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Oppose Senate Bill 4 (SB 4)

Dear Delegates of Maryland,

My name is Samuel Kim and I am a constituent residing in District 12A . I am writing this letter to express my opposition towards Senate Bill 4 and I urge you to oppose this bill as it is a violation of our First Amendment Rights. To condition nonprofit status on the terms of surrendering our First Amendment Rights is unconstitutional and goes against what our nation was founded upon. It is the right of churches and ministries to speak about societal affairs, and it's something that should never be taken away.

The government should not condition nonprofit status in a way that pressures organizations to limit or control the ideas they express. I oppose this bill because this bill tries to do exactly that. By giving the government power to impose fines and even strip away Maryland income tax, sales tax, and even property tax exemptions for our churches, parsonages, and religious schools for speaking about candidates and elections, which is our God-given liberty, the State of Maryland is attempting to silence political and religious speech. This bill would infringe upon our constitutionally protected religious and political expression. Recently, a South Korean pastor, name Son Hyun Bo, was imprisoned for leading a prayer and speaking his convictions, thinking that he had the freedom and right to do so, which he discovered that he hadn't. I am afraid that passing this bill will set a dangerous precedent for the future of our nation.

We must protect the freedom our nation was founded upon. Taking away freedom of speech is a step in the opposite direction. I implore you to take action and not tolerate SB 4. Please, vote against Senate Bill 4.

Best regards,

Samuel Kim