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TEXAS PASTOR COUNCIL

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## Censorship of Pastors Alive and Well in Texas?

Houston, TX – Texas Pastor Council (TXPC) is calling for a full investigation and is reviewing legal options after being denied the same opportunity to post signs in the State Capitol that were afforded anti-women's privacy activists opposing SB 3 and HB 46. TXPC organized last week's "Texas Pastors' Capitol Stand for Women's Privacy" at which over 250 pastors and citizens from around Texas marched to and stood on the Capitol front steps to demand "Let the House vote!"

Women of all demographics and African American pastors and Civil rights



*Side 2 of pastors' sign from rally*

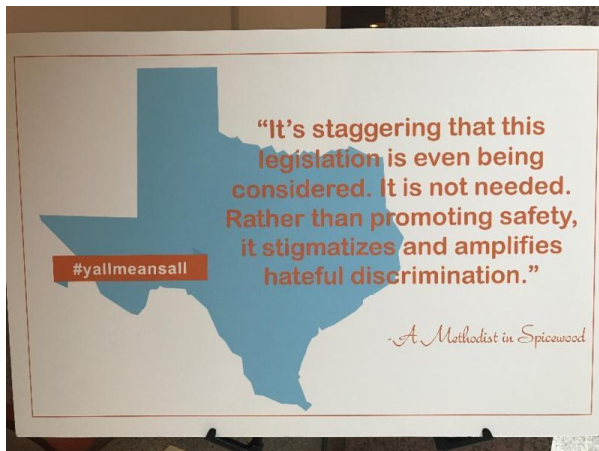
leaders led the program that included signs which said, "#Pass Them All!" on one side and "#dollaroverdaughters" and "#privacyoverpredators" on the opposite side. State Preservation Board Events & Exhibits Coordinator Robert Davis has allowed the signs of opponents of SB 3 and HB 46 (women and children privacy protection) to post signs, however TXPC was told he denied the request that was sponsored by State Representative Briscoe Cain.

"We are shocked that such a blatant double standard exists in the Capitol building of the Lone Star State in which freedom is embedded in our state's DNA," stated Rev. Dave Welch on behalf of the statewide coalition of pastors representing a diversity of ethnic and evangelical denominational backgrounds. "The censoring of pastors was very explicitly rejected by this very legislature yet now Robert Davis is attempting to silence us once again."



#Daughtersoverdollars  
#Privacyoverpredators

*Side 1 of pastors' sign from rally*



*Pro LGBT activists sign*

Welch reminded the Capitol staff that this is the same team that was subpoenaed by the former mayor of Houston and refused to back down or submit to that intimidation. "We will not be silenced in the pursuit of what is right and will not tolerate this kind of hypocrisy by employees of our own state government," Welch added. "The very issue we are standing for with SB 3 and HB 46 is that God-given, constitutionally recognized rights should be protected equally for all citizens, including women and children where they deserve it the most in a vulnerable condition. We expect the same in our First Amendment freedom of speech."

He concluded by asserting that TXPC may request that Attorney General Ken Paxton review this action and his organization will also be consulting with constitutional attorneys for options to remedy the grievance.