

1 because of their conscientious scruples against taking  
2 a solemn oath.

3 The English Parliament and the Legislatures  
4 of many of the American States enacted legislation to  
5 enable those believers, conscientiously scrupulous of  
6 taking the oath and to qualify therefor as witnesses by  
7 affirmation.

8 State constitutional provisions similarly  
9 provided for the affirmation as an oath substitute in a  
10 variety of instances.

11 The oath is identical, as we present it, with  
12 the draft and existing Constitution, in the essential  
13 areas to support the Constitution of the United States,  
14 to be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of  
15 Maryland, and to support the Constitution and laws thereof.

16 The proposed oath that we present to you differs,  
17 however, from the existing Constitution only in the last  
18 part, where it delineates, or deletes the provision that a  
19 Governor, a Senator, a member of the House of Delegates  
20 or Judge will not directly or indirectly receive profits  
21 from any part of the profits of any other office during