

**Proponent Testimony for HR6016**  
**House Committee on Federal State and Affairs**  
**Representative Angela Stiens HD39**  
**March 18, 2025**

Chair Kessler and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in favor today for HR6016.

While it is true that blasphemy is generally seen as protected speech under the First Amendment, in *Lynch v. Donnelly* (1984), Chief Justice Warren Burger explicitly said that the Constitution “affirmatively mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance, of all religions, and *forbids hostility to all* (my italics).”

Here’s where the “black mass” gets problematic.

Ergo, for the government of Kansas to allow an event on the grounds of the statehouse—the express purpose of which is to insult Catholics—might give the impression that it is endorsing this sacrilege. It would therefore be party to the kind of “hostility” to religion that the Supreme Court said was unconstitutional.

This “black mass” is anti-Catholic bigotry; therefore the Satanic Grotto has committed a crime by stealing the Eucharist, which we as Catholics believe is the Body and Blood of Christ. This satanic group is desecrating a stolen host as an act of hostility and blasphemy. I pose the question to this committee “Would we ever allow a Muslim display of burning a Koran or allowing a Menorah or another Jewish religious symbol to be desecrated?” I would say no, that is hostility toward a religion. So why would we allow this? I would also pose that moving it from inside to outside the capitol is even more dangerous and it will be even more difficult for the Capitol Police to control.

This “black mass” should not be allowed to take place on the Capitol grounds as I stated about the First Amendment and the “hostility” toward the Catholics while desecrating what we hold most sacred “the body and blood of Christ.” I would also demand that the Satanic Grotto group return the Eucharist (consecrated host) to Archbishop Naumann of the Archdiocese of KCK immediately!