



RESOLUTION

Urging Strong Protections for Donor Privacy in Charitable Giving

- WHEREAS** National Religious Broadcasters is a non-partisan, international association of Christian communicators whose member organizations reach millions of listeners, viewers, and readers;
- WHEREAS** Since its founding, NRB has devoted itself to protecting First Amendment guarantees of religious liberty, free speech, and freedom of the press, particularly as they undergird the mission of Christian communicators to proclaim the Gospel freely and fully on electronic media, including broadcast, cable, satellite, and Internet platforms;
- WHEREAS** The U.S. Senate in January 2022 rejected S. 2747, the latest bid to amend the Federal Elections Campaign Act of 1971. This legislation contained proposals that would have effectively withdrawn the authority of states to conduct elections as they see fit, with serious impacts on donor and associational privacy and compliance costs for media and advocacy organizations;
- WHEREAS** NRB has long opposed amendments to the Federal Elections Campaign Act of 1971 to establish new public reporting requirements for those organizations spending \$10,000 or more during an election cycle, including the release of the names and addresses of donors giving \$10,000 or more to such groups;
- WHEREAS** Donor privacy is an essential principle for nonprofits. Many organizations rely on donations in order to continue supporting family values, and there is concern that public disclosure of members and donors of organizations that support "controversial" viewpoints or candidates might subject them to threats, harassment, and reprisals;
- WHEREAS** If top donors fear reprisal from public disclosure of charitable giving, this will have a chilling effect on the donations to nonprofits that enable Christian organizations to distribute messages on issues of importance that serve the public.
- WHEREAS** NRB recognizes the importance of ensuring access to the ballot box while maintaining the integrity of elections, and opposes election reform legislation that penalizes charitable giving rather than addressing real threats to free and fair elections;
- THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED** that NRB commends the Senate for rejecting S. 2747 and opposes any similar proposals.

Approved by the Board of Directors March 8, 2022