



*The 170-foot Sagemont Church Cross in Houston, Texas inspired Pastor Milby to build the Corpus Christi Cross.
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ATHEIST DROPS LAWSUIT AGAINST “TALLEST CROSS IN AMERICA”

After First Liberty Institute files a motion asking court to dismiss lawsuit over the construction of the “tallest cross in America,” atheist drops suit

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, March 24, 2016 – First Liberty is pleased to announce that atheist Patrick Green dropped his lawsuit against Pastor Rick Milby of Abundant Life Fellowship, along with three city council members in Corpus Christi who he named in the suit.

In February, Mr. Greene sued Pastor Milby for inviting community leaders to attend a groundbreaking ceremony for a cross the church is building on their property. At 210 feet, the proposed cross will be the tallest in America. The lawsuit, filed in Nueces County Court, also named the mayor and two city council members as defendants, accusing them of violating the Constitution by attending the groundbreaking ceremony.

On March 21, First Liberty Institute filed a motion with the court, asking them to dismiss the case. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Green filed to drop the lawsuit.

Pastor Rick Milby says, “We are delighted that Mr. Green dropped the lawsuit so we can continue to build the cross unhindered, as a symbol of hope and redemption to our community. What a wonderful Easter surprise!”

Jeremy Dys, Senior Counsel for First Liberty says, “We are grateful that Mr. Greene chose to end his lawsuit so the church can celebrate Easter without this hanging over their heads. Any time we can help a church save a cross at Easter time, that’s a good feeling.”

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

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