

AN URGENT MESSAGE TO CONGRESS:

DON'T MUZZLE OUR PULPITS!

WE OPPOSE S.1105 – “The Matthew Shepard Act”

DON'T ALLOW MISGUIDED COMPASSION TO REMOVE AMERICA'S MOST BASIC FREEDOMS OF SPEECH, CONSCIENCE, AND THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION.

Christian clergymen and people of faith are making a stand today for religious liberty. WE OPPOSE S.1105, “The Matthew Shepard Act.”

We believe prosecutors and anti-Christian groups will use loop holes in this proposed legislation to muzzle the church. Unnecessary lawsuits will bring a chilling effect to the free speech and religious liberty of our churches and of our members.

Expert legal counsel has assured us our concerns are constitutionally based, legally appropriate, and necessary given the litigation prone society in which we live. Hate crime statutes *already* exist in 45 states. Therefore, this legislation is unnecessary, unfair, indefinable, *un-American*, and constitutionally suspect. We are African Americans, though we represent

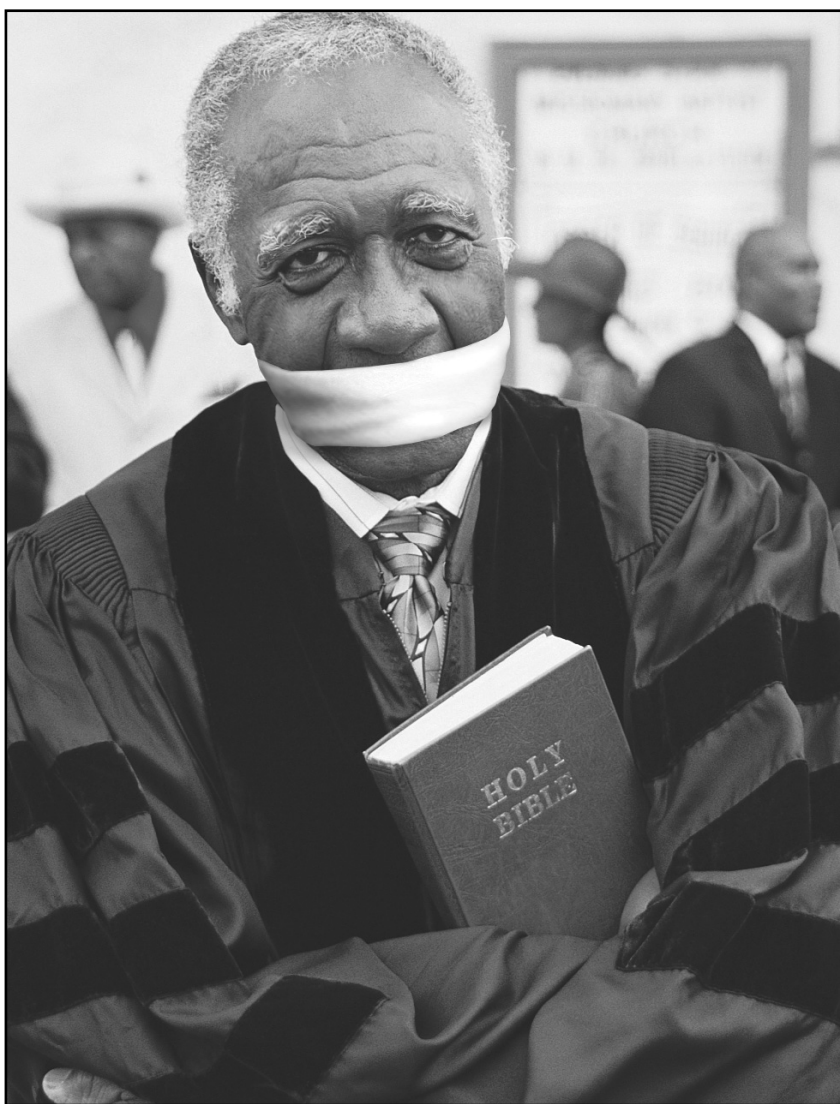
thousands of Christian leaders of all races. We understand more clearly than most that racially motivated violence can be a form of internal terrorism.

The Black community needs a free pulpit. *Indeed*, ALL Americans need free pulpits.

We urge the Senate to avoid letting misguided compassion take away America's most basic freedoms – our freedom of *speech*, freedom of *conscience*, and the freedom to *exercise religion*.

What can you do? We urge all concerned citizens to call their Senators (202-224-3121) and the President (202-456-1111) to express concern regarding S.1105.

We stand in unison AGAINST S.1105.
Let's Keep Hope Alive!



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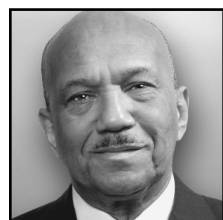
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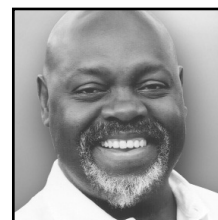
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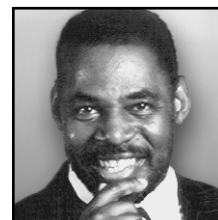
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