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On April 9th one of our attorneys emailed the California Attorney General, asking them if and when they would be lifting their capacity limits on churches -- and informing them that if they didn't, we would ask the the United States Supreme Court to rebuke them for a **SIXTH** time in our pending Supreme Court case, *South Bay Church v. Newsom*.

And yesterday, in the shadow of Supreme Court review, Governor Newsom finally backed down! **California churches are back at 100% capacity -- and that's thanks to supporters like you.**

Our legal battles in states like California may feel like lost causes -- but that's exactly what these tyrannical politicians want us to think. They want us to think it isn't worth it. They want us to think it's a waste of time and money. They want us to think they're too big to beat.

But we know that isn't true.

That's why our attorneys do what they do. It's why they never give up, and why your continued generosity and prayers mean so much to us.

Because with prayer warriors like you with us every step of the way, anything is possible. No adversary is too powerful, and no victory is out of reach.

We at the Thomas More Society have a better understanding than most of just how corrupt the government of California is.

We know how connected they are, we know who they work for, and we know the lengths they'll go to in defense of evil.

And still, we beat them.

With your help, we will beat them again.

As California goes, so goes the nation.

But the fight in California isn't over. California is now digging in its heels in state court, after losing in federal court.

Back in December, in another of our California cases, *Burfitt v. Newsom*, Thomas More Attorneys obtained a state court injunction under the California Constitution, mandating that California afford churches the same 100% capacity it affords favored businesses under

its COVID-19 regime. California appealed that injunction, and that appeal continues, despite our demand that it be dismissed, now that California has backed down on the federal level.

And, even at the federal level, Newsom still refuses to quit. Although he has rescinded the church capacity restrictions in fear of another Supreme Court rebuke, he continues to maintain that he has the authority to reimpose them whenever he sees fit. So, we are advising the Court of his stubborn defiance and are urging the Justices to grant certiorari (a full review of our case), which is coming up for a conference of the Justices on April 23rd.

As you can see, we need the courts to rule once and for all that Governors like Newsom cannot restrict the freedom of religion.

And the battle isn't limited to California.

In New Jersey we have a similar case, Robinson v. Murphy. Under New Jersey's COVID-19 regime, religious services are still capped at 50% while many secular venues are allowed to be full capacity. We are moving ahead in our effort to win full restoration of religious freedom in New Jersey as well. We will settle for nothing less than 100% of what churches are entitled to!

And, across the country, we're committed to staying in the fight and defending religious freedom and the sanctity of life in the womb. Whenever and wherever they are threatened.

As long as the Thomas More Society can count on your support, we can win landmark victories for life and religious liberty, no matter how high the odds may be stacked against us