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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As this newsletter goes out, we will be returning from spring break and to the tasks that lie ahead for the remainder of the legislative session. There is talk the Legislature will adjourn early. If that happens, it is likely that most of the bills on which we are working will die.

We are hopeful that the Unborn Infants Dignity Act will pass. It was given priority by the House, who passed it quickly. It was passed from the Senate Health Committee, but then has had trouble getting on the Senate calendar. Other sanctity of life bills and those dealing with religious freedom related to the gay rights agenda still have a chance, though it diminishes over time.

We were all saddened to hear of Governor Robert Bentley's personal failures and the allegations of an affair with his chief advisor. Ultimately, the truth about these type things comes out. Whatever it is, it has tarnished and diminished the highest office of our state. Many news reports say Bentley has departed from his conservative values. We have asked him numerous times for support on sanctity of life, gambling and other such issues. He never helped at all. Governor Bentley has never been a friend to conservative issues. It is regrettable that he has also had personal failures.

We worked on several bills in the legislative session dealing with religious freedom for issues that have arisen since the same sex marriage decision in June 2015. Regrettably, we must report this month that the case that was before the Alabama Supreme Court is over and there is little likelihood of any relief for traditional marriage from it. Our Educational Update this month gives a full report on that.

SLI works very hard on its issues. There is so much turmoil in the world right now because of international terrorism and an apparent lack of resolve by our chief executive to face it, sniping among those who want to be chief executive, the advances of the gay agenda, and the lack of interest from those in the governmental sphere to maintain America's values and integrity. There is a great deal of need for prayer on these issues. Thank you for your support of our activities.

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston