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## **LIBERTY COUNSEL'S Defense of Ohio Pastors**

**May 27, 2016 – Statement of EDWARD C NOONAN, 2016 Presidential Candidate:**

The **American Resistance Party** supports the **Liberty Counsel's** offer to defend threats in Ohio for aggression against pastors and religious organizations following the High Court's same-sex "marriage" decision. State Representative Nino Vitale introduced HB 286, known as the **Ohio Pastor Protection Act**. Liberty Counsel's states the following:

*The bill specifies that no ordained or licensed minister and no religious society is required to solemnize a marriage or allow property to be used to host a marriage ceremony if the marriage does not conform to the minister's or society's sincerely held religious beliefs.*

*While ministers, churches, and religious societies already have a constitutional right to perform or host only those marriage ceremonies that conform to their religious beliefs, HB 286 is necessary because local cities and counties have passed their own "non-discrimination" ordinances, which clouds the issue for many people - as we see unfolding in many states. The bill provides clarity in a statute so that the common person does not have to review voluminous court opinions.*

*The Ohio Pastor Protection Act is a positive step toward upholding the constitutional rights of pastors and religious organizations. This law sets forth clearly the religious liberty protections of clergy and churches regarding the solemnizing of marriage.*

*++ Liberty Counsel offered to defend HB 286.*

*The bill is facing an uphill battle because of tremendous backlash from LGBTQ operatives - and will assuredly be challenged in court, if passed.*

*Liberty Counsel's legal team crafted a letter to Representative Vitale commending him for his leadership and to offer our support of the legislation. As we state in the letter...*

*"Simply put, pastors, churches, and religious institutions must remain free to set forth God's truth on issues involving sexuality, and must remain free to permit the use of their property consistent with their religious beliefs."*

*If HB 286 is signed into law, Liberty Counsel would defend it on a pro bono basis, at no charge to the taxpayers, should it be subjected to legal challenge."*

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