

I am against the *Keeping Charities Nonpartisan Act of 2026*. It raises real concerns because it gives the state more power to punish churches and charities over political speech, which violates the First amendment. The government adding a layer of coercion in the hopes to limit the speech of churches and pastors infringes on a right that was given to us by God, free speech. Punishing churches and pastors for voicing their opinion for two years is unusual and unjust. That kind of consequence could push churches and nonprofits to stay completely silent on anything that even resembles political discussion, just to avoid the risk. Which goes against a free society. Many churches depend on donations to support their ministries, so putting that funding at risk could have a negative effect on more than just churches, but the people the government swears to protect and serve. Instead of bettering our country, you may end up silencing voices instead.