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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Alabama conservative pro-family groups recently met, as we do each year. We are looking ahead to next year for the issues and tasks before us. There are many issues related to religious freedom, same sex, gambling and sanctity of life.

Of course, we are encouraged by the outcome of the recent elections. The election of Donald Trump as President encourages us, but perhaps what encourages us more is that Hillary Clinton was not elected. While a great deal of uncertainty surrounds how Trump will serve, we know what Clinton would have done.

We are also encouraged by the election and re-election of Senators and Representatives to the U.S. Congress. They now hold the majority in both chambers. With the experience there, we are hopeful for a working positive coalition in the federal government. Plus, Republicans hold the majority of state executive and legislative offices. Much remains to be seen of what the “new” Republican Party will be, but also interesting will be what the “new” Democrat Party will be.

With these outcomes, we pray for a restoration of conservative principles, but there is no guarantee of that. As the groups met, we discussed all of these issues and events. We agreed that religious freedom is still under threat, the unborn are still being killed, the family is still being destroyed. As we work on these issues in the coming year, we will keep you informed.

In addition to our Educational Update on the presidential election, we have an Educational Update continuing our assistance on the gambling issue. Last month we included an opinion editorial we did on the issue, along with Eagle Forum of Alabama and ALCAP. We recently responded to erroneous information presented to the Governor’s Alabama Advisory Council on gambling. There is much intentional misinformation on gambling. Our Memorandum to the Council was to set the record straight. We believe this will further inform our supporters on this issue.

In the meantime, we must thank God for what we believe is a favorable outcome in the elections and to pray for our land. Thank you for your support throughout the year. Your prayers and your financial contributions make our efforts worthwhile and possible. We wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Yours very truly,

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