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Putting Religious Liberty at Risk

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The U.S. Senate is set to consider expanding hate crimes legislation to include sexual orientation, offering coverage to gays, lesbians and transgendered people. The House of Representatives recently voted 281-146 for this expansion in coverage.

In order to get the legislation passed, Democrats attached to the provision to a defense authorization bill—an indication that, even with a clear Democratic majority in the House—the legislation would not pass on its own

Crimes against any person should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law—regardless of sexual orientation or any other particular status. Hate crimes legislation puts the government in the position of reading minds and offers special protections to selected groups. Furthermore, there is the very real danger that religious liberty will be endangered by this legislation, regardless of assurances from Congress.

President Obama has pledged to sign the legislation if, as expected, it passes in the Senate. Watch this one carefully.

I'm Albert Mohler.

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