The Honorable ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jacksonville City Council

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Dear Councilman/Councilwoman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to urge the Jacksonville City Council to reexamine its 2017 decision to pass the Jacksonville Human Rights Ordinance (HRO) more fully since it was recently returned by the Florida District Court of Appeals. Although the spirit of the HRO is admirable in recognizing that all of God’s human creation has dignity, I am concerned that in protecting one class of people broadly described as “*sexual orientation, gender identity or expression*,” this language fails to protect the livelihood of people of faith who object to this politically defined notion of the human being.

For this reason, I strongly urge the City Council to ensure a fuller discussion of the language placed into the HRO to ensure that the rights of any person of faith are fully protected. Please consider correcting this language that puts faith and reason in conflict by defining the human person in ways contrary to ethical medicine and science, and ultimately endangers the religious freedom of a large group of Jacksonville residents.

Sincerely,