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Yesterday, an appellate ethics panel of the Virginia Association of REALTORS (VAR) ruled against our client, Realtor and ordained minister, Wilson Fauber, by affirming the lower panel's ruling that he had engaged in unethical "hate speech" against "the LGBTQ+ community" in violation of the National Association of Realtors' (NAR) code of ethics. VAR also found him to be in violation of another ethics provision simply for sharing publicly the ethics charges brought against him. The decision of the appeals panel is final.

All of Mr. Fauber's speech was made in his personal capacity on his Facebook pages, in which he shared his Biblical beliefs about marriage and sexuality. Some of his posts cited by complainants were made as far back as 2015, long before the NAR's new "hate speech" code was even adopted, and none of his posts were ever directed at any individual.

"I strongly disagree with VAR's ruling against me, especially since I have never once engaged in discrimination against anyone," said Fauber. "This is an attack not only on my Christian faith, but on every REALTOR who wishes to express their conscientious or faith-based opinions about important moral issues."

According to Mr. Fauber's attorney, Michael Sylvester with the Founding Freedoms Law Center, "Mr. Fauber has been unjustly punished for simply expressing his Biblical viewpoints about marriage and sexuality on his personal Facebook page. Not only does this ruling violate his religious freedom, as protected by the Virginia Fair Housing Act, but it's in clear violation of the NAR's own contractual standards. We are now actively exploring all our legal options."

Read more about Wilson Fauber's story here:

[FFLC Attorneys Argue Final Appeal for Realtor Wilson Fauber](#) (Feb. 12)

[VA Realtor Found Guilty of "Hate Speech" for Posting Bible Verses](#) (Dec. 19)

[FFLC Defends Pastor on Charge of "Hate Speech"](#) (Sept. 12)

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