

SENATE FLOOR ALERT: SB 1146

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

“I am very supportive of the separation of church and state. I think it’s good for both the state and religion. And we have so much diversity of thinking in the country, and part of the reason why this American experiment has lasted is because there’s a lot of different ways for people to express themselves, to believe what they want to believe, or choose not to believe, so I think the separation of church and state has served us very well, and I will certainly defend it.”

-- Hillary Clinton at North Las Vegas town hall meeting, August 18, 2015

“This is America, and our commitment to religious freedom must be unshakable. The principle that people of all faiths are welcome in this country, and will not be treated differently by their government, is essential to who we are.”

-- President Barack Obama, White House Iftar (Ramadan) Dinner, August 13, 2010

“I do not want civil power combined with religious power. I want to make it clear that I am committed as a matter of deep personal conviction to separation.”

-- President John F. Kennedy, Interview, CBS “Face the Nation,” October 30, 1960

“I believe in the American tradition of separation of church and state which is expressed in the First Amendment to the Constitution. By my office -- and by personal conviction -- I am sworn to uphold that tradition.”

-- President Lyndon B. Johnson, interview, Baptist Standard (newspaper of the Baptist General Convention of Texas), October 1964

“I believe in the separation of church and state and would not use my authority to violate this principle in any way.”

-- President Jimmy Carter, letter to Jack V. Harwell, editor of the Christian Index (Georgia's state Baptist newspaper), August 11, 1977

**Support the Separation of Church and State
Oppose State Interference With or Mandates Upon Religious Colleges
Oppose SB 1146, as Amended August 19**