

Open Letter to Donald J. Trump

Sent electronically to the Office of Donald J. Trump on October 16, 2024

Dear President Trump,

Thank you for your courage in fighting systemic corruption in Washington D.C. As Ohio faith leaders, we believe you are a man of destiny. During your journey to become the forty-seventh President, whether thru lawfare or warfare, you have literally 'taken the bullet' on our behalf. After eight shots were fired during the July 13th Butler, PA rally, you came within a quarter-inch and millisecond of your life being taken. After one of the most widely seen miracles, you aptly gave credit to our Heavenly Father, stating, "It was GOD alone who prevented the unthinkable from happening." (1) We are reminded this fateful event took place just forty-seven miles away from a second historic place.

Another prominent American figure was also divinely protected during the Battle of Monongahela in the French and Indian War. As American and British troops were being slaughtered, every mounted officer had been shot except for one. George Washington had four bullets through his coat and two horses shot from underneath him yet survived. In a letter to his brother, Washington wrote: "By the miraculous care of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation." In fact, one of the combatants in the battle, Chief Red Hawk, later told Washington that he shot at him eleven times but was unable to hit him. (2) From then on, Washington was considered "bulletproof" as many felt GOD's Divine hand of protection was on him.

With the help of Divine Providence, Mr. Trump, perhaps the same can be said of you. It is our observation, when adversity hits, you have risen to the occasion. Pressure has not killed you- it has revealed you:

- ❖ When a violent mob struck Washington D.C. in 2020 involving a lockdown at the White House and an arson at the historic St. John's Church, you responded the next day after the riot. As President of law and order, amidst the defacing of monuments and desecration of churches nationwide, you stood up for America's Judeo-Christian heritage and boldly held the Bible up into the air for the world to see.
- ❖ When an anti-Semitic U.N. resolution passed in 2017, one week later, as Commander in Chief, you opposed the globalist agenda and declared the U.S. Embassy would be moving to Jerusalem. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu compared your courageous declaration to the proclamation made by the Persian King Cyrus the Great.
- ❖ When a train carrying hazardous materials tragically derailed and exploded in East Palestine, Ohio in 2023, three weeks later you met with local leaders, provided supplies, and gave courage to affected Ohioans. The sitting President visited East Palestine fifty-one weeks after your visit.

In closing, it is our opinion that since our divided nation no longer has secured borders, the country has regrettably become a proverbial train wreck. We believe the forty-five million evangelicals who do not regularly vote are partly responsible for this condition. (3) Silence is an endorsement of the direction this nation is going. While over one-hundred Ohio clergymen thanked you in 2020 for your policies that promote faith, family, and freedom,(4) **as one hundred-one (101) lead clergymen with congregations across twenty-two (22) Ohio counties, we want to go further and formally endorse you to become the forty-seventh President of the United States of America.** Based on your record, we believe you are the best choice to uphold our GOD-given inalienable rights and to uphold the U.S. Constitution. With the focus on Almighty GOD as our wellspring and not the government, it is our belief stability can return to our nation.

"Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure." Isaiah 33:5-6

References

- (1) "It was God alone who prevented the unthinkable from happening. We will FEAR NOT...."
@realDonaldTrump Truth Social post, July 14, 2024, 7:36 AM
- (2) "Miracles in American History: 32 Amazing Stories of Answered Prayer" by Susie Federer,
AmeriSearch, Inc, 2012

- (3) “Activist urges churches to 'register everybody' ahead of election,” by Ryan Foley, The Christian Post, February 28, 2024, <https://www.christianpost.com/news/activist-urges-churches-to-register-everybody-ahead-of-election.html>
- (4) “More than 100 evangelical leaders thank President Trump for his policies,” by Around the Web, WorldNet Daily, January 20, 2021, <https://www.wnd.com/2021/01/100-evangelical-leaders-thank-president-trump-policies/>

One hundred-one (101) lead clergy overseeing multi-denominational congregations in the Buckeye Bible Belt formally endorse Donald J. Trump as the 47th President of the United States:

Pastor John Temple, Ashland County	Dr. Jeff Mills, Ashland County
Pastor George Lewis, Richland County	Dr. Ricky Branham, Huron County
Pastor Brian Phillips, Richland County	Dr. DeWayne Smith, Trumbull County
Pastor Paul Lintern, Richland County	Pastor Duane Hennen, Trumbull County
Pastor Michael Constantino, Trumbull County	Rabbi Bob Bauer, Crawford County
Pastors Les & Grace Farley, Richland County	Pastor Les Vnasdale, Richland County
Pastor Doug Tackett, Richland County	Pastor Steven Baldrige, Richland County
Pastor Ken Ginter Jr., Richland County	Pastor Mark Wireman, Richland County
Pastor Denny Nezrick, Richland County	Pastor Dallas Waggle, Richland County
Deacon Derrell Hall, Richland County	Pastor Jason Price, Richland County
Pastors Joe & Amanda Nichols, Richland County	Pastor Jeremy Huff, Richland County
Pastor James Marshall, Richland County	Pastor Jack Williams, Richland County
Pastor Jerry O'Brien, Wayne County	Pastor Ashton Knowles, Richland County
Pastor Dink Porter, Richland County	Pastor Ben Gregg, Richland County
Pastor J.C. Church, Crawford County	Pastor Lucian Baker, Knox County
Pastor David Koehler, Ashland County	Pastor Matthew Pond, Richland County
Pastor Steve Burkhalter, Richland County	Pastor David Bates, Morrow County
Pastor Robert O'Brian, Richland County	Pastor Wade Hartzell, Trumbull County
Pastor Art Kennard, Richland County	Pastor Walter Moss, Stark County
Pastor John Campos, Richland County	Pastor Joe Smith, Richland County
Pastor Mike Rose, Crawford County	Pastor Joe Silvestri, Wayne County
Pastor Layton Broome, Ashland County	Pastor Troy Thompson, Lorain County
Pastor Larry Hill, Richland County	Reverend El Akuchie, Richland County
Pastor Faron Cole, Wayne County	Pastor David Parsons, Richland County
Pastor Randy Raynes, Richland County	Pastor Brad Gentile, Richland County
Pastor Rick Lewis, Richland County	Pastor Brian Snow, Knox County
Pastor Robert Caw, Licking County	Pastor Tim Sheets, Warren County
Pastor Matt Merendino, Richland County	Pastor Rob Ratcliff, Morrow County
Pastor Mark Dettmer, Richland County	Pastor Rich Hurles, Richland County
Pastor Bobby Edwards, Richland County	Rabbi Michael Oyler, Stark County
Pastor David Mahon, Crawford County	Pastor Clyde Kerby, Richland County
Pastor Floyd Allen, Richland County	Bishop Anthony Cooper, Richland County
Pastor Danny Akers, Crawford County	Pastor Berry Carter, Stark County
Pastor Kevin Evans, Richland County	Pastor Rick Wiseman, Richland County
Pastor Glenn Phillips, Richland County	Pastor William Cole, Richland County
Pastor Ferlie Yates, Richland County	Pastor John Grimm, Huron County
Pastor Dan Barker, Trumbull County	Pastor John Bouquet, Ashland County
Rabbi William Hallbrook, Richland County	Pastor Dan Zediker, Richland County

Pastor Aaron Boggs, Knox County
Pastor Rick Sutter, Richland County
Pastor Miler Montoya, Franklin County
Pastor Matt O’Harra, Richland County
Pastor Charles Burgess Jr., Wayne County
Pastor Jake Keister, Richland County
Pastor Ed Colegrove, Morrow County
Pastor Christopher Spencer, Crawford County
Pastor Richard Diamond, Richland County
Pastor Terry Robinson, Logan County
Pastor Lawrence Bishop II, Warren County
Pastor Timothy Ginter, Columbiana County
Pastor Steve McCuin, Montgomery County

Pastor Matt Schwartz, Knox County
Pastor Joe Maggelet, Ashland County
Pastor Dana Gammill, Stark County
Pastor Mark Galambos, Portage County
Pastor Greg Griffith, Huron County
Pastor Gary Click, Sandusky County
Pastor Jonathan Moore, Mahoning County
Pastor David Guild, Richland County
Pastor Tim Keesee, Franklin County
Pastor Brett Gleespen, Marion County
Pastor Jeff Tauring, Summit County
Pastor Jesus Pineda, Marion County

Twenty-two (22) Ohio counties represented by lead clergy endorsing Donald J. Trump for U.S. President: Richland (51), Ashland (6), Crawford (6), Trumbull (5), Knox (4), Stark (4), Wayne (4), Huron (3), Morrow (3), Franklin (2), Marion (2), Warren (2), Butler (1), Columbiana (1), Licking (1), Logan (1), Lorain (1), Mahoning (1), Montgomery (1), Portage (1), Sandusky (1), & Summit (1),