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Seeking to Expose Attacks on Faith, Family and Freedom with a few wins thrown in!

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News From Around PA
 Senate confirmed Cumberland Cty **DA David Freed** as next U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of PA.

Little Sisters of the Poor has asked the 9th Circuit Court to stop **California and Pennsylvania's** attempt to rollback President Trump's broadening of religious exemptions to protect organizations that oppose the contraception mandate.

Parkland School District (Lehigh County) prevented students from forming a pro-life club. Students sued and the school has finally relented and will allow the club to be "established as a provisional non-curricular related student club for a period of two years." This is standard procedure for new clubs. If after two years, there are still members who

meet regularly and they have a faculty advisor, the club will be afforded full non-provisional club status.

The **PA Human Relations Commission** (PHRC) is under pressure from LGBT activists "to enact guidance that would allow anti-LGBT bias complaints to be investigated as sex-discrimination complaints." This guidance would mean no law would have to be passed adding sexual orientation and gender identity or expression (i.e. HB 1410 and SB 613) to the PA Human Relations Act. This guidance would impact the PA Human Relations Act and PA Fair Educational Opportunities Act. Additionally, activists are demanding that no religious exemption be included!

The State House stripped from the **CHIP reauthorization bill** the amendment that would have prevented taxpayer dollars from being spent on sex change surgeries for children. Instead they introduced HB 1933 which would ban state CHIP and Medicaid funding

for sex-reassignment surgery and hormone treatments.

News from National Scene

As reported last week: **Col. Leland Bohannon**, a highly-decorated and respected colonel, has been punished by the Air Force after he refused to publicly affirm the same-sex spouse of a retiring subordinate. Now eight US Senators have sent a letter to Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson asking her to step in and save Colonel Bohannon's career. Neither Casey nor Toomey signed the letter!

US State Department commemorated Transgender Day of Remembrance. Secretary of State Tillerson's official statement noted the Department remained committed to advance the rights of transgenders.

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