Update - security grants for Houses of Worship and other threatened nonprofits

Applications were due for the state grant a few weeks ago. Over 380 applications were submitted to the Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Therefore, requests will far exceed the $5 million we were able to secure for this grant. Due to this, JFACT has begun speaking to our elected officials about additional funding for this grant program. Stay tuned.

JFACT STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

We are halfway through the 2021 legislative session for the Connecticut General Assembly. Therefore, we feel it is important to let the community know where our legislative priorities stand. JFACT is happy to report that many of our priorities are moving through the committee process. JFACT has been advocating for the following bills including,

SB 122 - Creates a new unit of State Police to investigate hate crimes

- This bill was voted out of the Public Safety committee by a vote of 22-3. This is great news because more resources are needed to address this new wave of hate.

SB 568 - Deleting the religious exemption for vaccines

- This bill was voted out of the Public Health committee along party lines. This legislation is so important because immunization rates for certain shots are decreasing which is putting the public at risk.

SB 363 - Creates a civil rights division in the Office of Attorney General

- This bill was recently voted out of the Judiciary committee by a vote of 27-10. This bill positions the Attorney General's Office to leverage its unique expertise and capacity as Connecticut's largest law firm to complement important ongoing civil rights enforcement efforts.

Unfortunately, not all of our priorities have moved. Below are some of our priorities that are still awaiting votes in their original committees. JFACT will be working over the next several weeks to get these bills out of their respective committees.

SB 55 - States racism is a public health crisis - Public Health committee

SB 527 - On-line hate and harassment - Judiciary committee

SB 249 - Including Native American studies in social studies curriculum - Education committee