

Jay Carson Files Amicus Brief Urging the U.S. Supreme Court to Protect the First Amendment Right of Association



On March 1, 2021, Jay R. Carson filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court in [Americans for Prosperity Foundation, v. Xavier Becerra and Thomas More Law Center v. Xavier Becerra](#), his third with Wegman client The Buckeye Institute. In addition, 34 public policy research organizations and advocacy groups also joined the brief in support of the Petitioners.

Both cases, now consolidated, were brought to the Supreme Court questioning the Ninth Circuit Court's ruling that it saw no significant burden on the First Amendment right to free association by requiring charities and tax-exempt organizations to disclose the names and addresses of their largest donors on IRS Form 990 and Schedule B.

In 2010, California's Attorney General announced a charitable registration requirement that organizations who solicit tax-deductible donations in the state must file their un-redacted IRS Form 990 and Schedule B, which contains the names and addresses of major donors, before they could fundraise in California. Americans for Prosperity refused to comply with this demand citing the request is a violation of the First Amendment right of free association.

If the Ninth Circuit's ruling is upheld, it would jeopardize the anonymity of donors, deterring them from making future donation or subjecting them to harassment, threats, or reprisal from the Government or private parties.

[The Buckeye Institute](#) is asking the Supreme Court to reverse the decision of the Ninth Circuit Court.

On March 18, 2021, Jay Carson appeared on WKYC Channel 3 to discuss several suits which have been filed challenging cities' ability to collect income taxes from remote workers. The suits, currently pending in Franklin, Hamilton, and Lucas Counties were filed on behalf of Wegman client, The Buckeye Institute. Click [here](#) to watch the interview.



Jay was also a guest speaker on "[Talks](#)", a new series, similar to a podcast, offered by EmpowerU Ohio, that allows individuals to call in and discuss important topics with members of the community in an uncensored forum. He discussed two of the lawsuits he filed for The Buckeye Institute against the cities of Columbus and Cincinnati regarding the taxing of remote workers who do not live in or work in their municipalities.

More "Talks" are in the works featuring Jay and other guest speakers. Stay tuned for information on joining Jay in these future "Talks."

*[EmpowerU](#) Ohio is an educational organization that offers free courses to citizens in the Tri-State area. They believe an educated citizen is an empowered citizen.