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Subject: Government Must Stay Neutral on Religion

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concern about a recent violation of the separation of church and state that has taken place in our community. **[Briefly describe the incident: e.g., a public school promoting prayer, government funds used for religious purposes, a government official endorsing religion, etc.].**

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits government preference of religion, ensuring that all citizens — religious and nonreligious alike — are treated equally under the law. When government officials use their positions to promote religion, it not only excludes those of us who don't share those beliefs but also undermines the fundamental principle of religious freedom for everyone.

This is not just a legal issue — it's about fairness and respect for the diversity of beliefs or nonbeliefs in our community. Government neutrality on religion protects people of all faiths and none. If officials wish to express their personal religious beliefs, they are free to do so in their private lives — but not in their official capacity.

I urge local leaders to take corrective action to uphold the constitutional principle of church-state separation and make certain that the government remains neutral on matters of religion. If we truly value religious freedom, we must hold public institutions accountable when they cross the line.

Sincerely,

[Your Name, or "Concerned Citizen"]

[Your City]