

ACTION ALERT: CONSTITUENT RESPONSE TO ROLL CALL VOTE ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

TO: State and Territorial Court Regents and Legislative Chairs

FROM: Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair, Catholic Daughters of the Americas

DATE: March 5, 2012

Action Requested: Continue to contact Senators in response to their vote on the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act. A message of thanks should be sent to those Senators who supported the Blunt Amendment; a message of deep disappointment to those who voted against it. Use e-mail, phone calls or FAX. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at [202-224-3121](tel:202-224-3121), or call the local offices of your Senators, which are listed below. Full contact information can be found at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).

Message: (To those who voted against religious liberty) I am deeply disappointed in your vote against the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act. This issue will not go away, and I urge you to reconsider this issue in subsequent votes.

(To those who voted for religious liberty) Thank you for your support of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act. Please continue to work for passage of this important legislation.

Background:

On March 1, the Senate voted 51-yes, 48-no, to table the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act presented as Amendment 1520 to the Transportation Authorization Bill. Senators need to hear from their constituents in response to the vote.

Bishop William Lori, chair of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty, expressed gratitude to the sponsor, Sen. Roy Blunt, and the 47 other Senators who cast this bipartisan vote. "We will build on this base of support as we pursue legislation in the House of Representatives, urge the Administration to change its course on this issue, and explore our legal rights under the Constitution and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act."

This issue will continue to be debated in this Congress. The House has been preparing for action. Already 220 Representatives have signed on as sponsors of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179).

The votes of the Senators are at the end of this email.

Reminder: Make contact as an individual citizen using your name and address—not as a member of Catholic Daughters.

Approved: Joanne Tomassi, National Regent

Here is the roll call on the Senate vote on Senator Blunt's legislation, which would restore the right of religious liberty for faith-based employers.

Senators Who Voted AGAINST Protecting Religious Liberty:

Akaka, Daniel K. – (D – HI) [\(202\) 224-6361](#)  
Baucus, Max – (D – MT) [\(202\) 224-2651](#)  
Begich, Mark – (D – AK) [\(202\) 224-3004](#)  
Bennet, Michael F. – (D – CO) [\(202\) 224-5852](#)  
Bingaman, Jeff – (D – NM) [\(202\) 224-5521](#)  
Blumenthal, Richard – (D – CT) [\(202\) 224-2823](#)  
Boxer, Barbara – (D – CA) [\(202\) 224-3553](#)  
Brown, Sherrod – (D – OH) [\(202\) 224-2315](#)  
Cantwell, Maria – (D – WA) [\(202\) 224-3441](#)  
Cardin, Benjamin L. – (D – MD) [\(202\) 224-4524](#)  
Carper, Thomas R. – (D – DE) [\(202\) 224-2441](#)  
Conrad, Kent – (D – ND) [\(202\) 224-2043](#)  
Coons, Christopher A. – (D – DE) [\(202\) 224-5042](#)  
Durbin, Richard J. – (D – IL) [\(202\) 224-2152](#)  
Feinstein, Dianne – (D – CA) [\(202\) 224-3841](#)  
Franken, Al – (D – MN) [\(202\) 224-5641](#)  
Gillibrand, Kirsten E. – (D – NY) [\(202\) 224-4451](#)  
Hagan, Kay R. – (D – NC) [\(202\) 224-6342](#)  
Harkin, Tom – (D – IA) [\(202\) 224-3254](#)  
Inouye, Daniel K. – (D – HI) [\(202\) 224-3934](#)  
Johnson, Tim – (D – SD) [\(202\) 224-5842](#)  
Kerry, John F. – (D – MA) [\(202\) 224-2742](#)  
Klobuchar, Amy – (D – MN) [\(202\) 224-3244](#)  
Kohl, Herb – (D – WI) [\(202\) 224-5653](#)  
Landrieu, Mary L. – (D – LA) [\(202\) 224-5824](#)  
Lautenberg, Frank R. – (D – NJ) [\(202\) 224-3224](#)  
Leahy, Patrick J. – (D – VT) [\(202\) 224-4242](#)  
Levin, Carl – (D – MI) [\(202\) 224-6221](#)  
Lieberman, Joseph I. – (ID – CT) [\(202\) 224-4041](#)  
McCaskill, Claire – (D – MO) [\(202\) 224-6154](#)  
Menendez, Robert – (D – NJ) [\(202\) 224-4744](#)  
Merkley, Jeff – (D – OR) [\(202\) 224-3753](#)  
Mikulski, Barbara A. – (D – MD) [\(202\) 224-4654](#)  
Murray, Patty – (D – WA) [\(202\) 224-2621](#)  
Nelson, Bill – (D – FL) [\(202\) 224-5274](#)  
Pryor, Mark L. – (D – AR) [\(202\) 224-2353](#)  
Reed, Jack – (D – RI) [\(202\) 224-4642](#)  
Reid, Harry – (D – NV) [\(202\) 224-3542](#)  
Rockefeller, John D., IV – (D – WV) [\(202\) 224-6472](#)  
Sanders, Bernard – (I – VT) [\(202\) 224-5141](#)  
Schumer, Charles E. – (D – NY) [\(202\) 224-6542](#)  
Shaheen, Jeanne – (D – NH) [\(202\) 224-2841](#)  
Snowe, Olympia J. – (R – ME) [\(202\) 224-5344](#)  
Stabenow, Debbie – (D – MI) [\(202\) 224-4822](#)  
Tester, Jon – (D – MT) [\(202\) 224-2644](#)  
Udall, Mark – (D – CO) [\(202\) 224-5941](#)  
Udall, Tom – (D – NM) [\(202\) 224-6621](#)  
Warner, Mark R. – (D – VA) [\(202\) 224-2023](#)  
Webb, Jim – (D – VA) [\(202\) 224-4024](#)  
Whitehouse, Sheldon – (D – RI) [\(202\) 224-2921](#)  
Wyden, Ron – (D – OR) [\(202\) 224-5244](#)

Senators Who Voted FOR Religious Liberty:

Alexander, Lamar – (R – TN) [\(202\) 224-4944](#)  
Ayotte, Kelly – (R – NH) [\(202\) 224-3324](#)  
Barrasso, John – (R – WY) [\(202\) 224-6441](#)  
Blunt, Roy – (R – MO) [\(202\) 224-5721](#)

Boozman, John – (R – AR) [\(202\) 224-4843](#)  
Brown, Scott P. – (R – MA) [\(202\) 224-4543](#)  
Burr, Richard – (R – NC) [\(202\) 224-3154](#)  
Casey, Robert P., Jr. – (D – PA) [\(202\) 224-6324](#)  
Chambliss, Saxby – (R – GA) [\(202\) 224-3521](#)  
Coats, Daniel – (R – IN) [\(202\) 224-5623](#)  
Coburn, Tom – (R – OK) [\(202\) 224-5754](#)  
Cochran, Thad – (R – MS) [\(202\) 224-5054](#)  
Collins, Susan M. – (R – ME) [\(202\) 224-2523](#)  
Corker, Bob – (R – TN) [\(202\) 224-3344](#)  
Cornyn, John – (R – TX) [\(202\) 224-2934](#)  
Crapo, Mike – (R – ID) [\(202\) 224-6142](#)  
DeMint, Jim – (R – SC) [\(202\) 224-6121](#)  
Enzi, Michael B. – (R – WY) [\(202\) 224-3424](#)  
Graham, Lindsey – (R – SC) [\(202\) 224-5972](#)  
Grassley, Chuck – (R – IA) [\(202\) 224-3744](#)  
Hatch, Orrin G. – (R – UT) [\(202\) 224-5251](#)  
Heller, Dean – (R – NV) [\(202\) 224-6244](#)  
Hoeven, John – (R – ND) [\(202\) 224-2551](#)  
Hutchison, Kay Bailey – (R – TX) [\(202\) 224-5922](#)  
Inhofe, James M. – (R – OK) [\(202\) 224-4721](#)  
Isakson, Johnny – (R – GA) [\(202\) 224-3643](#)  
Johanns, Mike – (R – NE) [\(202\) 224-4224](#)  
Johnson, Ron – (R – WI) [\(202\) 224-5323](#)  
Kyl, Jon – (R – AZ) [\(202\) 224-4521](#)  
Lee, Mike – (R – UT) [\(202\) 224-5444](#)  
Lugar, Richard G. – (R – IN) [\(202\) 224-4814](#)  
Manchin, Joe, III – (D – WV) [\(202\) 224-3954](#)  
McCain, John – (R – AZ) [\(202\) 224-2235](#)  
McConnell, Mitch – (R – KY) [\(202\) 224-2541](#)  
Moran, Jerry – (R – KS) [\(202\) 224-6521](#)  
Murkowski, Lisa – (R – AK) [\(202\) 224-6665](#)  
Nelson, Ben – (D – NE) [\(202\) 224-6551](#)  
Paul, Rand – (R – KY) [\(202\) 224-4343](#)  
Portman, Rob – (R – OH) [\(202\) 224-3353](#)  
Risch, James E. – (R – ID) [\(202\) 224-2752](#)  
Roberts, Pat – (R – KS) [\(202\) 224-4774](#)  
Rubio, Marco – (R – FL) [\(202\) 224-3041](#)  
Sessions, Jeff – (R – AL) [\(202\) 224-4124](#)  
Shelby, Richard C. – (R – AL) [\(202\) 224-5744](#)  
Thune, John – (R – SD) [\(202\) 224-2321](#)  
Toomey, Patrick J. – (R – PA) [\(202\) 224-4254](#)  
Vitter, David – (R – LA) [\(202\) 224-4623](#)  
Wicker, Roger F. – (R – MS) [\(202\) 224-6253](#)

NOTE: Senator Mark Kirk – (R – IL) [\(202\) 224-2854](#) – supports Senator Blunt's amendment in favor of religious liberty, but was not present for the vote.