



GEORGIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA · DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH

**Statement regarding the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA)
(SB129/HB218)**

“The Catholic bishops of Georgia support religious freedom as a fundamental right contained in the constitutions of the United States and the State of Georgia. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has long supported the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act and many bishops in the United States have supported similar legislation in State legislatures. The Catholic bishops of Georgia support the Religious Freedom Restoration Act as a means for establishing a framework for evaluating freedom of religion claims. However, the bishops oppose any support or implementation of RFRA in a way that will discriminate against any individual.”

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