

# Free Speech Fairness Act – Federal Legislation S-1205 -HR-2501 Action Plan May–June 2026

## Goal

Build broad nationwide support for the bipartisan *Free Speech Fairness Act* by encouraging citizens and organizations to contact key Congressional committee members through phone calls. The objective is to help move the bill out of committee and advance it toward a vote.

## Background

The 1954 Johnson Amendment added restrictions to the IRS code limiting political campaign activity by churches, pastors, and nonprofit organizations. It has limited freedom of speech and religious expression and added the risk of losing tax-exempt status for speaking about political issues. Consequently, the church voice and influence over society and the public square have waned, reversing a tradition that was prevalent for over 300 years.

A current legal settlement involving the IRS, the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), Intercessors for America (IFA), and two Texas churches seeks to clarify protections for pastoral speech within congregational settings, but the matter remains tied up in the courts. Supporters of the Free Speech Fairness Act believe legislation would provide a more permanent resolution.

The current text of the *Free Speech Fairness Act* states” *A Bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow charitable organizations to make statements relating to political campaigns if such statements are made in the ordinary course of carrying out its tax-exempt purpose.*”

Currently, only about 1 in 3 Christians vote. Historically, pastors played a key role in encouraging their congregations to vote and run for office, to be strong and maintain Biblical values in the public square. Educating congregations on what the Bible says about cultural issues was commonplace prior to the Johnson Amendment. Our desire is to see a return to these traditional practices that helped maintain a moral and virtuous society in America.

## Who is Participating?

Nationwide organizations and individuals working together strategically, en masse, to effect change in legislation in a timely manner.

## Strategy

A nationwide, coordinated effort utilizing unified talking points and suggested timing for calls and emails to the members of House and Senate Committees will stimulate discussion and movement. The bills have been languishing for a year in the Ways and Means Committee in the House and the Finance Committee in the Senate. Your calls and emails will provide the necessary encouragement and push to move these bills along the pathway to legislation.

## Preferred Outcome

Move the Free Speech Fairness Act from committee to markup and eventually to the House and Senate floors, either as a standalone bill or as part of a broader legislative package during this session.

## Timeline for Action

Congress is in session on these dates:

- May 12–22 \*\*\*\*\* June 1–11 \*\*\*\*\* June 23–26

## Recommended Outreach Phases:

**Please make your Phase 1 calls between May 18-22 and June 1-5<sup>th</sup>.** When a federal elected official gets 40+ calls on a topic in one day, they take notice!

- May 18–22 \*\*\*\*\* June 1–5 \*\*\*\*\* June 23–26 (PHASE 2)

***Volunteers are encouraged to contact committee members during these periods to express support for the legislation utilizing suggested scripts below.***

***EIGHT is the Biblical number for completion or resurrection. That is why we are choosing 8 (or more) of the Ranking Majority Members of each committee to call. We join our collective faith with each other across the United States, trusting the God has presented this opportunity for multiple nationwide***

*groups to participate and that God will see it through. We leverage the authority we have as “We the People” to voice our prerogatives, en masse, to the point where our representative governing officials will take notice and respond accordingly. Please PRAY before your calls and PRAY over this overall effort, that God would give it supernatural momentum, authority and effectiveness.*

**CALL SCRIPT (guidelines) during Initial Outreach Phases:** (May 18-22 and June 1-5 – Repeat call the same members as many times as you wish, on different days within these time frames. This maximizes the number of calls the members get on a daily basis. Each call on a different day to the same official is tallied anew even if a call is made by the same person on the same topic.)

- 1) Of the 25 majority members of the **House Ways and Means Committee, select 8 (or more) members from the list to call. Please choose 8 random members, not just the 1<sup>st</sup> 8 on the list.** Call and/or leave a brief message if necessary. Address each official as *Congressman or Congresswomen (last name)*. State your encouragement and support for the Free Speech Fairness Act, a bicameral bill sponsored by Congressman Mark Harris in the House and Senator Lankford in the Senate. Share your name, state and organization you are part of (if applicable). You’d like to see the bill move out of committee into mark up and onto the floor as a stand-alone bill or part of a reconciliation bill. “I strongly support this bill, **HR 2501** and encourage you to move it forward.” Express gratitude and that you will pray for them. See list of Committee Members below.
- 2) Of the 12 majority members of the **Senate Finance Committee select 8 (or more) members from the list to call. Please choose 8 random members, not just the 1<sup>st</sup> 8 on the list.** Call and/or leave a brief message if necessary. Address each official as *Senator (last name)*. State your encouragement and support for the Free Speech Fairness Act, a bicameral bill sponsored by Congressman Mark Harris in the House and Senator Lankford in the Senate. Share your name, state and organization you are part of (if applicable). You’d like to see the bill move out of committee into mark up and onto the floor as a stand-alone bill or part of a reconciliation bill. “I strongly support this bill, **S-1205** and encourage you to move it forward.” Express gratitude and that you will pray for them.
- 3) Share more if you are comfortable (remember less is more – staffers generally tally based on # of calls and categorize based on subject you are calling about. On occasion they jot notes):

**See below for optional dialogue...**

**\*OPTIONAL - other possible talking points to substantiate your encouragement.**

*Use above script for all calls and if desired, choose a statement below or add your own conviction.*

- 1) Our nation was built on pulpits ablaze with righteousness (Alexis de Tocqueville) that gave brave patriots and Founding Fathers the courage, conviction, and moral foundation to declare our independence and fight for freedom/liberty. In our 250<sup>th</sup> year, I’d like to see a return to religious freedom and expression that made this nation great, especially freedom of religious expression and free speech for our pastors.
- 2) Our nation was birthed and maintained on Judeo-Christian principles and the moral law. The experiment in liberty was based on strength and principles from a moral and virtuous society was taught by ministers and through the Bible. In our 250<sup>th</sup> year, I’d like to see a return to religious freedom and expression that made this nation great. I want freedom of expression for our pastors to into what the Bible has to say about the political and cultural issues of the day without fear of retribution.
- 3) John Adams said our Constitution was written for a moral and virtuous society. It is wholly inadequate for the governance of any other. In our 250<sup>th</sup> year, I’d like to see a return to religious freedom and expression that made this nation great. I want

freedom of expression for our pastors to speak on what the Bible has to say about the political and cultural issues of the day without fear of retribution.

- 4) George Washington's Farewell address states that of all the habits and dispositions that lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. What better place to get these values than the church where pastors are free to speak on all topic addressed in the Bible, including government and political issues.
- 5) The free speech of pastors has been limited the Johnson Amendment since 1954. I'd like to see pastors unmuzzled/unbound, so today's pastors enjoy the same freedom ministers had for over 300 years since the colonial era until the Johnson Amendment.
- 6) I believe the Johnson Amendment is a violation of religious liberty and restrictive of pastors' rights to free expression and free speech. This nation was founded on Judeo-Christian principles and ministers sharing the full counsel of God on relevant topics of the day, including government and politics is necessary.
- 7) Since the Coach Kennedy Supreme Court Ruling of 2022 introduced the History and Traditions test for freedom of religious expression and overturned the Lemon Test of 1971, this Free Speech Fairness bill is now primed for passing. After all it is our 250<sup>th</sup> year where we celebrate the rich history of our Judeo-Christian heritage and liberty that has made America great.
- 8) I support this bill for a return to equal justice under the law, for the Constitutional Free Speech and Religious Liberty, especially for pastors. I recognize that this bill is the next moral, virtuous and logical step and honors the Coach Kennedy Supreme Court Ruling of 2022 that protects the Constitutionality of history and tradition in America.

#### **House Ways and Means Committee**

<https://waysandmeans.house.gov/>

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EACH VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL BOTH CHAIRS of the House Ways and Means Committee AND choose 8 others randomly from the list to call.

**Chairman Jason Smith – MO** *Phone: 202-225-4404*

**Ranking Member Richard Neal – MA** *Phone: (202) 225-5601*

#### **Majority Members:**

Vern Buchanan – FL (202) 225-5015

Adrian Smith - NE (202) 225-6435

Mike Kelly – PA (202) 225-5406

David Schweikert – AZ (202) 225-2190

Darin LaHood – IL (202) 225-6201

Jodey Arrington – TX (202) 225-4005

Ron Estes – KS (202) 225-6216

Lloyd Smucker – PA (202) 225-2411

Kevin Hern – OK (202) 225-2211

Carol Miller – WV (202) 225-3452

Greg Murphy – NC (202) 225-3415

David Kustoff – TN (202) 225-4714

Brian Fitzpatrick – PA (202) 225-4276

Greg Steube – FL (202) 225-5792

Claudia Tenney – NY (202) 225-3665  
Mischelle Fischbach – MN (202) 225-2165  
Blake Moore- UT (202) 225-0453  
Beth Van Duyne – TX (202) 225-6605  
Randy Feenstra - IA (202) 225-4426  
Nicole Malliotakis – NY (202) 225-3371  
Mike Carey – OH (202) 225-2015  
Rudy Yakym – IN (202)225-3915  
Max Miller – OH (202) 225-3876  
Aaron Bean – FL (202) 225-0123  
Nathaniel Moran – TX (202) 225-3035

**Senate Finance Committee:**

**<https://www.finance.senate.gov/about/membership>**

EACH VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL BOTH CHAIRS of the Senate Finance Committee AND choose 8 others randomly from the list to call.

**The Honorable Mike Crapo**, Chairman – ID (202) 224-6142  
**The Honorable Ron Wyden**, Ranking Member – OR (202) 224-5244

**Majority Members:**

Chuck Grassley – IA (202) 224-3744  
John Cornyn – TX (202) 224-2934  
John Thune – SD (202) 224-2321  
Tim Scott – SC (202) 224-6121  
CR. Bill Cassidy – LA (225) 929-7711  
James Lankford – OK (202) 224-5754 (BILL SPONSOR!!!)  
Steve Daines – MT (202) 224-2651  
Todd Young – IN (202) 224-5623  
John Barasso – WY (202) 224-6441  
Ron Johnson – WI (202) 224-5323  
Thom Tillis – NC (202) 224-6342  
Marsha Blackburn – TN (202) 224-3344  
Doc Marshall – KS (202) 224-4774

***THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!***

***This strategic effort takes time and commitment. We believe your efforts and contributions will be multiplied and impactful because we do this in faith, entrusting this project to God in America's 250<sup>th</sup> year to bring restoration to our nation..... For God's glory and our good. Amen!***