

APPENDIX

Individual Statements of Interest

The **Christian Legal Society** (CLS) is an association of Christian attorneys, law students, and law professors, with student chapters at approximately 90 law schools. Since 1975, CLS's Center for Law and Religious Freedom has worked to protect religious freedom in the courts, legislatures, and public square. CLS believes that civic pluralism, which is essential to a free society, prospers only when the First Amendment rights of all Americans are protected. CLS filed briefs *amicus curiae* in support of the inclusion of religious speech and religious speakers in *Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches School District*, 508 U.S. 393 (1993); *Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia*, 515 U.S. 819 (1995); and *Good News Club v. Milford School District*, 533 U.S. 98 (2001). The Center has represented students, community groups, and other speakers seeking to engage in religious speech on public property in many cases in the lower courts as well as this Court. CLS helped lead the coalitions that supported passage of the Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 4071-4074, which protects public secondary school students' meetings for religious, political, philosophical, and other speech, as well as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb, *et seq.*, which protects all Americans' free exercise of religion against infringement by the federal government.

The **American Association of Christian Schools** (AACCS) serves Christian schools and their students through a network of thirty-eight state affiliate organizations and two international organizations. The AACCS represents more than 750 schools nationally. The AACCS believes that the first amendment provides a broad space for religious speech and protects expressions of religious viewpoints in the public square. We believe eternal vigilance is necessary to prevent government prohibitions on the free exercise of religion and freedom of speech.

The **Anglican Church in North America** (ACNA) unites some 100,000 Anglicans in more than 1,000 congregations across the United States and Canada into a single Church. It is a Province in the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans, initiated at the request of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCon) and formally recognized by the GAFCon Primates – leaders of Anglican Churches representing 70 percent of active Anglicans globally. The ACNA is determined with God’s help to maintain the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as the Anglican Way has received them and to defend the God-given inalienable human right to free exercise of religion.

The **Association of Christian Schools International** (ACSI) is a nonprofit association providing support services to 24,000 Christian schools in over 100 countries. ACSI serves 2700 Christian pre-schools, elementary, and secondary schools and 90 post-secondary institutions in the United States. Member-schools educate some 5.5 million children around

the world. ACSI accredits Protestant pre-K–12 schools, provides professional development and teacher certification, and offers member-schools high-quality curricula, student testing and a wide range of student activities. ACSI members advance the common good by providing quality education and spiritual formation to their students. ACSI's calling relies upon a vibrant Christian faith that embraces every aspect of life. This gives ACSI an interest in ensuring expansive religious liberty with strong protection from government attempts to restrict it.

The Council for Christian Colleges & Universities is a higher education association of more than 180 Christian institutions around the world. With campuses across the globe, including more than 150 in the U.S. and Canada and nearly 30 more from an additional 18 countries, CCCU institutions are accredited, comprehensive colleges and universities whose missions are Christ-centered and rooted in the historic Christian faith. The CCCU's mission is to advance the cause of Christ-centered higher education and to help our institutions transform lives by faithfully relating scholarship and service to biblical truth. The CCCU believes that people and institutions of faith contribute much good to society. CCCU institutions and their students advance faith and intellect for the common good. Therefore, it is of deep concern to the CCCU and its member institutions that faith be able to gain equal access to the public square.

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is the highest administrative level of the

Seventh-day Adventist Church and represents more than 154,000 congregations with more than 20 million members worldwide, including 6,300 congregations and more than 1.2 million members in the United States. In the United States, the work of the church is divided between 51 conferences, eight union of conferences, the North American Division and finally the General Conference itself. The General Conference has a strong interest in being able to communicate its messages to the wider public. The exclusion of religious groups from being able to advertise on an equal basis with secular institutions in government owned forums is concerning and should be addressed.

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (“the Synod”) has some 6,100 member congregations with 2,000,000 baptized members throughout the United States. The Synod has 35 districts, two auxiliaries, two seminaries, nine universities, numerous related Synod-wide corporate entities, hundreds of recognized service organizations and the largest Protestant parochial school system in America. The Synod has a keen interest in protecting religious liberty generally, and the right to be free from religious-viewpoint discrimination under the First Amendment, particularly.

Queens Federation of Churches was organized in 1931 and is an ecumenical association of Christian churches located in the Borough of Queens, City of New York. It is governed by a Board of Directors composed of an equal number of clergy and lay members elected by the delegates of member congregations at an annual assembly meeting. Over 390 local churches

representing every major Christian denomination and many independent congregations participate in the Federation's ministry.

World Vision, Inc. (U.S.) is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Throughout the world, we support the provision of emergency relief in disasters as well as long-term sustainable development in the areas of food, maternal and child health, birth spacing, education (especially of girls), economic livelihood, child protection, and gender equality. World Vision internationally has become the world's largest private provider of clean water.

World Vision, Inc. (U.S.) shares a commitment to free speech without discrimination, including the right of faith-based organizations to have equal access to the public square. Our work depends on educating and inviting the general public into transformational engagement with the most vulnerable children in God's world.
