Representative Bolick Joins Amicus Brief to Defend Religious Liberty

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Shawnna LM Bolick this week joined 43 organizations and individuals in filing an amicus brief in a significant religious-liberty case pending before the United States Supreme Court. The case concerns a high school football coach’s First Amendment right to engage in personal religious expression in the workplace.

Representative Bolick issued the following statement regarding the filing:

“It is my honor to stand with Coach Joseph Kennedy. After Coach Kennedy’s 30 seconds of personal prayer following a football game, he was suspended and later placed on administrative leave by the Bremerton, Wash. School District. Coach Kennedy’s personal devotion does not violate the Establishment Clause, as he has a fundamental right to freely exercise his religion that is part of our Republic’s founding.

“The First Amendment was adopted to prohibit the government from interfering with a person’s religious practices. Yet, currently, the First Amendment rights of our teachers and other public employees to engage in private religious expression is under attack. Coach Kennedy did not surrender his rights when he became a public high school football coach. Our God-given constitutional rights are sacred and need to be secured against government encroachment.”


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