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WASHINGTON – Friday was a great day for religious liberty in the military: a young Sikh man won his lawsuit to join the U.S. Army’s ROTC program without having to compromise his faith. The Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty was proud to speak up for Sikhs and other faith groups last year, when it signed a [joint letter](#) encouraging the Department of Defense to expand its protections for military religious liberty. And the Chaplain Alliance is delighted that the federal court’s ruling applied the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) to broadly protect service members’ faith. Protecting religious liberty is a crucial source of our nation’s and our military’s strength. That’s why, for instance, the Army chaplaincy’s motto is *Pro Deo et Patria*: “For God *and* Country.” On Friday, the judge helped the military live up to the best of its traditions, removing barriers that unnecessarily limit recruiting and retaining top-notch soldiers.

For more information on the case, please see the press release below from our friends at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty.

The Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty is an organization of chaplain endorsers, the faith groups that provide chaplains for the U.S. military and other agencies needing chaplains. The endorsers in the Chaplain Alliance speak for more than 2,600 chaplains serving the armed forces.