

**STATEMENT OF VALUES  
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## **FIRST FIVE FREEDOMS**

*A Civil Voice Amidst The Chaos Of Our Time*

As leaders of faith and civic communities, or simply “concerned citizens,” we are called to stand united in celebration and defense of our First Amendment constitutional rights that are the core of American democratic values. We the undersigned lend our name to this coalition dedicated to protecting our fundamental First Amendment rights: Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press, Freedom of Assembly, and Freedom to Petition our Government.

These five freedoms are not merely constitutional provisions; they are critical to our adherence to all components of the Bill of Rights - the lifeblood of our uniquely American democracy. They ensure that every voice can be heard, every belief can be practiced, and every citizen can engage with their government. When these rights are safeguarded, we honor the promise made by our founders—a promise that guarantees “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” for ourselves and generations to come.

During this divisive time in our nation, it is crucial that we come together as a diverse coalition of faith leaders and civic advocates, transcending political divides and cultural differences. We lend our name and our voice to this collective effort. By doing so, we will help strengthen our commitment to our shared American values and demonstrate that civility and unity can prevail over division and discord.

We recognize that we may not agree on every policy or issue facing our nation, but we can all agree on the importance of the principles outlined in the First Amendment. Our participation in this coalition will serve as a powerful testament to our collective dedication to protecting these rights. Together, we can promote constructive dialogue, civil action, and a commitment to reject extremist rhetoric and political violence.

At this critical juncture, we need guardians of freedom who are willing to stand firm in their commitment to safeguarding our First Amendment rights. Our involvement will help mobilize a movement that emphasizes the importance of these freedoms for the future of this grand experiment called American democracy.

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