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The Honorable [Name of Representative] OR
United States House of Representatives
[Office Location] House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable [Name of Senator]
United State Senate
[Office Location] Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear [Congressman or Senator _____]:

On behalf of the [Name of church and school], which is a member of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools, I want to take this opportunity to express my thoughts on the First Amendment Defense Act. The original purpose of this bill is to prevent the federal government from discriminating against any person or group based on their belief in the millennia old traditional definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman. ODACS has supported FADA in the past and would continue to support a version of the bill whose purpose is to protect those who hold to the traditional view of the definition of marriage.

ODACS ministries believe strongly in the Biblical definition of marriage. We believe that since marriage is an institution established by God Himself, rather than an invention of mankind, only God has the authority to define what marriage is and is not. It is therefore incumbent upon human beings to acknowledge and accept God's design for and definition of marriage. Consistent with the fact that He has established the marriage relationship to be between one man and one woman are the self-evident realities that men and women are designed to complement one another physically, emotionally, and sexually.

The efforts to normalize homosexual relationships and to force people to affirm homosexual activity as natural and wholesome are nothing new, nor do they represent progress. They have been tried in ancient cultures, and they always ultimately fail, proving destructive to the participants and to the cultures in the process. The promulgation of the myth that homosexual sex can be "safe" defies reason and flies in the face of the federal government's own data.

No law, no court, and no decree can ever succeed at eradicating these firmly held beliefs. ODACS ministries must be free to teach children and adults the truth about God's purpose for marriage, to encourage them to experience the wonderful blessing that traditional marriage can be, and to take upon themselves the serious responsibilities that God assigns to a husband and a wife. To punish any institution or individual for refusing to violate their conscience with regard to this sacred institution is a gross miscarriage of justice, entirely inconsistent with the Constitution, and counterproductive to the best interest of our civil society. We appreciate your considering our perspective as the debate over FADA continues in the Congress. Thank you for your service to our state and to our nation.

Sincerely,

[Name]
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