I would like to given my general interest and my previous religious liberty work in my pre-WH days, but this is entirely the Judge's and Tim's call, and others may also be interested.
President’s Faith-Based and Community Initiative Takes Another Step Forward

Action:

- The House Ways and Means Committee approved bipartisan legislation that includes key elements of the President’s plan to rally America’s armies of compassion, ensuring that the full House will have an opportunity to vote on the measure soon.

- The Committee approved a nearly $13.3 billion dollar, ten-year package of measures based on President Bush’s proposals that will:
  - Allow those taxpayers who do not itemize on their taxes to get a tax deduction for charitable giving, in addition to their standard deduction.
  - Allow those aged 70 1/2 and older to make tax free withdrawals from their Individual Retirement Accounts for the purpose of giving to charities.
  - Permit an enhanced tax deduction for food donations by businesses that donate food inventory to charitable groups.
  - Double the funding for Individual Development Accounts, which are accounts designed to help low-income Americans accumulate assets.

- President Bush will continue to work with Members of Congress on a bipartisan basis to make incentives for charitable giving as robust as possible and to more effectively deliver vital social services to Americans who are most in need.

The President’s Initiative to Help More Disadvantaged Americans:

The President’s faith- and community-based initiative is designed to help Americans in need by:

- Stimulating an outpouring of private giving to nonprofits, faith-based programs, and community groups by expanding tax deductions and other initiatives:

- Eliminating federal barriers to effective faith-based and community-serving programs through legislative, regulatory, and programmatic reforms.

- Expanding established Charitable Choice principles to enable private, charitable and religious organizations to compete, on a nondiscriminatory basis, for federal funds for social service programs such as:
  - Juvenile justice
  - Crime prevention
  - Housing assistance
  - Job training
  - Elder care
  - Hunger relief
  - Domestic violence prevention
  - After-school and adult education services
  - Community Development Block Grants

- Empowering low-income families to save and build assets through Individual Development Accounts

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