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Madame Secretary, here is what we have found thus far in terms of Republican voices encouraging the pastor to reconsider.

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**Denounced the Koran Burning:**

**Sen. McCain on Twitter:**

"Pastor Jones' threats to burn the Koran will put American service men/women in danger - for their sake please don't do it!"

(<http://twitter.com/SenJohnMcCain>)

**Sarah Palin on Twitter and Facebook:** "Koran Burning Is Insensitive, Unnecessary; Pastor Jones, Please Stand Down"

(<http://twitter.com/SarahPalinUSA>)

See Facebook statement: [http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note\\_id=42781349344](http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=42781349344)

**Rep. Boehner on ABC News:** "just because you have a right to do something in America does not mean it is the right thing to do.... We're a nation of religious freedom. We're also a nation of tolerance. And I think in the name of tolerance, people ought to really think about the kind of actions they're taking... I just think that it's not wise to do this in the face of what our country really represents," said Boehner.

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-world/mccain-pleads-against-koran-burning-20100910-153g0.html>

**Gov. Barbour via ABC News:** "'I do not think well of the idea of burning anybody's Koran, or Bible, Book of Mormon or anything else. ... I don't think there's any excuse for it,"

(<http://blogs.abcnews.com/thenote/2010/09/gov-barbour-no-excuse-for-koran-burning-stirring-up-anti-muslim-sentiments-a-distraction-for-gop.html>)

**Gov. Pawlenty via Minnesota Public Radio Report:** "Gov. Tim Pawlenty says he doesn't think burning the Quran is a good idea, but he's not specifically calling on a Florida pastor to cancel a planned weekend protest. The Republican governor, who is viewed as a likely presidential candidate in 2012, commented on the Quran controversy today at an airport news conference before leaving on an Asian trade mission. Pawlenty said that people have a legal right to burn books, but that doesn't mean it's wise. He stopped short of saying the burning shouldn't go forward."

([http://minnesota.publicradio.org/collections/special/columns/polinaut/archive/2010/09/pawlenty\\_says\\_q.sh](http://minnesota.publicradio.org/collections/special/columns/polinaut/archive/2010/09/pawlenty_says_q.sh) tml)

**Former Gov. Romney via Politico:** "Burning the Quran is wrong on every level," the former Massachusetts governor said in a statement to POLITICO. "It puts troops in danger and it violates a founding principle of our Republic."

([http://www.politico.com/blogs/bensmith/0910/Romney\\_against\\_Quran\\_burning.html](http://www.politico.com/blogs/bensmith/0910/Romney_against_Quran_burning.html))