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The Honorable Adam Hamilton
United States Senator-elect
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Re: Concerns regarding Capitol Ministries' congressional Bible studies

Dear Senator-elect Hamilton:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) to raise concerns about your potential participation in religious activities organized for members of Congress, particularly Bible studies conducted by Capitol Ministries, an organization with a troubling history of promoting Christian nationalist ideology and seeking to influence public policy through its religious teachings. FFRF is a national nonprofit organization with more than 40,000 members across the country, including members in Kansas. Our purposes are to protect the constitutional principle of separation between state and church and to educate the public on matters relating to nontheism.

We were encouraged by your comments in a November 11, 2026, Religion News Service interview, in which you expressed opposition to efforts to impose Christianity on Americans.[1] You explained:

"I'm interested in us not trying to impose Christianity on America — as some Christian nationalists might try to do. Instead, it's thoughtful people who are asking, 'What does it look like to love my neighbor as I love myself? What does it look like to do unto others as I'd have them do unto us, or do unto me?'"

We appreciate your recognition that Christian nationalism poses a threat to religious freedom and pluralism. Your stated commitment to rejecting the imposition of Christianity on the American public is particularly important at a time when Christian nationalist organizations are increasingly seeking to influence government officials and public policy.

However, we were concerned by your reference to religious gatherings in the Senate:

"I've heard already that there's two Bible studies Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Senate, and one prayer service on Wednesdays. The prayer service is pretty bipartisan — it's roughly evenly split between Republicans and Democrats."

While these gatherings are not all affiliated with Capitol Ministries, at least one of the Bible studies you referenced appears to be connected to that organization. We urge you to carefully consider the nature and objectives of any religious organization seeking your participation, particularly Capitol Ministries.

[1] https://bit.ly/4zKw6DY.

Capitol Ministries is not simply a religious fellowship offering spiritual support to elected officials. It is an organization that has explicitly sought to shape government policy by influencing lawmakers through its particular interpretation of Christianity.[2]

Founded by Ralph Drollinger, Capitol Ministries has spent years promoting an exclusionary vision of government rooted in evangelical Christianity. Its teachings have included attacks on LGBTQ rights[3], reproductive freedom, and the separation of church and state.

Drollinger has argued that government officials have a responsibility to advance biblical principles through their public duties. His teachings have also promoted the idea that Christianity should guide the development of public policy and the conduct of government.

These positions raise serious concerns about the organization's efforts to blur the distinction between personal religious belief and the responsibilities of public office.

Although Capitol Ministries has undergone leadership changes, its longstanding mission of influencing government leaders through religious instruction warrants careful scrutiny.

The organization's activities are particularly concerning because they target elected officials in their official capacities, cultivating relationships with lawmakers who possess the authority to enact legislation affecting millions of Americans of diverse religious beliefs and no religious beliefs at all.

Participation in such activities risks lending legitimacy to an organization whose objectives conflict with the constitutional principle that the government must remain neutral toward religion.

FFRF recognizes and respects your constitutional right, like that of every American, to practice your religion freely. Members of Congress do not surrender their personal religious freedom upon taking public office.

However, we discourage elected officials from participating in religious services and activities organized around their governmental positions, particularly when those gatherings take place within government institutions or are designed specifically for lawmakers.

The Capitol is the seat of a secular government representing Americans of every faith and no faith. Religious gatherings organized specifically for government officials can create the impression that religious participation is intertwined with public service or that particular religious perspectives enjoy privileged access to lawmakers. This concern exists even when such gatherings are bipartisan or when participants have sincere and well-intentioned religious motivations.

While private religious observance by lawmakers is constitutionally protected, public officials should remain mindful of the distinction between their personal religious commitments and their obligations to represent all constituents equally.

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[2] https://ffrf.org/news/releases/ffrf-renews-opposition-to-extremist-bible-study-at-highest-levels-of-u-s-government/.
[3] https://capmin.org/biblical-theology-of-marriage-what-scripture-teaches-about-same-sex-marriage/.

Your public opposition to Christian nationalism suggests that you recognize the dangers of allowing religious ideology to dictate government policy. We hope you will apply that same scrutiny to the organizations seeking to engage you in religious activities during your Senate service.

We urge you to decline participation in Capitol Ministries' Bible studies and to avoid lending your name, position, or credibility to an organization whose teachings and objectives undermine the religious neutrality essential to our constitutional system.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will continue to speak out against Christian nationalism and uphold the constitutional separation between state and church throughout your service in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,



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