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## **STATE OF IOWA RESPONDS TO FIRST LIBERTY DEMAND LETTER ON BEHALF OF IOWA CHURCH**

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**SIoux CITY, Iowa** — Today, the Iowa Civil Rights Commission (CRC) issued a response to a demand letter First Liberty sent three days ago on behalf of an Iowa church. [Read the Iowa CRC press release](#)

“We’re taking the state at its word that it will not encroach on the church in any way,” Chelsey Youman, Counsel and Chief of Staff for First Liberty Institute, says. “However, if it does in the future, we stand ready to use the full force of the law to protect the church’s free exercise of religion and free speech under the Constitution.”

“I accept the Iowa Civil Right Commission's public apology, with clear reservations. We will continue to monitor their activities and stand ready to defend all churches at any time,” Cary Gordon, Senior Pastor of Cornerstone World Outreach for over 21 years, says.

Read more about the case and access a copy of First Liberty’s demand letter at [FirstLiberty.org/CornerstoneChurch](http://FirstLiberty.org/CornerstoneChurch)

**About First Liberty Institute** – First Liberty Institute is the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious freedom for all Americans. Read more at [FirstLiberty.org](http://FirstLiberty.org).

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