

# FREEDOM FROM RELIGION *foundation*

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The Honorable Mike Pence  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. Pence:

We are pleased to inform you that the Freedom From Religion Foundation, to date, has collected more than \$100,000 from nearly 2,000 donors across the country — *in your name*. The donations are designated for FFRF's legal fund "to send a message to Mike Pence and his boss: **The only wall we need is between church and state.**" Many of the individuals who donated to FFRF's legal fund indicated they would like us to share their names with you. That list is attached.

Donors responded to an appeal, "Give dollars and cents to counteract Pence":  
"Your gift to FFRF's legal fund in Mike Pence's name will be subversive (and deductible for income tax purposes). We'll use your kind donation to fight the imposition of religion by our government under the guise of 'religious liberty.' We'll put your donation to work to shore up the fence Pence needs to honor: the wall of separation between state and church."

FFRF is a national membership organization for freethinkers (atheists and agnostics) as well as a state/church watchdog. Our 27,000 members are gravely concerned by your well-known pronouncement as a candidate: "I'm a Christian, a conservative and a Republican in that order." We believe that elected officials should consider themselves: First) Americans; Second) public officials cognizant they have taken an oath of office to uphold a godless Constitution, and Third) citizens who do not misuse the authority of their secular office to promote their personal viewpoints on religion.

We believe as vice president you need to show reverence for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The framers of our Constitution were first among nations to adopt an entirely secular Constitution. They deliberately did not pray during the Constitutional Convention that adopted it. They placed sovereignty not in a divinity but in "We, the People." The oath of office for the president, provided for verbatim in the Constitution itself, notably omits any reference to swearing on a holy book or saying "So help me, God." As President Thomas Jefferson noted, the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution erects "a wall of separation between church and state," one which, the Supreme Court has previously noted, must remain "high and impregnable."

Very truly

Annie Laurie Gaylor  
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