

Amici believe that the FAA's application of RFRA, if adopted by this Court, would largely destroy RFRA as a meaningful constraint on the application of federal laws to override religious rights and interests. That, in turn, would deprive *amici*, their members, and all people of faith of the important protection for religious liberty that RFRA has heretofore provided. And such an approach would enfeeble other statutory and constitutional protections that rest upon similar formulations of strict scrutiny.

Amici believe that their collective experience in this area of the law will enable them to aid the Court in clarifying the application of RFRA to the facts of this case, and so will assist the Court in its resolution of this motion. *Amici* have reviewed the Petitioners' filings and are confident that their focused examination of the application of RFRA in their brief avoids redundancy and should prove valuable to the Court.

They therefore respectfully consent that their motion for leave to file the attached brief *amicus curiae* be granted.

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Institute on Religion and Public Policy

International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

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Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

Jubilee Campaign USA

Liberty Counsel

Liberty Legal Institute

Minaret of Freedom Institute

National Council of Churches USA

Peyote Way Church

Queens Federation of Churches

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Religious Freedom Action Coalition

Sikh Coalition

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Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations

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