



# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEKLY

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## **Dangerous Betrayals of Religious Freedom**

**"May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."**

**- George Washington Letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, RI**

In 1790 President George Washington wrote to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island to reassure them that the principle of religious liberty was fundamental to this new nation. His letter had enormous consequence for the fledgling nation where many had fled to escape religious persecution. Washington's promise is being betrayed today.

To preserve our protection of liberties, Americans must also remember the wisdom of founders including Pres. John Adams who told us: **"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."** And Jefferson said, **"It does me no injury for my neighbor to say there are twenty gods, or no God."**

The assaults on religious freedom in the United States do great damage to our Republic and must be stopped by enforcement of law, and by education of all citizens on the critical need to protect and respect each other's rights of conscience as set forth in our First Amendment.

We are seeing and tolerating heinous and dangerous violations of the rights of conscience proclaimed in our Declaration of Independence and enumerated in our Constitution:

- Extreme violence directed at Jews, denial of their free speech and safety in public places
- FBI surveillance and lies targeting Catholic beliefs and practices
- Physical attacks and damage to churches and pro-life clinics
- Harassment and violent attacks on Christians gathered to worship

We know that freedom requires vigilance. Religious liberty safeguards all our liberties. Americans declared their rights come from God, not government and that **"to preserve these rights, governments are established among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."** -Declaration of Independence

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