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Subject: Please Support the Religious Workforce Protection Act

Dear Honorable Senator [Insert Senator's Name],

My name is [Insert Your Name], and I am writing as a member of [Insert Church Name] in [City, State]. I am reaching out to share an urgent concern about the R-1 visa backlog that is affecting countless faith communities across our nation.

Our pastors, ministers, and religious workers play an irreplaceable role in our communities. Yet, due to the severe backlog of R-1 visa processing, many are facing the heartbreaking possibility of being forced to leave the United States after years of faithful service. This disruption not only impacts the individuals and their families, but also the congregations and neighborhoods that depend on them spiritually, emotionally, and socially.

The good news is that there is a solution within reach. The Religious Workforce Protection Act has been introduced and is currently in the Judiciary Committee. This bill is the answer to our prayers. It is carefully designed to protect ministers and religious workers from having to depart the country once they reach the five-year deadline imposed by current visa constraints.

I am writing to respectfully ask that you make this legislation a priority. Please do everything in your power to advance this bill swiftly through the necessary steps so it can be enacted into law. This action would bring tremendous relief and stability to countless faith communities who are facing uncertainty through no fault of their own.

Thank you very much for your service to the people of [State] and for considering this critical issue. Your support would mean so much to our congregation and many others across the country.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Church Name]
[Your City, State]
[Optional: Your Phone Number or Email]