

THERE ARE COMPELLING FUNDAMENTAL REASONS FOR RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIPS TO FUND THEIR FAITH AND THE GOVERNMENT TO FUND SECULAR FUNCTIONS: THE WALL OF SEPARATION SHOULD BE REBUILT

Government funds in Ohio have been used to subsidize the religious functions of faith groups for at least five decades. (Private schools are one of the functions of some religious groups). The funding (direct payments and vouchers) for parochial schools is rapidly escalating year by year.

In the past quarter century, vouchers have greatly expanded the subsidization of parochial schools. HB290 will put the subsidization of parochial schools on steroids. Taxpayers should not be required to fund the religious activities of religious groups that sponsor parochial schools.

Both the church and state lose when government pays for the faith of an individual or a fellowship of individuals. A late-18th century clergyman, John Leland, said it this way, "The very tendency of religious establishments by human law, is to make some hypocrites, and the rest fools; they are calculated to destroy those very virtues that religion is designed to build up; to encourage fraud and violence over the earth. It is error alone that stands in need of government to support it; truth can and will do better without."

Jesus said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." He didn't demand support from Caesar to launch His kingdom.

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