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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Southeast Law Institute's founding was for the purpose of protecting religious freedom. More and more, we are seeing new and different threats to religious freedom. These are very unlike the threats that we saw in the 1970s and 1980s. It is a more direct assault on the Christian religion and its religious rights.

We will expand on an analysis of the state of religious freedom in future Educational Updates. For now, we want to give a brief update on what has been happening in the Alabama Legislature. Many of the bills for which we have provided assistance go to the issue of religious freedom, although the bills may involve other subjects. This month's Educational Update will not be conclusive. However, we want to give you this information so that you will be praying for the outcome of these efforts.

Many organizations like Eagle Forum, The Alabama Pro-Life Coalition, ALCAP, The Alabama Christian Education Association and others have been spending significant amounts of time to protect the rights and issues for which they stand. We have been privileged to participate with them in this effort.

There are a number of issues for which we have given legal advice, opinions and testimony. This includes for not only the mentioned organizations, but for elected officials, as well. We are privileged to provide this service to all of them without charge. We hope that SLI is a valuable resource to them.

We will give a more comprehensive report on this legislative term which ends in mid-May. If you have any questions in the meantime, let us know.

Thank you very much for your continuing support of the Southeast Law Institute. It is very important for us to be able to continue helping these other organizations and officials, but more importantly, to be of material assistance on the very important issues for which they stand. Thank you for standing with us. With personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston