

State of Oregon Denies Woman's Application to Adopt Based on Her Christian Faith

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CCPO Note: Anyone with eyes to see is aware of the growing influence of the anti-God, anti-Jesus spirit at work in our world (1 John 4:2-4). This article demonstrates that persecution of Christians is already occurring in our once-free, Bible-professing nation and will increase as we approach the Day of the Lord. Believers, are we ready to be persecuted for our faith in Jesus as so many elsewhere in the world are already? In celebrating the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ this season, may we remember His words, "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you" (John 15:18); "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:32-33); and "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near" (Luke 21:28). Maranatha!

The state of Oregon is denying the application of a woman who wants to adopt because she is a Christian and will not agree to support gender transition if the child she adopts ends up being trans. This is where the left has planned to take this argument from the start. It's a backdoor way to openly discriminate against people of faith. They don't care about the welfare of children, they care about spreading their ideology. [Alliance Defending Freedom](#) is suing on her behalf:

Oregon officials put politics above children's welfare. On behalf of a single mother of five wishing to adopt siblings from foster care, Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys filed a federal lawsuit Monday against Oregon state officials for denying her application because of her religious beliefs.

Jessica Bates began the process of applying to become certified to adopt a child from Oregon's foster care system one year ago. The Oregon Department of Human Services, the agency responsible for the delivery and administration of the state's child welfare programs, denied her application because individuals seeking to adopt must agree to "respect, accept, and support ... the sexual orientation, gender identity, [and] gender expression" of any child the department could place in an applicant's home, and Bates could not agree to this because of her faith.

"Oregon's policy amounts to an ideological litmus test: people who hold secular or 'progressive' views on sexual orientation and gender identity are eligible to participate in child welfare programs, while people of faith with religiously informed views are disqualified because they don't agree with the state's orthodoxy," said ADF Senior Counsel Jonathan Scruggs, director of the ADF Center for Conscience Initiatives. "The government can't exclude certain communities of faith from foster care and adoption services because the state doesn't like their particular religious beliefs."

During her application process, Bates alerted ODHS that she will happily love and accept any child, but she cannot say or do something that goes against her Christian faith. ODHS's policy, however..

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