



## Christian Voices for Life

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### Attack on Religious Freedom

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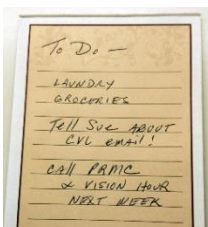
**Education:** As conflicts arise between what is deemed acceptable by many and what others consider to be immoral, religious freedom to follow our consciences is under attack. A recent example is the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual) community fighting “discrimination” by faith-based organizations in the field of adoption. Some governmental units have required agencies which accept government funds to accept homosexual couples as potential adoptive parents. In 2006, Catholic Charities shut down its adoptive services in Boston rather than comply. In 2015, the state of Michigan passed a law allowing faith-based agencies to freely exercise their religious beliefs as they operate their agencies. The law does not exclude anyone from adopting; agencies who turn away couples must provide them with a list of agencies who accept homosexual couples. Six other states have followed suit to protect the religious freedom of agencies as they serve the community. (1) The Texas law went into effect on Sep 1, 2017.(2) Congress is also considering the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act to provide the same protection on a national basis.(3)

In September of 2017, ACLU (American Civic Liberties Union) filed a lawsuit against the state of Michigan to stop this law from “allowing discrimination” against homosexual couples who wish to parent.(1) They argue that the state should allow as many parents as possible to adopt in order to provide more children with homes. The fact is, however, that the law does not prevent anyone from adopting, but if certain agencies are eliminated from serving, there will be fewer agencies working to match children with parents. In any case, it is vital for religious freedom to be protected, so that those whose values differ from the culture are not forced to choose between their values and their jobs or ability to serve. Health professionals in particular must be allowed to refuse to participate in abortion or euthanasia. Faith-based organizations must be allowed to practice their faith by service to the community – and follow their faith as they do so.

1. <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/acLU-sues-michigan-for-allowing-adoption-agencies-to-refuse-same-sex-couple>
2. <https://rewire.news/legislative-tracker/law/texas-protection-rights-conscience-child-welfare-services-providers-hb-3859/>
3. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1881>



**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, Please allow every child to find a stable and loving home. Please help our nation to understand that to treat different people differently does not always constitute discrimination. Please protect our religious freedom to follow our consciences as we serve the community or operate businesses. Help all citizens to be wise in voting for government representatives who will protect religious freedom, and recognize the inherent differences between marriage and homosexual unions.



**Action:** Understand that while ACLU purports to fight for liberty, they have clearly adopted the agenda of the LGBT community to force our nation to accept homosexual couples as equal in every way to married couples. To find material to explain the reality of marriage and why homosexual partnerships are not the same as marriage, go [here](#). For an explanation of the need for the Conscience Protections Act of 2017, go [here](#).