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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Of course, when the Legislature is in session, it dominates our time. There are always so many legislative bills that deal with either religious freedom, the sanctity of life or the integrity and protection of the family. We are called upon by many organizations and Senators and Representatives to provide assistance. We are glad to do so.

We will provide a complete legislative report probably next month. This month, we wanted to report as soon as possible about the outcome of the daycare legislation. After a two-year struggle, we ended up with a very good law which will protect church daycare ministries. This month's Educational Update provides detail on that. If you have questions or know of any churches that do, please refer them to us. We are glad to provide assistance.

There are a couple of things you need to keep in your prayers for the coming months. These involve two U.S. Supreme Court cases. The Justices will be researching and writing their opinions. Pray for their guidance and wisdom. These cases involve more than dollars and disputes. They involve the sanctity of marriage and the sanctity of life, two of our most important concerns.

The first is the *Masterpiece Cakeshop* case that involves the religious rights of a person in business to decline participation in a gay marriage ceremony because of his religious beliefs. The other is a case, *NIFLA v. Becerra*, that involves a California law that requires pro-life pregnancy care centers to also provide clients information that the state offers subsidized abortions. Of course, this goes against their free speech and religious rights. Decisions in both of these cases will come down by the end of June 2018.

Thank you for your continuing support. With personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston