

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

To: The Pastors, Executive Teams, and Elders of the Largest Evangelical Churches in Colorado,

For years, our state has been steadily undermined by liberal ideologies that erode our freedoms, threaten our families' livelihoods, and reject the truth of God's Word. As Psalm 11:3 warns, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" We recognize that faithful people may differ on these issues, and many of you have chosen silence or neutrality to preserve unity. That time is over.

A barrage of legislation—House Bill 25-1312, Senate Bill 183, House Bill 1309, and Senate Bill 129—marks a brazen assault on our God-given rights and biblical values. HB 25-1312 redefines misgendering as child abuse and discrimination, stripping parents of their authority (Ephesians 6:4) and exposing businesses, schools, and even churches to legal peril. SB 183 forces taxpayers to fund abortions, defying the sanctity of life knit together in the womb (Psalm 139:13). HB 1309 mandates "gender-affirming care" in all health plans, and SB 129 expands access to out-of-state telehealth abortion pills. These bills are a direct attack on the created order—"male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27)—and the sanctity of life.

The cultural tide of gender dysphoria and its aggressive advocates has surged, often because God's people have remained silent—silenced by fear, pressure, or a misplaced sense of civility. As Isaiah 5:20 declares, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil," yet some of you may still believe neutrality is prudent. We implore you: that path is no longer viable. California and Minnesota have already walked this road with bills mirroring these—California's AB 3129 and Minnesota's HF 4206—and the consequences have been disastrous. In California, mandating gender-affirming care and overriding parental consent has driven up healthcare costs, bankrupting small businesses unable to comply and straining an already overburdened system. Families have fled the state, unwilling to surrender their children to state overreach. In Minnesota, similar laws redefining parental roles have sparked legal battles, fractured communities, and left schools in chaos as educators grapple with unfunded mandates and conflicting rights. These states now

reel from economic decline, eroded trust, and a deepening cultural divide—all traceable to the silence of those who knew better. Proverbs 29:25 cautions, “The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.” Silence has ensnared us long enough.

We, the undersigned, stand resolute, like Nehemiah against Sanballat (Nehemiah 4:14) or Elijah against the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:21). Our conviction is unwavering, but your influence is unmatched. You lead Colorado’s largest Bible-believing churches, guiding thousands along the Front Range. We call you now to a clear and urgent task: Join us and others to publicly denounce these bills, rally your congregations to oppose them, and lead a united stand before the Colorado Senate acts. As 1 Timothy 4:12 urges, “Set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.”

The hour demands your voice—bold and unapologetic. Use your platforms to defend parents, protect our institutions, and resist this tide. Silence is no longer neutral; it is surrender. The desire for popularity must yield to principle. HB 25-1312 has passed the House; the Senate could follow soon. The time to act is now—before parents lose their children to state control, before businesses and schools collapse under coercion, before abortion becomes a taxpayer burden we cannot escape. Your people need you to lead in this fight. If not now, when? James 4:17 reminds us, “Whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.”

Therefore, we call you to join us in the following **prophetic** actions:

- **Prioritize posts** about this issue in all of your messaging. A social media video of yourself imploring your people is preferential, especially including a similar call to action for your people. Let your voice echo Ezekiel 33:6, where the watchman who fails to sound the alarm bears the blood of the fallen.
- **Preach** about it. Faithfully and boldly apply the powerful truth of God’s Word to this issue, providing leadership to a confused and frustrated people. Clarity is a love language, and your voice from the pulpit is needed now. As 2 Timothy 4:2 commands, “Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

- **Petition** our representatives. Immediately contact your local area representatives in the Colorado Senate, and make yours and your people's voices heard on behalf of truth and sanity. **Push** your people to do the same. Proverbs 31:8-9 calls us to “open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute... defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

Edmund Burke warned, “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” We appeal to you as men and fellow co-laborers for the Kingdom: Stand, and do something.

To stay silent is to speak; to refrain is to act. Cast aside fear and join us as faithful undershepherds, wielding the rod and staff for our flocks (Psalm 23:4). History—and our Lord—will judge us by what we do next. Matthew 25:40 echoes in our ears: “As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” Will we stand for the least—the unborn, the confused, the oppressed—or shrink back? Now is the time. If not now, when?

Respectfully, and in Christ alone,

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