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Dear Friends and Supporters,

For several months we have been discussing the need to address the *Roe v. Wade* court opinion which legalized abortion. Since 1973, abortion on demand has been legal in the United States.

Assessing the legal environment and the continuous opposition to the *Roe* decision, we believe the time to test *Roe* has come. Others also sense this. For example, New York wants to memorialize abortion rights for the entire nine months. In Alabama, we wish to prohibit it for the entire nine months.

This month's Educational Update is a memo prepared for APLC and distributed to Senators and Representatives in the Alabama Legislature. It gives a synopsis of the bill. Reading it, you will see its major points.

The bill first cleared the House Health Committee on April 17, 2019, by an overwhelming vote. It then went to the House of Representatives for consideration on April 30, 2019, where it was overwhelmingly passed. The bill will now go to the Senate for consideration. We hope and pray for the same results.

We expect Governor Ivey to sign the bill into law. When that happens, it will be challenged in court and held unconstitutional at the trial and appellate court levels. We will then ask the U.S. Supreme Court to review the law. We hope the court will and it will result in a reversal of *Roe*, restoring protection to unborn children.

Many states are trying different approaches to the abortion issue. Alabama's would be the strongest. Please pray for our efforts.

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

Yours very truly,

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