

## IF ACLU WINS

## Faith-based agencies will be forced to violate their conscience or shut down



The ACLU filed a lawsuit claiming that Michigan's 2015 Adoption Law violates the Establishment Clause of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment. **That argument has been repeatedly rejected by the Supreme Court.**

1. The Michigan law does not favor one religion over another
2. The Michigan law does not give a religious agency an advantage
3. The Michigan law ensures the government levels the playing field for adoption agencies
4. The Michigan law allows faith-based adoption agencies to serve exactly as they have for decades

## RELEVANT SCOTUS CASES

- SCOTUS divided on whether religious exemptions are required by the Constitution
- SCOTUS has been **unanimous** that religious exemptions are allowed by the Constitution
- The Court's 2017 *Trinity Lutheran* decision solidifies the constitutional principle that government grant programs can't be denied to faith-based organizations merely because they are religious in nature



**1987**

Corporation of the  
Presiding Bishop v. Amos



**1994**

Board of Education  
v. Grumet (Kiryas Joel)



**2005**

Cutter v. Wilkinson



**2017**

Trinity Lutheran  
v. Comer

