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## MEDIA ADVISORY

## Religious Freedom in America Conference: Growing the Free Exercise Movement and Religious Freedom

**What:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Religious Freedom in America conference, hosted by the National Council for Religious Freedom, will convene on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the Washington Hilton. This event will bring together activists and groups advocating for the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment, emphasizing the importance of religious freedom in America.

When: Thursday, February 6, 2025, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: Columbia West, The Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC

**Who:** The conference is open to members of all faiths, denominations, and backgrounds. Keynote speakers and panelists will address critical issues facing the Free Exercise movement.

Dr. Jordan B. Peterson will help launch the conference with opening remarks. Other speakers and panelists in the morning include NCRF Chairman Sam Brownback, Home School Legal Defense Association founder Mike Farris, Family Research Council President Tony Perkins, First Liberty Institute Chief Legal Officer Jeff Mateer and Director of the Free Speech Center at Alliance Defending Freedom Phil Sechler.

In the afternoon we will hear from multiple speakers, including Jim Gash, President of Pepperdine University, and two panels. The first panel is on professional challenges to people of faith. The second panel will focus on NCRF's four core areas - Corporate America, education, health care and the military.

Why: Religious Freedom in America will celebrate this fundamental American freedom enshrined in the First Amendment, which states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." By gathering activists, advocates, and experts, the conference seeks to facilitate the growth of the "Free Exercise" movement in the United States.

## More Information:

Additional details about the Religious Freedom in America event, including the agenda and registration information, can be found at <u>religiousfreedominamerica.org</u>. Members of the media are invited to attend the conference. For press credentials and inquiries, please contact Matthew Goddard at <u>matthew.goddard@ncrf.us</u> or (785) 748-2211.