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“National Review” Cites JMI: *Integral to Florida’s Victory for Philanthropic Freedom*

TALLAHASSEE – JMI identified an assault on freedom and reacted. In 2009, the California State Assembly passed a bill that would have saddled private foundations with draconian regulations requiring disclosure of minute personal details regarding their staff, board members, and grantees. Although it was dropped before becoming law – after political extortion was paid – it raised a red flag for [JMI President Bob McClure](#).

“We recognized an emerging threat to philanthropic freedom and private property rights and immediately took action to protect Florida’s foundations and their donors’ intents from similar attacks.” --**Dr. J. Robert McClure III, JMI President and CEO**

In December 2009, the Institute published [“The Future of Philanthropy in Florida,”](#) by JMI Adjunct Scholar Matthew Vadum of the Capital Research Center, which examined the roots of the greenlining movement and the issues it has raised. According to *National Review* in [“Give Freely”](#) by John J. Miller (July 5, 2010), this report “laid the groundwork for the legislation that now protects Florida foundations from the harassment that their California brethren have suffered.”

“For now, the battle has been won here; however, Florida has an opportunity to be a model for philanthropic freedom in other states. We have an obligation to protect the American ideals of voluntary philanthropy and property rights of donors. ” --**Dr. J. Robert McClure III, JMI President and CEO**

[“The Future of Philanthropy in Florida”](#) and other JMI publications are available on-line at www.jamesmadison.org. To comment or request a copy, contact Tanja Clendinen at 850.383.4633 (toll free 1.866.340.3131) or Tanja@jamesmadison.org.