

PROPOSES ABSURD AMENDMENT TO PROTECT CHRISTIANS IN THE MILITARY FROM MRFF'S VICTORIES

GOP CONGRESSMAN COLLINS

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military service members' right to worship

A new amendment has been introduced to the National Defense Authorization Act for the fiscal year 2021 that seeks to protect the religious

The amendment proposed by Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., the only military chaplain serving in the 116th Congress, would prevent the Department of

Defense from issuing any "guidance, order, or regulation" restricting service members' attendance at religious services or gatherings "if similar guidance does not exist for other gatherings." [...]

They also expressed concerns over the actions taken by military officials in response to complaints from the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, a secular legal organization that often pressures the military branches to enforce a strict separation of church and state. [...]

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at the First Liberty Institute, a legal group that defends the First Amendment

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And for whatever reason, when we raise issues of religious liberty, they have a tendency to want to fight us for a while," Hiram Sasser, an attorney

rights of service members, told The Christian Post. "I don't know if that's just happenstance or if for some reason, the leadership of the Pentagon is more sympathetic to the Military Religious Freedom Foundation. But for whatever reason, the Department of Defense seems to respond very, very favorably to that organization. We usually have to fight really hard in order to get our victories."

MRFF's Letter to Under Secretary of Defense for **Personnel and Readiness Matthew Donovan Requesting Participation in Capitol Hill Meeting to**

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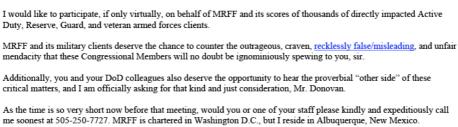
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The Honorable Matthew P. Donovan Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness



Please, Mr. Under Secretary, give our many thousands of DoD military and civilian personnel a chance to have their

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Background on the GOP's Congressional attacks on MRFF:

7/15/20 – GOP U.S. Congress Members Continue **Unmitigated Assault on MRFF and Religious Freedom**

7/6/20 – National Defense Authorization Act to Include Military Training on How to Force Religion on Others

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(Excerpts from Christian Post/Emphasis Added by MRFF) freedom rights of service members amid the coronavirus pandemic.

[...]

I will keep this very short and to the point, sir. It has come to the attention of the <u>Military Religious Freedom Foundation</u> (MRFF) that you are attending a meeting with Congressmen Doug Collins and Doug Lamborn, and perhaps others, this coming Thursday on Capitol Hill. We further understand that there will be official representatives from all of the armed forces branches at this important meeting. We are well aware that one of the key, if not THE key, subjects of this meeting is for these two Congressional GOP Members to express their and their fellow GOP House and Senate colleagues' collective frustration, enmity, and anger with how DoD military commanders are allegedly and apparently 'kowtowing" to the every demand of the MRFF. Mr. Under Secretary, given the extreme likelihood that you and your DoD colleagues will be hearing twisted and tortured "truths," half-truths, and outright LIES from these Congressional Members about MRFF's civil rights activism on behalf of our nearly 70,000 sailor, soldier, Marine, airmen, cadet, midshipmen, and veteran clients, MRFF is respectfully requesting to be a formal part of this meeting this coming Thursday, July 23, 2020, on Capitol Hill.

RE: Meeting with Congressmen Collins and Lamborn on Capitol Hill

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Dear Under Secretary Donovan

voices heard in this meeting, sir!

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