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Kenneth Copeland Ministries Rev. Kenneth Copeland 14355 Morris Dido Road Newark, Texas 76071

Dear Rev. Copeland:

It is with great honor that we present you with a gift to celebrate your 80th birthday and the 50th Anniversary of Kenneth Copeland Ministries ("KCM"). It has been our sincere pleasure to represent you and Gloria along with your Ministry in a professional legal capacity for over twenty years.

In November of 2007, you will recall that Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), then head of the powerful Senate Finance Committee ("SFC"), issued a subpoena to KCM and several other notable television ministries seeking a lengthy list of very private information regarding financial workings of each of the targeted ministries. This far-reaching investigation by the SFC, as you quickly recognized, threatened the sanctity of the constitutional protections of the separation of church and state fundamental to our nation and its Bill of Rights. While all of the other targets of the SFC's investigation either surrendered by offering compliance in an attempt to buy peace or ran for cover, you stood your ground from the outset on behalf of KCM and ultimately every church in America. From beginning to end of the SFC's overreaching investigation you steadfastly maintained the position Jesus took by stating you would render unto Caesar that which belonged to Caesar and unto God that which belonged to God.

The courage and leadership you displayed throughout the SFC investigation allowed us great latitude as lawyers to get creative in formulating a legal defense. As a result, you will recall we developed a legal strategy wherein we formally invited the Internal Revenue Service to actually audit KCM pledging full cooperation with all aspects of a thorough audit of your ministry, of course we were armed with knowledge of the impeccability of KCM's operations and its financial documentation we had always witnessed during our many years of legal representation. By taking this approach, we knew the SFC would have access to any IRS audit results but would have to maintain the privacy protections afforded to citizens and organizations facing IRS audits. This approach would allow the SFC access to the information it sought while protecting the donors, partners, friends and employees of KCM from having their personal financial information scrutinized in a very public forum. Well, you know how this saga ended. The IRS chose not to accept our invitation to audit KCM and the SFC ultimately closed its investigation without receiving all documents and information it had requested and, importantly, without taking any action adverse to KCM or any of the other targeted television ministries. In the end, and in accordance with the courageous Biblical stance you took from the very beginning, only that which was Caesar's was rendered unto Caesar, and that which belonged to God was rendered only to God.

This entire experience is the very basis of the motto we adopted for our law firm, which is simply this: "Come and take it!" taken from the historical Gonzales Flag deeply engraved in the pages of Texas history.

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In 1831, when General Domingo de Ugartechea, Commander of Mexican troops in Texas, sent Mexican soldiers to recover a Mexican cannon previously loaned to the citizens of Gonzales, Texas, the towns people of Gonzales, as a message to the Mexican soldiers approaching their town, flew a flag depicting an image of the cannon, the lone star of Texas and the words "COME AND TAKE IT." Ultimately the Mexican troops retreated and the Battle of Gonzales is widely recognized as the first clear break between the colonists and the Mexican government and is considered to have been the start of the Texas Revolution.

In keeping with the spirit of the citizens of Gonzales as they sought to protect their community and loved ones and in recognition of the leadership and courage you displayed in defending the American church against an overreaching government, and in celebration of your 80th birthday and 50th Anniversary of ministering the Gospel we present you with this replica of the Gonzales Flag and celebrate you, Gloria and the entire KCM organization.

Thank you for allowing us to be a small part of the legacy you have created as well as the future that still lies ahead. It is our great honor to stand with you in celebration of your and Gloria's many achievements as you continue to fulfill the Great Commission by spreading the Gospel of Jesus. May God bless you, Gloria, your entire family and the incredible KCM organization that you started, grew and continue to lead.

Respectfully,

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