

Subject: Georgia Residents Urge Support for SB 542



My name is [Your Name], and I am a Georgia resident writing to respectfully **ask for your support on SB 542.**

Georgia is home to nearly **15,000 religious organizations and faith-based nonprofits**, with thousands of clergy serving communities across our state.

Under current Georgia law, a gap can prevent prosecutors from charging certain forms of sexual misconduct when a clergy member exploits their position of spiritual authority to engage in sexual contact.

SB 542 closes that gap by clarifying that clergy can be charged under the same improper sexual contact statute that already applies to other positions of authority.

The legislation was sponsored by Senator Randy Robertson of the 29th District and **passed the Georgia Senate with a unanimous vote**, reflecting bipartisan recognition that this clarification is needed. Survivors and advocates across Georgia support this bill as an important step toward strengthening accountability.

As SB 542 comes before the House, we respectfully urge you to support this measure to ensure Georgia law protects individuals from sexual exploitation by those in positions of spiritual trust.

Please vote YES on SB 542.

Sincerely,
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