

3 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE VOTING ON MEASURE 3:

MEASURE 3 IS NECESSARY

Measure 3 does only one thing: It restores religious liberty to North Dakota's constitution

Today in North Dakota, our state government has the power to restrict religious freedom *regardless of whether or not it has a compelling reason*. Legal experts agree that because there is no current remedy under state law, when government wins, religion loses. Then we all lose.

Measure 3 was created to fix that – *to force government to be fully accountable to the First Amendment* and to prove a compelling need any time it even approaches such a foundational freedom as the right of conscience.

Some have asked, “Isn’t freedom of religion guaranteed in the First Amendment? Do we really need this?” It’s a fair question. But you don’t have to look far today to see that the threat to religious freedom is real:

- Just last week an appeals court in New Mexico ruled against wedding photographers who declined to photograph the “commitment ceremony” of a same-sex couple on the grounds it would conflict with their moral beliefs. They were sued for “sexual orientation discrimination,” and the

court ruled *against* the photographers’ First Amendment rights of conscience.

- At universities around the country like San Diego State, and more recently in Tennessee at Vanderbilt, policies for on-campus religious groups are being instituted that *force* them to accept members and leaders even when they disagree with the core values and beliefs of the group – at the risk of losing university recognition, privileges, and benefits!
- While the Obama administration’s incendiary HHS mandate is a federal issue, it clearly demonstrates the hostility toward religion being exercised by government agencies today. HHS announced they would enforce a rule *requiring* religious non-profits to pay for abortions and contraception – *no matter if it violated religious beliefs*.

These are not the first, and they won’t be the last, of such anti-religious actions that pit rights of conscience against politically correct thinking on issues like marriage and life.

MEASURE 3 IS PROVEN

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A lot of claims have been made that this amendment will justify – in the name of religion – things like men beating their wives, or even marrying 12-year girls!! The truth? Measure 3 leaves *intact* the power to enforce laws against these and other harmful acts. In fact, 27 other states use the same standard in



■ 27 STATES THAT HAVE ADOPTED PROTECTIONS LIKE MEASURE 3

Measure 3, yet opponents have not named one case in any of those states to support their claims. Measure 3 only acts to *restore* religious liberty...not to protect violence or inappropriate behavior. We’re confident that informed voters will see past these wild exaggerations.

MEASURE 3 IS URGENT

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It might surprise you to know that Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider, has funded nearly all the negative opposition and scare tactics against Measure 3. That opposition puts at risk many of the religiously-affiliated hospitals and clinics that provide Medicare and Medicaid services; eldercare and indigent care; substance abuse programs; hospice care; housing assistance

for the disabled and homeless; soup kitchens and food pantries for the poor, and many more that benefit North Dakota’s needy. If Planned Parenthood and their allies have their way, restrictions and mandates will be forced on these groups, ultimately denying these benefits to all North Dakotans simply because they are being provided by people of faith.

★★★ VOTE ★★★
YES ON 3
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

On Tuesday, June 12 vote to restore religious liberty in North Dakota

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3

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