

Police Superintendent Col. Flaherty,

Please immediately rescind your verbal policy requiring “non-sectarian” prayers by Virginia State Police Chaplains.

Please institute instead either a rotating prayer schedule among all diverse faiths, or a policy that allows chaplains to pray according to their own faith, both of which are within the allowable policies declared by the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit in *Fredericksburg v. Turner*.

Please publicize this policy within the department, and invite the six chaplains who have resigned to return to their previous duties as chaplains.

Signed,

Timothy M. Kaine  
Governor