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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have sent out our newsletter and Update a little early this month. It is to remind you of the general election on November 4. There are two things of utmost importance. First, vote for the candidates of your choice. Second, vote yes on Statewide Amendment 1, The American and Alabama Laws for Alabama Courts Act (“AALAC”). Inform yourself, share information with others and urge them to vote, and then vote.

AALAC is one of the most important amendments to the Alabama Constitution in several years. It follows in importance to The Alabama Religious Freedom Amendment and The Alabama Marriage Amendment, all of which were drafted by SLI and voted into law in past years. These amendments, including the one this year, strengthen Alabama’s public policy for protecting our religious liberties, families, and constitutional rights.

We have had many inquiries about the other statewide amendments. This month’s Educational Update lists those again, but with comment on each. We hope this will be helpful.

This past session, the Alabama Legislature amended the Parental Consent for Abortion law. We had written amendments to that law many years ago due to shortcomings in protecting minor girls from abortion. We finally got those passed last year, but now a lawsuit has been filed in the federal court testing its constitutionality. Please pray for the efforts of Attorney General Luther Strange in his efforts to protect this law. We will provide more information on the case later, but if you need information in the meantime, please contact us.

You may have seen President Obama’s latest appointment, an ACLU lawyer to head up the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department. Our expectation is that a President would appoint an objective and fair-minded person to enforce important laws. To appoint an activist, such as an ACLU lawyer, is another blatant affront to the trust of the American people and the integrity of our justice system. The Civil Rights Division will be instrumental in enforcing same sex laws against us in coming months and years. We do not have to guess what its mission will be.

We are coming to the end of the year. Please keep SLI on your list for yearend tax deductible contributions. Thank you very much for your support of our efforts.

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston