



*Non datur libertas sine veritate.*

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Dear sisters and brothers,

May God bless you! I am grateful for your efforts on behalf of religious freedom, whether you are a seasoned veteran in these issues, or are just beginning to get involved.

Catholic adoption and foster care ministries are in a precarious position. Pennsylvania, where I was born and raised, may join Illinois, Massachusetts, California, and the District of Columbia on the list of places that exclude child welfare service providers who believe that children do best with a married mother and father. The Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act aims to protect these faith-based ministries.

I urge you to contact your Representatives and urge them to support the Inclusion Act. You can [send an email](#), [make a phone call](#), and even [write a letter to the editor](#) of your local news source.

Thank you for your service to the Church!

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord,  
Most Reverend Joseph Kurtz  
Archbishop of Louisville  
Chair, Committee for Religious Liberty

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**Archbishop Kurtz: Excluding faith-based providers harms kids by cutting off agencies that can help them**



(CNS photo/Bob Roller)

"We must speak up for the children in need and for the freedom to serve these children. It is unacceptable that the government would be allowed to discriminate against a social services provider on account of its religious beliefs." [Read more.](#)

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## **Support the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act: Contact your Representative & Senators today!**

The federal Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act (H.R. 1881 / S. 811) would prevent government discrimination against faith-based child welfare service providers, including adoption and foster care agencies. Contact your U.S. senators and representatives today and ask them to co-sponsor and support the federal Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act! [Read more.](#)

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## **First Freedom Podcast**



[Supreme Court round-up](#) with Anthony Picarello, Michael Moses, and Hillary Byrnes!

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## **God's Servant First Blog: Inclusion Act Myths & Reality**

The Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act aims to protect adoption and foster care ministries. It was recently approved by the House Appropriations Committee, and now that it's making progress, myths and half-truths are getting some attention. Here are a few. [Read more.](#)



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