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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Religious freedom is so important to all of our efforts that we must be constantly vigilant to protect it. This month's Educational Update is a reminder of changes in the culture and the continuing threats to our religious freedom.

If we look at the possible legislation with which we may be concerned in the upcoming legislative session, we see that our interests in that legislation is based on our religious values, our reviews of life and respect for each other. Here are some of the issues that we expect:

- Making it a crime to kill a baby born alive from an abortion
- Prohibiting sex-change operations on children
- Providing rights of foster parents in the placement process of adopted children
- Prohibiting female genital mutilation
- Criminalizing human trafficking
- Providing financial support for needy women
- Opposing gambling (compact with the Poarch Indians, Alabama lottery, *etcetera*)
- The legalization of the use of marijuana

There will be more issues, some unexpected. Every legislative session has a surprise. SLI will look forward to providing legal support to legislators and committees on these and other issues. We will be reporting to you as the session continues and on other matters for which we render assistance.

Thank you for your support of SLI. With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston