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One Iowa Action Opposes Broad Religious Exemption Bill Introduced in the Iowa Senate

[Des Moines]—On Thursday, Feb. 1, Iowa State Sen. Dennis Guth introduced [SF 2154](#), a bill that would allow broad religious exemptions to the Iowa Civil Rights Act and other state laws.

One Iowa Action Executive Director Daniel Hoffman-Zinnel condemned SF 2154 in a statement.

“This religious exemption bill is vague and ripe for abuse,” **One Iowa Action Executive Director Daniel Hoffman-Zinnel** said. “Broad religious exemptions open the door for people to claim they have a right to decide which laws they will and won’t obey. This creates uncertainty for law enforcement and opens the floodgates to legal chaos and frivolous lawsuits at taxpayer expense. It leaves LGBTQ Iowans, single mothers, children, and many others vulnerable to discrimination.

There is no doubt that freedom of religion is important and one of our nation’s fundamental and shared values. That’s why it’s already protected by the First Amendment. We call on Iowa senators to oppose this dangerous and unnecessary bill.”

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