



Resolution

URGING THE CONGRESS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THE AUTONOMY OF RELIGIOUS NON-PROFIT GROUPS

- WHEREAS** Senator Charles Grassley, in his capacity as a member of the Senate Finance Committee, has considered potential changes to IRS rules that impact religious non-profit organizations; and
- WHEREAS** Senator Grassley has appointed the Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability (ECFA) to form an advisory committee made up of representatives of the religious and non-profit community to consider such issues; and
- WHEREAS** the United States Supreme Court has ruled that, under the First Amendment, non-profit religious organizations possess a constitutional right of autonomy in many of their essential functions and operations, and our Founding Fathers envisioned that churches and religious groups should be able to operate free of entangling, or oppressive oversight from the government; and
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Religious Broadcasters hereby urges Senator Charles Grassley, and the Congress, to exercise extreme caution in considering potential legislative or regulatory changes that impact religious non-profit organizations, and urges them to avoid any changes to IRS rules, or tax policies or the introduction of any new legislation which would have the realistic result of minimizing the autonomy of religious non-profit groups, or increasing the nature or extent of government surveillance over, or interference with, religious organizations.