The Right to be Secular Petition

People should be as free to be non-believers as they are to be conservative or liberal; Christians or Muslims. The truth is, in many parts of the world, non-believers are not free. Too often they are persecuted and discriminated against by civil authorities.

We seek to clarify the human rights of people who hold no religious beliefs. We hold that non-believers' rights should be explicitly equal to believers' rights and should be recognized as such in international treaties. Accordingly, we wish to have the following declaration adopted by the United Nations and human rights organizations worldwide:

> *Freedom of religion and belief entails the right to be secular. That is the right not to be coerced or presumed to: adopt a belief; practice a religion; behave or dress according to religious precepts; identify with any faith; belong to a religious community, organization or association; adopt religious ceremonies associated with births, deaths or other life events; or be registered in official documents as a member of a religion, faith, church or any institution related to religion.*

This campaign does not seek to diminish the existing rights of the religious in any way—we staunchly defend these rights. Nor do we seek to create 'special' rights to benefit non-believers uniquely. We seek equality of rights for the religious and the secular.

Human rights should attach to all of us because of our humanity, not because of our beliefs. Consequently, freedom of religion and freedom from religion must be applicable to all people at all times.

If you agree with the above, please sign the petition below.

Please Note: When we add your name to our on-line petition, you will be sent an email to confirm your signature. Please click on the email to confirm your signature.

Petition

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Country [Optional]	State/Province [Optional]

Signature [Required]	[Optional]
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Thank you!