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Subject: Information related to HUD proposed rule change to discriminate against transgender people

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NOTE: Ben Carson, Director of HUD said: "it would better accommodate the religious beliefs of faithbased groups that run shelters."

Clearly this is a violation of the separation of church and state. If religious organizations are receiving federal funding, they must follow the Federal Equal Access Rule. If they want to discriminate based on sexual orientation/self-expressed gender identity – they do so knowing they will not receive federal funding.