

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 12, 2010

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

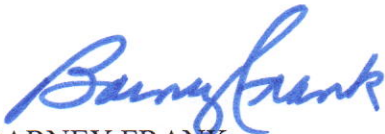
Dear Mr. President:

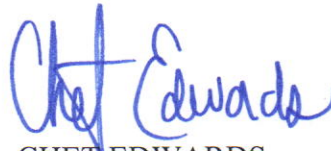
It is our understanding that the Coalition Against Religious Discrimination (CARD), a broad group of leading religious, civil rights, educational, labor, health, and women's organizations, recently sent you a letter expressing concern that the policy of allowing religious discrimination in federal contracts, enacted by the previous Administration, has remained unchanged. We share their concerns and are troubled by the fact that one year has passed in your Administration and the issue of religious discrimination in hiring has not been addressed.

We each stand by the principle that faith has a central role in the lives of Americans and American communities, and we also stand by the principle that religious organizations can play a vital role in providing Americans with much-needed services within constitutional parameters.


However, we are concerned that this issue is still not being dealt with in a comprehensive manner and we lend our voices to support of the CARD letter that was sent on February 4, 2010.

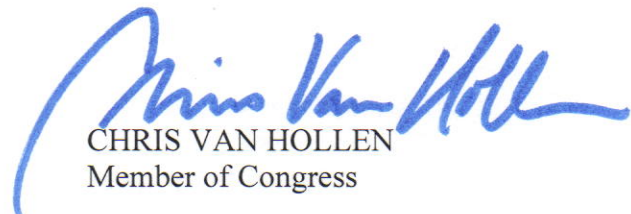
Very truly yours,


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