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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are getting closer and closer to the 2020 regular session of the Alabama Legislature. It will begin on the first Tuesday in February. In anticipation of that, we have been working on several issues. We continue to monitor the Alabama Human Life Protection Act. This month's Educational Update explains the legal process that law is now following.

Another issue that has come to our attention is one of the most disgusting problems to arise in the continuing expansion of our sexual culture - sex changes being made to children. These are done with the parents' consent and usually at the parents' insistence. Very few children would even have a vague thought that they might not be the right sex. One of the most egregious examples was the case in Texas where the seven-year-old child's parent was going to change his sex. The Texas Attorney General stepped in and has stopped that.

We do not have laws to protect children in this regard in Alabama. Conceivably, it might come under child abuse. However, we would be better off if we criminalize such activity by healthcare professionals.

Concurrently, there are issues with mental health professionals being required to counsel in favor of these issues, as well as same sex and other sexual deviancy. In 2017 we passed the Alabama Healthcare Rights of Conscience Law which protects healthcare professionals from having to be involved with abortion, sterilization, human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. Initially, that law was to be all inclusive of anything that would violate a person's religious or ethical beliefs. Legislators and the healthcare community would not accept that. Therefore, the limitation. There is a need for a similar law to provide for conscience and speech protection related to sexual issues for mental health professionals.

We will be giving you more information on these issues as they develop. Thank you very much for your support throughout the year. With personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston