and state" does not appear in the U.S. Constitution, it comes from Thomas Jefferson's 1802 letter describing the First Amendment. The Constitution itself prohibits the establishment of religion and protects the free exercise of religion, which together have long been understood to support government neutrality in matters of faith.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Layon



**From:** Yohanna Hernandez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 21:47:09 -0400
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Separation of church and state is what makes America great.

Sincerely,
Yohanna Hernandez
[redacted]

**From:** Betty Miosi <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 21:48:06 -0400
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Sincerely,
Betty Miosi
[redacted]

**From:** Lauren Palermo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Ms Lauren Palermo
[redacted]

**From:** Erica Bailey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 21:49:42 -0400
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This is very freedom is important to me and that is why I am taking the time to send this. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Erica Bailey

[redacted]

**From:** Kimberly Layon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 22:06:06 -0400
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**From:** Ernesto Layon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 22:18:40 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,

Ernesto Layon Jr.

Sincerely,
Ernesto Layon

[redacted]

**From:** Kenneth Lockwood <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 22:19:19 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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It is essential that the Commission's final report keeps current protections in place. The religious freedom we Americans have valued and enjoyed as the nation matured has been amazing.

Just remember how religious freedoms have been attacked throughout history when one faith group or another has become an "official state church." Medieval church domination was fresh in the minds of the founding fathers when carefully constructing the documents of our American experiment.

Contrary to some current Christian Nationalist mis-information, our nation was founded by a mix of citizens who supported some important Judeo-Christian values of freedom of conscience and separation of church from state, but they could recoil at calling the new republic a "Christian" nation, considering the diversity of peoples coming to the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

I foresee a loss of more freedoms and an increasing religious intolerance if we continue to chip away more of the wall of separation of church from state.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Lockwood

[redacted]

**From:** Connie Cepeda <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 22:25:10 -0400
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Ms Connie Cepeda

[redacted]

**From:** John Dawson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 22:26:33 -0400
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Mr. John Dawson
[redacted]

**From:** Jennifer Ish <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Jennifer Ish

[redacted]

**From:** Julie Falkenberg <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 23:06:26 -0400
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I believe in God, but not religion. Religion is coercive and manipulative, teaching people to hate others. Religion does not and should not have anything to do with government.

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Sincerely,
Julie Falkenberg

[redacted]

**From:** Linda Williams <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 23:10:40 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Linda Williams

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**From:** Scott McDaniel <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Allie Frances Benson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Sun, 12 Jul 2026 23:56:35 -0400
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Sincerely,
Allie Frances Benson

[redacted]

**From:** Debbie Bryant <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 00:36:46 -0400
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**From:** Katherine Ander <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 01:19:54 -0400
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Katherine Ander
PORT ORCHARD, WA

**From:** Jordan Goldman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 01:30:47 -0400
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Jordan Goldman

[redacted]

**From:** Kathryn Harrington <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 01:42:23 -0400
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Sincerely,
Kathryn Harrington

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**From:** JoAnn Klar <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 04:02:15 -0400
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Sincerely,
Ms. JoAnn Klar

[redacted]

**From:** Dee Jackson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 04:43:29 -0400
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America and her freedoms have existed as long as she has because of the safeguards set up by our founding fathers and to dismantle these safeguards is a slap in the face not only to them, but to all those brave men and women who have willingly and unflinchingly spilled their blood to protect ALL our liberties, religious and otherwise.
The memories of those who have gone before us requires us to stand for what is right and just.
I urge you to do what is right and just and maintain the separation of church and state. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dee Jackson

[redacted]

**From:** Edwin Greensage <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 07:26:33 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

The Religious Liberty Commision should not be weaponizing the 1st Amendment against the citizens it claims to represent. State-sponsored religion is unconstitutional, it is nowhere to be found in our U.S. Constitution.

Texas, with their voucher program, is currently “prohibiting” me from “the free exercise” of my religion.

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**From:** Grace Ukoha <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 09:08:37 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Grace Ukoha
Holts Summit, MO

**From:** Michele Morris <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Michele Morris
[redacted]

**From:** Sheryl Pace <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Respectfully,
Sheryl Pace
Scituate, MA

**From:** Georgette Dyer <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Georgette Dyer

[redacted]

**From:** Mark Graham <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Pastor Ken Curtis

[redacted]

**From:** Lynne Wickey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Carol Rose <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 10:28:42 -0400
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 10:40:29 -0400
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Hello,

I'm writing to express my total and unwavering support for the separation of church and state. As a non-Christian, I find it fundamental to protecting my spiritual journey and that of everyone in this country. The rise of Christian nationalism in this country truly concerns me, and I urge the commission to support genuine religious freedom for all people and to not privilege Christianity or any form of it over any other religion.

I am opposed to any and all government attempts to mandate religious prayer and observance in public schools, whether that be through requiring religious observance or through school officials and employees influencing students' religious practices, beliefs, or choices.

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Lastly, I am staunchly opposed to any attempts to make this nation officially Christian. Doing so would be an egregious violation of human rights. Instead, I support government being neutral towards all religions, so the people of this country can make their own religious choices without government coercion or pressure.

Sincerely,
John Parsons
[redacted]

**From:** Laurel Burchfield <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Laurel Burchfield

[redacted]

**From:** Tom Shelly <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 11:53:26 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I strongly urge that the Religious Liberty Commission's final report will clearly reflect the fact that separation of church and state ensures religious freedom for all Americans and therefore has been critical to the peace and prosperity of the United States.

Our founding fathers created a system of government at a time when religion was an integral part of most countries' governments, including the country we broke away from. They purposely chose to be a secular democracy with a wall of separation between church and state, a very unconventional idea at the time. They knew this would protect religious freedom for all and drive rational, transparent, and fair behavior on the part of citizens and government alike, which would lead to peace and prosperity. And the past 250 years have proven them to be right.

Sincerely,
Frank Descant

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**From:** Stephanie Arthur <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Stephanie Arthur

[redacted]

**From:** Jose Serrano <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 12:11:25 -0400
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Mrs Jose Serrano

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**From:** Daniela Soto <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 12:21:42 -0400
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**From:** Dan J <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 12:23:20 -0400
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**From:** Lacramioara Buxton <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 12:26:24 -0400
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**From:** Beth Curnuck <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Laura Hanks <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 12:36:52 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Laura Hanks
Portland, OR

**From:** Debbie Goodman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 12:46:23 -0400
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**From:** Audrey Prus <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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All of us Christians enjoy our religious freedom to worship at the church of our choice. This country was founded upon religious freedom to do so. I cannot impose my beliefs on other people any more than they can on you. Remember, follow Christ's example in the "Go ye forth…". He didn't push people into his agenda; he led us by examples of compassion and love. I am asking each of you to stop and reflect on what you are doing and how you are going about it. What I have seen lately is a blight against Christianity and has the opposite effect. It's pushing people away from the joy of knowing Christ and is an embarrassment!! Please stop!! If you follow Christ, you love and accept people. Lead by example, not dogma, coercion, attitudes of "mine" is the only religion in America and the world!! Then, The rest of us can graciously go about being a Christian light for others to see. Take these comments very seriously, please.

Sincerely,
Audrey Prus

[redacted]

**From:** Malcolm Tobias <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Staephen Godfrey <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 13:15:31 -0400
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**From:** Nancy Friedman <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 13:16:10 -0400
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I'm writing to ask that the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role that church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

I've watched part of Chairman Patrick's presentation of the report and skimmed and read parts of the report. Some parts are unassailable, such as the executive summary's first sentence and third paragraph. So is the fourth paragraph's last sentence. The report, however, rejects the importance of separation of church and state to maintaining religious liberty in this country and to enabling voices of all Americans, including religious voices, to be heard.

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Church-state separation also protects institutions, including houses of worship, nonprofits, schools and the military, and their members from intrusion by the government, guaranteeing their independence and allowing them to remain free from political control and interference and religious coercion.

This foundational principle has served our nation well for centuries. It's no coincidence that we have moved closer to a "more perfect union" and religion has flourished here like in few other countries.

I urge you to revise or delete those parts of the report that disavow, dismiss or diminish separation of church and state and to recognize it for what it is—a foundational principle that has been and continues to be vital to making this country a great one.

Sincerely,
Ms. Nancy Friedman
[redacted]

**From:** Laura Anderson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Rita Wright <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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To change the norm is to invite back the issues that were present in the colonies where people were burned at the stake and othered because of their beliefs.

Sincerely,
Rita Wright
[redacted]

**From:** EDWARD BEITZEL <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Moira Ashleigh <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
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Owego, NY

**From:** Annie Morgan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Annie Morgan
[redacted]

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**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Rebekah Morgan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** David Troiano <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Victoria Martinez <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Victoria Martinez

[redacted]

**From:** Geoffrey Omoro <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Mr. Geoffrey Omoro

[redacted]

**From:** Chelsea Diaz <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 15:18:53 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Chelsea Diaz

[redacted]

**From:** Rosa Hartwell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 15:20:46 -0400
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Although the Constitution does not have the phrase "separation of church and state" within it, it gives us the right to practice our religion without fear, because the government cannot establish a religion that all must follow or be punished. Please make no change in the constitution.

Sincerely,
Rosa Hartwell
[redacted]

**From:** Lisa Mandigo <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Lisa Mandigo

[redacted]

**From:** Mike Bostic <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Andrea yang <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Mrs Andrea yang
[redacted]

**From:** Kimberly Winans <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 16:48:07 -0400
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I believe that the separation of Church and State is of utmost importance ! Our founding fathers did not believe in bridging Church and State because they realized that this would result in religious persecution. Our forefathers escaped from England due to religious persecution. They definitely did not want to repeat history ! In addition, I believe that the Johnson Amendment should be retained ! This ensures the independence of our government and preserves the integrity of our religious institutions. Thank you !

Sincerely,
Kimberly Winans

[redacted]

**From:** Jonathan Herr <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 16:55:14 -0400
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Jonathan Herr

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**From:** Maydelyn Andrade <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 17:19:20 -0400
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**From:** Sherlyn Bryant <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 17:20:09 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Church-state separation has protected our religious freedom in our country a long time and I want to see religious freedom continue for all Americans. This is not something that should be changed! The church-state separation plays a vital role in protecting the rights of all people.

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Sincerely,
Sherlyn Bryant
[redacted]

**From:** Cavenet Jean <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Cavenet Jean
[redacted]

**From:** Andrea Keil <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 17:31:11 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I am 15 years old, and I believe it is important to protect the separation between church and state. The wall between them is not meant to stop people from practicing their faith—it helps protect everyone's freedom to believe differently.

When the government becomes involved in religion, it can create pressure and unfairness for people with different beliefs. Faith should come from personal choice, not from government support or influence.

Please keep the wall between church and state. It protects the freedom of all Americans, including young people like me.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
Andrea Keil
[redacted]

**From:** Jaime Keil <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 17:49:03 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

I strongly believe that church and state must remain separate. This separation protects both religious freedom and the rights of all Americans by ensuring the government does not favor or support any one religion.

I oppose using taxpayer money to fund religious activities. Keeping church and state separate helps protect everyone's freedom and preserves the constitutional rights of people of all faiths—or no faith at all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jaime Keil



**From:** Karen Sager <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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"The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries. [Letter objecting to the use of government land for churches, 1803]" — James Madison

Sincerely,
Karen Sager

[redacted]

**From:** Kate Goff <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 17:56:12 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

In the Religious Liberty Commission's final report, Americans need you to protect and acknowledge the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for Americans.

Even if your religion is mainstream Christianity, you need to ensure that the government doesn't meddle in your religious beliefs. Governments change, and you don't want the government to *ever* be able to tell you (or your children and grandchildren) whether you can or can't worship as you choose. The only way to ensure that is to permanently separate state and religion. This is something that our founding fathers understood so well that they literally created our country using this principle.

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Think not only of today, but also of the future. We need to ensure church and state separation so that when some politician in the future tries to use religion as a weapon, they won't be able to because of the strong separation of church and state. Don't weaken it.

Sincerely,
Kate Goff
[redacted]

**From:** Lesley Miller <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 18:13:21 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mrs Lesley Miller

[redacted]

**From:** Karen Hoover <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Eileen Cheffee <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 19:19:46 -0400
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Sincerely,
Eileen Cheffee

[redacted]

**From:** Richard Stowell <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Sincerely,
Richard Stowell

[redacted]

**From:** Meagen Attebery <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 19:37:12 -0400
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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans. The Ten Commandments should not be posted unless you are willing to post all religious pillars /tenets. Students should not have a specific religion forced onto them.

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[redacted]

**From:** Daniel Shannon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Donna Shannon <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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[redacted]

**From:** Lis Regula <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 20:57:59 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I submit this comment as Lis Regula, Co-chair of Ohio Equal Rights, a statewide organization working to ensure equal protection under the law for all Ohioans, and as a scientist, educator, and person of faith who has spent my career building bridges across religious, civic, and advocacy communities.

Religious liberty is one of America's most fundamental constitutional protections—but it is meaningful only when it protects everyone equally. That includes people of every faith tradition, people of minority faiths, and people with no religious affiliation. It also includes ensuring that no one person's or institution's religious beliefs become the basis for denying another person's civil rights, dignity, or equal treatment under the law.

Ohio Equal Rights believes that genuine religious freedom and equal rights are complementary values, not competing ones. Throughout our work, we have partnered with clergy, congregations, and faith leaders from diverse traditions who understand that protecting the rights of LGBTQ+ people, women, religious minorities, and other marginalized communities strengthens—not weakens—our shared commitment to religious liberty. Many of these leaders are motivated by deeply held religious convictions that call them to pursue justice, compassion, and the inherent dignity of every person.

As both an educator and advocate, I have seen how pluralistic communities thrive when government remains a neutral protector of everyone's freedom of conscience rather than favoring one religious viewpoint over another. America's constitutional commitment to religious liberty has allowed an extraordinary diversity of faith communities to flourish alongside one another. Efforts that blur the distinction between religious freedom and religious preference risk undermining that pluralism and leaving minority communities—including religious minorities—less protected. Recent proposals from the federal Religious Liberty Commission have drawn criticism for emphasizing the perspectives of a narrow set of religious viewpoints while giving insufficient attention to the needs and experiences of America's broader religious diversity.

Our nation does not need government to choose which religious beliefs deserve greater protection. It needs government to faithfully uphold the Constitution by protecting every person's right to believe, worship, or refrain from religious practice according to their own conscience.

We therefore urge the Religious Liberty Commission to affirm a vision of religious freedom that is broad, inclusive, and rooted in equal protection under the law. Religious liberty should never be used as a justification for discrimination, nor should civil rights protections be weakened in its name. Instead, our policies should recognize that a healthy democracy depends upon both robust religious freedom and equal justice for all.

Respectfully,

Lis Regula
Co-chair, Ohio Equal Rights

Respectfully,
Lis Regula
Columbus, OH

**From:** Terry Williams <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 21:53:23 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

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Sincerely,
Mr Terry Williams

[redacted]

**From:** Kathy Yohn <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 22:41:49 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

As a life-long church attendee I am very concerned with the direction the current administration is taking regarding separation of church and state. I urge your to ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report reflects the vital role church-state separation plays in protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

The separation of church and state gives us the right to practice any religion or no religion as long as we don't harm others. In making statements about the need to protect the expression of Christian beliefs, the current administration appears to be abandoning religious neutrality by singling out one religion for protection over others.

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Freedom of/from religion was a brilliant premise of our nation's founders and was unique to our democracy. It remains a pillar of that democracy. It must be reflected in the final report of the Religious Liberty Commission.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathy Yohn

[redacted]

**From:** Penny Moore <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:16:09 -0400
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Sincerely,
Penny Moore

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**From:** Kathy Golic <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:24:57 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Religious Liberty Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

This is ABSOLUTELY A POWER PLAY, NOT A JESUS DRIVEN PLAN. HE WOULD BE SO ANGRY TO SEE YOU GUYS DO THIS, AND IN THE NAME OF CHRISTIANITY. NOT LOVING, NOT EQUAL PROTECTION, NOT RECOGNIZING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN AS DESERVING OF PROTECTIONS. USING HIS HOUSE FOR POWER AND FINANCIAL GAIN AND CONTROL. SHAME ON YOU. YOU WILL DEFINITELY NEED TO REPENT AND ADJUST YOUR WAYS- THEN ASK FOR MERCY.

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Respectfully,
Kathy Golic
North Bend, WA

**From:** Tobin Lewis <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2026 23:40:37 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mr. Tobin Lewis
[redacted]

**From:** Veronica Jenkins <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 01:02:59 -0400
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Recognizing that Church and State, independent of each other, have very distinctive roles, they, therefore, function best as the separate and different entities that they are. When a broader range of History, inclusive of wider eras and experiences are taken into consideration, past history becomes an excellent teacher and predictor of future results of combining church and state.

Sincerely,
Ms. Veronica Jenkins

[redacted]

**From:** Fish McGill <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 08:45:22 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Fish McGill
Scituate, MA

**From:** JOSEPHINE TAN <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 10:07:44 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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History is the best witness of the tragedy brought to humanity for that dark period of time when church and state were united...the persecution of people based in their beliefs, bible truth suppression, the inquisition, etc...when the church was given utmost power over public well-being and interest.

Sincerely,
JOSEPHINE TAN
[redacted]

**From:** James Keegan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 11:53:52 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Our Founders wrote and ratified our godless Constitution with its prohibition of religious tests for public office for good reasons and we ignore their wisdom to our peril. To our real and actual peril in cases like the Philadelphia Bible Riots of 1844 where we saw Christians murdering each other in the streets and burning down churches over which *version* of the Bible was to be used as a reader in the tax-funded schools. When the clearly Constitutional answer was neither. It is exactly that sort of strife the Founders sought to keep from our shores by rejecting the Scriptural doctrine of the divine right of kings and replacing it with the Enlightenment doctrine of consent of the governed as the wellspring from which civil authority flows.

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Sincerely,
James Keegan
[redacted]

**From:** Keith Tse <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 12:44:03 -0400
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Sincerely,
Keith Tse

[redacted]

**From:** Jenn McCullough <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 14:00:39 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Jenn McCullough
Annapolis, MD

**From:** Aislinn Frye <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 15:28:09 -0400
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Sincerely,
Dr. Aislinn Frye
[redacted]

**From:** John Strubhart <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 17:05:07 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mr. John Strubhart
[redacted]

**From:** "S. E. Williams" <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 19:12:19 -0400
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Sincerely,
Ms. S. E. Williams
[redacted]

**From:** Diane Cook <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 20:04:14 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Diane Cook
Farmington, NM

**From:** Katherine Cleland <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Tue, 14 Jul 2026 20:46:51 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Members of the Religious Liberty Commission,

Please ensure the Religious Liberty Commission's final report includes separation of church and state, and religious freedom!

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Sincerely,
Katherine Cleland

[redacted]

**From:** michael mccarthy <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 15 Jul 2026 08:49:50 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Sincerely,
Mr. michael mccarthy
[redacted]

**From:** Melinda Richards <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 15 Jul 2026 09:31:36 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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As a psychology professional, I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the draft report issued by the Religious Liberty Commission. As someone who believes deeply in the dignity of every person, I urge the Commission to substantially revise its recommendations before finalizing this report.

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Respectfully,
Melinda Richards
Spring Hill, FL

**From:** Mark Heron <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 15 Jul 2026 15:54:29 -0400
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Sincerely,
Mark Heron

[redacted]

**From:** Cynthia Rosenblath <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 15 Jul 2026 18:39:50 -0400
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Cynthia Rosenblath
Pena Blanca, NM

**From:** Susan von Schmacht <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Wed, 15 Jul 2026 18:45:12 -0400
**Importance:** Normal

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Respectfully,
Susan von Schmacht
Watsonville, CA

**From:** Nancy Wilkinson <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Wed, 15 Jul 2026 19:31:11 -0400
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As a member of a minority religion, I treasure the separation of God and government, which is enshrined in the first amendment's "no establishment" clause. I also believe that parents, and not the school, should select the religion, if any, in which their child will be raised.

Sincerely,
Ms. Nancy Wilkinson

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**From:** Mir Faugno <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
**Date:** Thu, 16 Jul 2026 04:02:37 -0400
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Mir Faugno
Playa del Rey, CA

**From:** Steve Hafner <PII>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <PII>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
**Date:** Thu, 16 Jul 2026 09:33:59 -0400
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**From:** Ronald Rose <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Ryan Kerrigan <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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Ryan Kerrigan

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**From:** Gayle Raymond <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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**From:** Margo Salone <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT – Protect Religious Freedom
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Margo Salone
Shubuta, MS

**From:** Dan Dworkin <[redacted]>
**To:** "RLC (OASG)" <[redacted]>
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT: Separation of Church and State is Vital
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