



## **American Family Association of Pennsylvania Weekly Update**

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

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#### **Check Our Recent Interview**

Joel Saint, Executive Director of Mid-Atlantic Reformation Society.

#### **News From Around PA**

By a 2-1 decision a panel of the **Third Circuit Court of Appeals** has ruled that the State House policy of barring atheists from delivering invocations does not violate the U.S. Constitution.

A former state corrections officer in Coal Township, Northumberland County is suing the **Department of Corrections** for transgender discrimination. One of her complaints is supervisors would require “him” to remove “his” prosthetic penis every time “he” entered the workplace and would not allow “him” to pat down “other male officers.”

State Rep Jesse Topper(R-78) has announced he plans to introduce a bill that would prevent **PennDOT** from offering a gender designation of “X” on driver’s licenses beginning in 2020.

Last month Philadelphia started offering the radio broadcast of **Channel Q**, an LGBTQ-oriented station operated by Entercom. It is also available in Pittsburgh and Wilkes-Barre.

#### **News From National Scene**

The California State Assembly voted to pass legislation to make it mandatory for the state’s public universities to offer **abortion pills** at on-campus student health centers. The Senate passed the bill in May and the governor promised to sign it.

New York City Council speaker Corey Johnson has introduced a bill to **repeal a citywide ban on sexual orientation change effort** - talk therapy -- in place since 2017. Why? He and other LGBTQ activists recognize the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals and the US Supreme Court have become more conservative with the confirmation of President Trump’s nominees. Thus, they fear that a court decision would find the ban unconstitutional and set a legal precedent.

Thanks to the efforts of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to change **confirmation** rules, a record

number of confirmations have taken place in President Trump’s first term – 150 as of this week! It includes 105 federal district court judges, 43 circuit court judges and two Supreme Court justices.

Because Iowa has passed a law that prohibits Medicaid to be used for “gender-affirming care,” **California has announced it will ban** all taxpayer-funded state travel to that state. The ban covers government workers, academics, and college sports teams at public universities.

A George W. Bush judicial nominee has given a green light to **Ohio transgender activists** who want to force the state to allow transgenders to change the gender on their birth certificates to reflect their **“true gender identity.”**

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