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As an American citizen, freedom of religion has always been my right. This blessing has had a huge impact on my life and on my perspective on the outside world. Growing up, I did not think much about freedom of religion, everyone I knew was christian and that was the way things were. It was not until my travels to Saudi Arabia that a whole new world was revealed to me, and upon return came beach with opened eyes.

When I was eight years old, my family and I moved across the world to Saudi to be with my dad where he worked. The five years spent there were the most life changing years of my life. I was introduced to new cultures and religions I had never met before. I gained respect for my Muslim friends and enjoyed learning about their beliefs. Instead of focusing on the differences between us, I learned to celebrate diversity and acceptance.

Looking back on my experience, I can now say that can not fathom life without religious freedom. My religion has made a large impact on the person I am today. My morals have shaped me into the young woman I am today. It teaches me guides me, and helps me learn lessons for the future. And this is the same for my beautiful friends in Saudi. Their religion has molded them, and they would not be the same people without it. Just because they are different, does not mean one of them is bad. My friends and I have all been respectfully shaped by our religions, and through them have blossomed into who we are. To think about not being allowed to practice one of the most defining aspects of our lives seems cruel and unimaginable.

The freedom to practice religion is one of the most important rights American society has, and must continue to have. This blessings opens up our country, and strengthens it through

love and acceptance. To progress and continue our country's beautiful culture, we must support that right. Not only is it right and just, but it provides a great feeling of safety and love to the American people. With this freedom, we are given the green light to be the best people we can be, surrounded with tolerance, and love. We add to the melting pot culture we are known for, and continue our great legacy. Without it, our nation nor people could truly be considered free.

Moving forward, it is vital we maintain this level of cooperation. Our nation needs to focus on building up acceptance and support within our country. This can lead to only better things. We can spread tolerance and freedom across the world, and serve as a model of true religious justice. By continuing to further our nation's progress, we can further the world's progress. It is our duty to uphold the promises our country made in our constitution, and keep Father Jacques-François' legacy alive.