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Dear Pastor:

Alliance Defending Freedom is an alliance-building, non-profit legal organization that advocates for the right to hear and speak the Truth. We and our allies have been honored and blessed to fight and win hundreds of legal battles on behalf of members of the Body of Christ across our nation as well as abroad.

As Christians, we encourage others to participate fully in civic life, particularly when election season arrives and each citizen's vote will help determine America's moral character. We do NOT take sides in any election or endorse any candidates for public office.

We write to assure you that the voter guides produced by the Center for Arizona Policy ("CAP"), and the process used to create those voter guides, appear fully consistent with federal tax law. Stated simply, your church will not be violating any federal tax law or regulation by distributing the CAP voter guides.

Some organizations may try to intimidate you or your churches on this issue, claiming that CAP voter guides, and the process used to create them, are "partisan" or that churches can "get into trouble" with the IRS if they distribute the voter guides. These claims are baseless and are nothing more than scare tactics without any legal validity.

The Internal Revenue Service specifically allows CAP, and ministries like it, to create non-partisan voter guides using candidate questionnaires. The questions utilized in the candidate questionnaires are clear and unbiased, the candidates were given a reasonable amount of time to respond to the questionnaires, and were also given opportunity to explain their answers. The questionnaires were sent to every declared candidate for a particular office, and the questions posed to those candidates covered a broad range of issues of interest to the citizens of Arizona. All of these factors demonstrate that CAP has undertaken a diligent effort to create a voter guide that is compliant with federal tax law and can serve as a useful tool for your church members.

ADF has reviewed the voter guides. You can rest assured that the voter guides produced by CAP are in compliance with the requirements of federal law.

If you need legal advice about your particular situation, or are threatened by government officials or activist groups in regard to the distribution of these voter guides, please contact us at 1-800-835-5233 or visit our website at www.ADFChurchAlliance.org. ADF has created the Church Alliance membership program for just these types of situations—to protect your church’s right to fully and freely engage the culture.

I also encourage you to review the information on the ADF Church Alliance membership program and consider signing your church up as a Church Alliance member to stand together with thousands of churches across the country protecting the ability to share and live out the Gospel.

Alliance Defending Freedom is here to protect the precious rights of churches and Christians that our nation’s Constitution was written to protect. Please, do not be silenced by fear or intimidation! We encourage you to inform others about the coming election through the CAP voter guide.

With sincere appreciation and best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Farris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael P. Farris
President, CEO, & General Counsel