



We, the undersigned pastors, agree with Attorney General Josh Hawley and President Trump that the government has no right to muzzle ministers in their pulpits.

For too long, the Johnson Amendment has been used by the IRS to silence many pastors from applying Scripture to candidates and elections, public policy, and government in the pulpit, muting the word of truth that “We The People” need to hear.

We agree with Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley, who defended religious freedom cases before winning his statewide post in 2016 and who spoke to a group of Watchmen pastors, stating: “It’s just absolutely unconstitutional... Religious liberty is under attack in this country, and it’s a terrible thing. It’s a dangerous thing.” Hawley further told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he believed the government shouldn’t be telling pastors what they can and can’t say from their pulpit: “In the history of this nation, there has been no greater force for good than the preaching of pastors and the speech of religious believers.”

Finally, as pastors, we will stand for freedoms of speech and religion in our own pulpits. As Peter and the apostles declared to governing officials who tried to muzzle them: “We must obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29).

Sincerely,

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