

April 20, 2018

The Honorable Bob Corker Chairman Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Menendez Ranking Member Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Corker and Ranking Member Menendez,

On behalf of the over 1.7 million members and supporters of the Faith & Freedom Coalition, we write to support the confirmation of Mike Pompeo to be Secretary of State. Mr. Pompeo is a strong nominee who will effectively promote America's interests abroad, support our longtime allies, and ensure that international religious freedom for all people remains a top diplomatic priority.

North Korea and Iran are the two most urgent international crises that will face any incoming Secretary of State and Mr. Pompeo is uniquely qualified to address them both. He focused on both issues during his tenure as CIA Director and knows the intelligence on the North Korean and Iranian nuclear programs as well, or better, than anyone else. Mr. Pompeo also clearly understand the threats we face, at home and abroad, from "Radical Islamic Terrorists" and their support networks even in our own country.

While clearly recognizing our international adversaries, Mr. Pompeo also understands the importance of our strategic, long term allies like Israel and Great Britain. American foreign policy needs to strengthen its ties to our natural allies around the world who too often are left wondering why we treat our enemies better than we treat our friends.

Promoting religious freedom is simply good foreign policy—it recognizes the worth and dignity of every individual while advancing America's interests and promoting peace. Mr. Pompeo understands that strengthening America's support of religious freedom abroad, while being a good in itself, is also vital to the security and prosperity of nations themselves. It is nations that do not protect religious liberty that threaten American interests and undermine long term peace and stability—nations like China, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Myanmar, Vietnam, Eritrea, and others.

Mike Pompeo is the sort of accomplished, tested and effective diplomat and national security policy expert that we need as Secretary of State. We strongly support his nomination and respectfully request that the United States Senate confirm him as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering the views of our members and supporters.

Sincerely,

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