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**FIRST LIBERTY STATEMENT FOLLOWING GEORGIA GOVERNOR’S VETO
OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY BILL**

Kelly Shackelford says religious freedom is “good for society, good for business, and good for the citizens of any state”

PLANO, TX, March 28, 2016 — On Monday morning, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal vetoed a bill that would have protected religious freedom for Georgia’s houses of worship, small businesses, and citizens. Following the veto of the religious freedom bill, First Liberty Institute released the following statement:

“Religious freedom is the principle on which this country was founded,” says Kelly Shackelford, President and CEO of First Liberty institute. “Through this veto, Governor Deal turned his back on our founding freedom. Regardless of our differences on certain issues, we should all agree that protecting religious liberty for people of faith, particularly minority faiths, is a good thing. The free exercise of religion is good for society, good for business, and good for the citizens of any state. Vetoing religious freedom is unwise and will harm the people of Georgia.”

About First Liberty Institute

[First Liberty Institute](#) is the largest legal organization in the nation dedicated exclusively to defending religious freedom for all Americans.

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