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Dear Friends and Supporters,

SLI fights for religious freedom on a regular basis. Much of our attention is centered on protecting religious rights in the public square. For example, we have fielded several questions and wrote letters in September concerning the “Meet You at the Pole” annual prayer event at public schools. At the same time, we occasionally must take a stand on the improper practice of religion in the public square.

This month’s Educational Update is a letter to public school officials about a longtime state policy against teaching yoga and other eastern mystic religions in public schools. There was a request by a Hindu leader to remove the prohibition of such teaching. Our response was directed to the Governor, Superintendent and State Board of Education.

Emails contacts for each are included on the letter. We suggest you follow up with them in support of our position. Please let us know if you have any questions.

No doubt you followed the Judge Brett Kavanaugh hearings. Senator Orrin Hatch opined that they were worse than what Justice Clarence Thomas and Judge Robert Bork confronted. The degradation of political communication and commentary has reached an all-time low. I never noticed that conservatives openly spoke against Barack Obama when he was President or tried to undermined the democratic system of government. The democrats have clearly burned bridges at this point.

We must also admire Senator Lindsay Graham for forcefully calling out the Democrats for their unprecedented lack of decorum and disregard for the process, entirely politicizing it. Most of all, we must appreciate the heroic stand Judge Kavanaugh made against the relentless malicious demagoguery.

Political commentator Brett Hume said the issue is all about *Roe v. Wade*. We agree. The importance of the right to kill babies trumps even the necessity of preserving our constitutional republic. Judge Kavanaugh testified that he who sows the wind reaps the whirlwind. What did he mean? At least, it means the lack of respect for our Constitution, our freedoms, our rights and our heritage. While the life of the unborn is very important, the preservation of the American Constitution is foundational.

Please pray for our nation. Thank you for your support of our efforts.

Yours very truly,

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