

To Whom It May Concern,

We, the undersigned faith leaders and representatives of diverse religious communities, write in support of Senate Bill 1070, legislation intended to protect houses of worship and religious gatherings from intentional disruption.

Our traditions may differ in doctrine, practice, and form, but we are united in this conviction: every person should be free to gather for worship, prayer, teaching, and religious observance without fear of harassment, intimidation, or deliberate interference.

Places of worship are sacred spaces. They are where people seek God, grieve loss, celebrate life, pursue truth, and find moral direction. For many communities, they are also centers of service, charity, counseling, education, and civic stability. When religious gatherings are intentionally disrupted, the harm reaches beyond a single moment. It unsettles congregations, weakens trust, and undermines a fundamental freedom that serves the common good.

At a time when tension, hostility, and division too often spill into public life, lawmakers have an opportunity to reinforce a basic standard of respect. No synagogue, church, mosque, temple, or other house of worship should have to wonder whether its members can gather safely and in peace. Protecting these spaces strengthens both religious liberty and civil society.

For these reasons, we urge support for Senate Bill 1070.

Respectfully,