

I am writing to express my concern about the potential recognition of Jesus Christ as a king or sovereign in any official capacity within our government. While I respect the deeply held religious beliefs of many Americans, I am deeply troubled by the implications such the move would have for religious freedom, equality, and separation of church and state.

If we were to recognize Jesus as king what does that mean for the followers of other faiths, such as Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, or indigenous spiritual traditions? Would leaders like Mohammed, Moses, Krishna, or Buddha also be granted the same recognition? If not, such an action would inherently privilege one religion over others, violating the First Amendment's guarantee of religious neutrality and equal protection under the law.

Furthermore, I fear that this kind of recognition could accelerate our nation's slide into a Christian nationalist state, where the rights and perspectives of non-Christians, atheists, and secular citizens are marginalized or ignored. Christian nationalism, which seeks to fuse Christian identity into American civic life, threatens the pluralism and diversity that have long been strengths of our nation. It risks alienating millions of Americans who do not share the same beliefs and undermines the foundational principles that our government must remain neutral in matters of religion.

Our nation was founded on the idea that no single religion should dominate the public sphere. The separation of church and state is not an attack on faith but a protection of it, ensuring that all individuals are free to practice or not practice their beliefs without fear of discrimination or coercion. I urge you to uphold these principles and oppose any efforts to officially recognize one religion or religious figure above others.

Please consider the broader implications of such actions and work to ensure that our government remains inclusive, equitable, and respectful of all citizens regardless of their faith or lack thereof.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue I look forward to your response and hope to see your leadership in safeguarding the values of religious freedoms and pluralism

Sincerely

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