## To the Fonorable 1Ac Senate and Flouse of Representatives of 1Ac

respectfully show.

Meat they are the President and Secretary of the "Broard of Delegates of American Israelites" and that they are duly empowered to submit to your honorable body the facts herein set forth, and to creave, at your hands, that attention to the subject which its importance to American citizens professing the Jewish religion, demands.

your memorialists respectfully show. That by the 9th Section of the det of Congress, approved July 22. 1861, and the 7th Section of the exet of bonguess approved August 3. 1861, it is provided that "the Chaplain appointed by the vote of the field officers and company commanders, must be a regular ordained minister of some Christian denomination" and that, as appears by the following letter from the War Department to which your Memorialists beg leave to refer the said sections have been interpreted to exclude from the Office of Chaplain in the service of the United States "regular ordained! ministers of the Jewish faith! -"War Department October 23.1861 "Rev. Ol Fischel , Rubbi , Jewish Synagogue ,

" New York! "Sir, your communication of the 17th inst... has been received. In reply you are respectfully informed that by the 9th section of the Oct of Congress approved July 22. 1861, it is provided that the Chaplains appointed by " the vote of "The field officers and company commandors must be a regular ordained minister of " some Christian denomination. Of like " provision, also is made in the 7th section " of the Old of Congress, approved august 3. " 1861. Were it not for the impediments thus " directly created by the provisions of these " two acts, the Department would have "taken your application into its favorable " consideration. have the honor to be

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that the lady of citizens of the United States whom you memorialists represent, numbering not less than two hundred thousand, are unexcelled by any other class of citizens in loyalty and devotion to the Union, that thousands of them have voluntored into the Ohmy of the United States, and are, by the provisions of the acts horizons fore montioned excluded from the advantages of spiritual advice and consolation provided by Congress for their follow Citizens professing shustianity.

That the said Olds are oppressive inasmuch as they establish a prejudicial discrimination against a particular class of citizens, on account of their religious belief, and further -That the said Olots, inasmuch as they establish a religious test as a qualification for an office under the United States are manifestly in contravention of Section 3, article VI of the Constitution and article I. of Umendments thereto. your Alcuorialists, therefore respect fully pray that your honorable body will take

this, their memorial into furviable consideration, and that you will in your wisdom, cause the dots of Congress approved July 22 and Chagust 3rd 1861, respectively to lo formally amended, so that there shall be no discrim--ination as against professors of the Jewish faith, in the several laws affecting the appoint ment of Chaplains in the service of the United States.

and your memorialists will ever pray %? new York Dec 5. 1861 Menry Sesident 7ebeth 2.5622 -

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