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Hon. Asa Hutchinson  
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Governor Hutchinson:

On behalf of Americans who value religious liberty, thank you for signing Arkansas's Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) into law. By taking a stand for faith and freedom, you demonstrated an exceptional commitment to religious liberty in your State. For protecting religious freedom, and for setting an example for other leaders to follow, we commend you.

You clearly understand the importance of the RFRA in defending the right of all Arkansans to guide their lives according to the dictates of their faith and conscience. That law gives people of all faiths a fair hearing whenever their religious liberty is threatened by the government. And it protects Arkansans' freedom to be left alone to run their lives, businesses, charities, and schools in accordance with their sincerely held religious beliefs.

For freedom to flourish, we must protect citizens against state action that coerces them to violate their faith. That's precisely what this law does. And it is precisely what federal and state RFRA's have been doing for over two decades.

In a pluralistic society like ours, people should be free to live and work consistent with their convictions. By signing the RFRA into law, you have significantly advanced the cause of religious freedom. We hope that your principled stand will inspire other leaders all across America to act with similar courage and resolve in the ongoing fight over our Nation's enduring commitment to religious freedom.

With sincere gratitude,

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