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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have arrived at the end of another year. It has been an eventful year with many things going on. We greatly appreciate the support you have given us over these last twelve months.

So many things have been going on that we have not had time to report some of them. The Women's Health and Safety Act, for which SLI was the principal architect, was challenged in federal court. An August order entered by the court held unconstitutional the requirement that abortionists have admitting privileges at a local hospital. There has been no appeal since the order has not been made final. We will report more on this soon.

Recently, we were asked to provide assistance to a county school board in Tennessee on whether it could open with prayer. We provided an opinion to them which, unfortunately, left the issue in doubt. We will report on that more fully in the near future.

As you know, the American and Alabama Laws for Alabama Courts Amendment ("AALAC") passed by 72% of the vote in the past election. Leading up to the election, we spent a great deal of time answering questions from the media, disseminating "truthful" information, and working to debunk the outrageous statements being made by some who identified themselves as "Christian" organizations. AALAC is now law. Now our work will be to help implement it.

Here is a recent example of how AALAC may be implemented in future cases. In *E.L. v. V.L.*, the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals would not enforce a Georgia visitation order from a same sex relationship. Do we give full faith and credit to the laws of states whose public policy conflicts with ours? This month's Educational Update explains the dilemma.

Because it is the end of the year, we must remind you of our financial needs. We have expended a great deal of time and effort this year. We have charged no attorney's fees, but the costs of our efforts are very high. Please remember us with a generous tax deductible contribution. We look forward to working with you next year. With best wishes for a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston