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Dear Friends and Allies, November 28, 2023

"First they ignore you. Then they ridicule you. And then they attack you and want to burn you. And then they build monuments to you." *— Nicholas Klein, trade union activist, 1918*

Let me tell you, the fundamentalist, dominionist Christian nationalists attempting a religious takeover of our military from without and within have certainly tried to disregard MRFF–but if you know anything about me, this organization, and our dogged and dauntless roster of researchers, advocates, experts, and litigators, we absolutely will not be ignored. They don't make envelopes big enough for us to include an exhaustive accounting of the manifold victories and achievements MRFF has won on behalf of our more than **85,000 clients** over the last 18 years**–which were only possible because of your generous support.**

Many have tried to ridicule and minimize our impact, too. But even the "everyday" triumphs like getting a sectarian religious painting removed or forcing a unit commander to stop signing his emails with a Bible verse are monumental victories for our mission. Why is that? Because nothing matters more to that Soldier, Marine, Sailor, Airman, Guardian, Coast Guardsman, or military family member who was brave enough to reach out because they needed MRFF's help.

That brings me to the latest attack on MRFF, which is no less than an unconstitutional assassination attempt on the very existence of our organization. Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH) snuck a pernicious poison pill of an amendment into H.R. 2670, the pending 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which would literally make it ILLEGAL for members of the military to communicate with MRFF, or for DoD personnel to take ANY action in response to MRFF–even to reply to a single email!

That would be *prima facie* unconstitutional for many reasons, and as I write this, we are actively lobbying to get this amendment removed during the reconciliation process between the House and Senate. Just in case this amendment somehow becomes law, we've assembled a Murderers' Row of litigators that will immediately challenge it in federal court. However, in this unprecedented time when six unelected and unaccountable Supreme Court justices are issuing a torrent of shockingly shambolic religiously-motivated rulings, this amendment continues to represent an existential threat to MRFF's survival until and unless it is confirmed to be removed from the final bill.

The tireless work we're doing every day to protect the religious freedom of our servicemembers, and fight against a complete Christian nationalist takeover of our military, continues to be vital. If we weren't making a difference, our enemies wouldn't be working overtime to burn MRFF to the ground.

To conclude the opening quote, the only monument we're working toward is the impenetrable, insurmountable, and indestructible wall separating church and state that's guaranteed by our magnificent Constitution. **Please make a year-end tax-deductible donation to the Military Religious Freedom Foundation today and help MRFF rebuild it.**

Sincerely,



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"My job is to be the irritant in the oyster that causes the pearl to form."

—Michael L. "Mikey" Weinstein

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