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Dear Friends and Supporters,

SLI's most important objective is protection of religious freedom. The free exercise of religion is our first right in the Bill of Rights. America has enjoyed religious freedom with few problems throughout its history. However, today we are looking at a greater threat to religious freedom than has ever existed in America.

While there are several threats to religious freedom, the gay rights agenda is the greatest. With the power of the presidency, the Obama Administration has foisted on us same sex marriage and, as Justice Kennedy has said "the constellation of benefits" that flow from it. We are now beginning to see the flow of those benefits.

Recently, under the leadership of the Obama Administration, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights issued a report that said, "Religious liberty and religious freedom will stand for nothing except hypocrisy so long as they remain code words for discrimination, intolerance, racism, sexism, homophobia, Islamophobia, Christian supremacy, or any form of intolerance." In other words, the Commission which oversees violation of American civil rights laws will be suing Christians because of their religious beliefs.

It is not only the Commission, but individual lawsuits are now being brought against those who seek to protect religious freedom. This month's Educational Update gives great insight into the depth and power of the opponents of religious freedom. Federal judges, like the one mentioned in the Update, will carry President Barack Obama's agenda far into the future.

Barack Obama cloaks himself with the aura and power of the presidency of the United States. That office is the most powerful in the world. Obama wears its trappings as royalty. Yet, in reality, he remains nothing more than a pro-homosexual, pro-abortion, pro-socialist, pacifist, anti-Christian demagogue. The harm his policies inflict on America are incalculable.

For Christians, we realize that all things are in the hands of the Lord. We are constant in our prayers and in our efforts seeking to do God's will and waiting on God's providence. In spite of all the harm, we must prayerfully support our country and our elected officials, praying they will do the right thing. Particularly, we must pray for godly men and women to be elected in the general election in November. A great deal is at stake.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support of SLI. For religious freedom, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston