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From: **Rep. Michele Presnell** <[Michele.Presnell@ncleg.net](mailto:Michele.Presnell@ncleg.net)>

Date: Wed, Apr 3, 2013 at 2:27 PM

Subject: Re: concerning the proposal to have a State Religion

To: Britt Kaufmann

No, you are wrong. Have a good day.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 3, 2013, at 2:21 PM, "Britt Kaufmann" wrote:

Dear Michelle Presnell,

I am saddened that you make a leap from Allah to terrorism so quickly. My point about asking if you personally would be comfortable with a prayer to Allah is precisely why we do need to take a stand for religious freedom. Your response seems to indicate that you are not comfortable having a state or a state representative honoring a religion other than your own. So you seem to be saying that you yourself are not comfortable with the fundamental premise of the bill. What the bill proposes does whisk away religious freedom. If the state sets a precedent of choosing one religion above others, we have to be prepared for any religion to be chosen as the preferential one.

Thank you for considering this,

Britt Kaufmann

On Wed, Apr 3, 2013 at 1:27 PM, Rep. Michele Presnell wrote:

No, I do not condone terrorism. Britt, we just need to start taking a stand on our religious freedom or it will be whisked away from us.

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On Apr 3, 2013, at 1:17 PM, "Britt Kaufmann" wrote:

Dear Michelle Presnell,

I appreciate your prompt response. Yes, I do understand that the ACLU is suing Rowan County and I think they have clearly articulated why they are not comfortable with prayer before the Commissioners Meetings. I wanted you, as my Representative, to know that I do not think the proposed bill is a good solution to that problem -- I think it would cause additional

problems. Would you be comfortable with a public prayer to Allah before a legislative meeting in Raleigh?

Britt Kaufmann

On Wed, Apr 3, 2013 at 1:01 PM, Britt Kaufmann wrote:

<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2013&BillID=h+494&submitButton=Go>

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/03/north-carolina-religion-bill\\_n\\_3003401.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/03/north-carolina-religion-bill_n_3003401.html)

On Wed, Apr 3, 2013 at 12:58 PM, Rep. Michele Presnell wrote:

Where did you get that??? State religion?? Do you even know why this legislation is coming to the legislators? The famed ACLU is telling Rowan County they may not pray before Commissioners Meetings. We pray in Raleigh before our legislative meetings, US Congress prays in Washington DC, why can they not pray?

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On Apr 3, 2013, at 12:19 PM, "Britt Kaufmann" wrote:

> Dear Michele Presnell,

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> The four generations preceding me have all been preachers, I attended a private religious high school and church affiliated college, so needless to say, I consider myself to be a very religious and Christian member of your district. I strongly oppose the idea of declaring a State Religion. I believe it violates our country's constitution and freedom of religion is one of America's founding principles. I hope you reconsider your position on this as you represent our area. I believe it will be divisive among North Carolinians and that is not something I would be proud of my representative for instigating and institutionalizing.

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> Britt Kaufmann

> Burnsville, NC