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Dear Friends and Supporters,

All of a sudden sexual freedom is no longer vogue. It all began with Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein (who had the producer's couch), and then swept up the Senate campaign of Roy Moore. In the midst of this, Representative John Conyers and Senator Al Franken (maybe), along with some lesser legislative lights and several media/business celebrities, have resigned as a result of sexual activities or allegations. The national Republican Party leaders condemned Moore, who in all eyes, even conservative Fox cable news and Alabama Senator Richard Shelby, was guilty to proven innocent. The Democrats saw an unusual gambit to remake the Senate: defeat Roy Moore and his supporter President Donald Trump, thereby setting a bar that Republicans must meet, with a trend for the next general election cycle in 2018.

The only thing greater than money is power, and with it comes privilege. Politicians are the zenith of privilege. Democrats, being mainly socialists, liberals and progressives, long coalesced with the purveyors of sexual freedom, think: Hugh Hefner (*Playboy*), Larry Flynt (*Hustler*), Gloria Steinem (*Ms.*), Helen Gurley Brown (*Cosmopolitan*), *Roe v. Wade* (abortion), and *Obergefell v. Hodges* (same sex marriage), to name a few. Beginning with *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965) sexual freedom became a constitutionally protected right with virtually no restrictions. One could do as one likes and the judicial construct of laws built upon *Griswold* led up to the latest cases recognizing homosexuality and same sex marriage. There were no strictures of New Testament teaching of morality that for so long defined American culture. Yet, the protectors of the sexual freedom are now the judges of promiscuity and privilege.

The ends can only be political gain. The current prudish attitudes of socialists, liberals and progressives toward sex will not result in protection of the unborn or the sanctity of traditional marriage. No one knows the end game of this journey through the looking glass. It is all very curious and, like Alice, we must follow the directions of the Cheshire cat to see where this takes us. It will not be a return to historic traditional morays. It will be an immediate effort for political control. In the long term, will it make any difference?

As we have said many times recently, the greatest threat to religious freedom is the attitude engendered by the same sex movement. As we await the June 2018 decision in *Craig v. Masterpiece Cakeshop, Inc.* (Christian cakebaker case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court December 5), we must be in prayer for that, as well as the direction of the Congress. That case is all about sexual freedom and requiring persons of faith to subscribe to those rights. Yet, at the same time, the erstwhile congressional purveyors of sexual freedom are insisting that everyone should be chaste and apologetic.

No one saw this unusual circumstance coming. If you watch the news talk shows, no one seems to know where it is going. However, we believe it is safe to say that it will not positively affect the battle between religious freedom and sexual freedom. What will the new year bring?

Yours very truly,

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