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Dear Friends and Supporters,

By the time you receive this newsletter and Educational Update we will soon know who will be the next President of the United States. If it is Hillary Clinton, we have a very high degree of certainty that she will continue the same policies of Barack Obama, particularly concerning religious freedom, abortion, sexual identity issues, national defense, *etcetera*, all of which leads to the supremacy of government. On the other hand, if it is Donald Trump, there is a great deal of uncertainty about the direction in which he will go, particularly concerning sexual identity, national defense, immigration, *etcetera*. Either way, it appears the road ahead will be rougher. We must commit to pray daily for our nation and our leaders. We must pray for God's forgiveness and mercy.

On the state level, we already know the failed leadership of Governor Robert Bentley. He has not been the example that we expected him to be in the executive office. His failings, both politically and personally, do not contribute anything to the wellbeing of our state and, in fact, hurt it in many ways.

One of the best examples of this is his apparent chameleon change on gambling. To be truthful, he never took a very strong stand against gambling and said that he thought it could be left to the people to decide. That was not interpreted to mean he would support gambling. His latest changes clearly indicate that he is an advocate of gambling expansion.

This month's Educational Update is an article that SLI published on AL.com in conjunction with Eagle Forum of Alabama and ALCAP. We hope it had many readers. We hope that it made clear the truth of the Governor's effort to legalize gambling through this so-called Advisory Council on Gaming.

There have already been pre-filed for the 2017 regular session of the Legislature several lottery and gambling related bills. The Governor is sure to support some of them, along with many of the Republican and Democrat members of the Legislature. We will work to expose the fallacies in the bills.

Thank you for your continuing support of SLI. As we move toward the end of the tax year for many, we appreciate your tax deductible contributions. With personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston