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Pastors and Christian ministry leaders have a high calling to preach the truth from the Word of God. Speaking the truth is essential all the time but it is especially important to do so when we elect leaders who will make law and policy that affect our faith, our families and our freedom. There is an ongoing struggle for the soul of America. Many people look to pastors and Christian ministry leaders for guidance on important moral and social issues.

Some people and organizations want pastors and Christian ministry leaders to remain silent while Rome burns. In the past some pastors and ministry leaders have received unsolicited letters making erroneous statements, which state that pastors may not address the views of political candidates and may not preach about biblical or moral issues because they are “political.” Sometimes these letters, or statements in the media, claim that churches will lose tax exemption if pastors speak about political or moral issues. Such claims are false and are mere scare tactics designed to silence Christian viewpoints. Do not be confused or intimidated by such claims.

To help you fulfill your high calling to fearlessly speak the truth, Liberty Counsel provides free information about what pastors and churches may do with respect to political candidates and lobbying. Liberty Counsel is a nationwide, religious liberty, public interest law firm dedicated to advancing religious freedom. Liberty Counsel has multiple regional offices and affiliate attorneys throughout the country. As a nonprofit ministry, Liberty Counsel provides free legal advice and representation. Our attorneys are some of the finest in the country.

If you have any questions or need any advice, please call 1-800-671-1776 or visit www.LC.org. Liberty Counsel provides a free DVD entitled *Pastors, Churches and Political Activity*. There is also a free article by the same name and a free one-page document entitled *Political and Legislative Guidelines for Pastors and Churches*.

As a former pastor and now a constitutional attorney and law school dean, I know what it means to be called to preach and speak the truth. Liberty Counsel is dedicated to helping you fulfill your calling to preach the Word of God to this generation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mathew D. Staver'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'M' and 'S'.

Mathew D. Staver, Esq.

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