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Dear Friends and Supporters,

This month's Educational Update is a comment on the activities in the 2021 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature. SLI has been involved in providing legal advice and direction to legislators on important moral issues for over 35 years. As we point out, this legislative session was in many ways a wild party for legislators who seem to have departed from the conservative convictions upon which many of them campaigned and, apparently, they no longer believe.

While our disappointment is significant, there were many legislators who attempted to hold the line on the important issues affecting the state, such as gambling, legalized drug use, *et cetera*. We commend those. Neither in this Newsletter nor the Educational Update do we accuse persons by names, nor praise them by names. We fear we may miss some who need to be accused and some who need to be praised. However, it is not about individuals, but it is about those who make up the process and their dereliction of duty. Our hope and prayer is that the legislature will repent of its indiscretions and return to making wise, thoughtful and helpful decisions for the good of the people of Alabama.

We do not make our comments this month because we are disappointed in bills we supported that were not passed or bills that were passed that we opposed. We are disappointed because the legislature has turned to a path along the dark side attempting to say bad things are good, and good things are bad for the state. Like a managing producer at publisher Simon and Schuster said regarding its decision whether to publish a book by former Vice-President Pence, the issue "is normalizing the violent and extremist views Pence stands for." Has Alabama entered the woke culture?

We hope and pray this session was an anomaly. We hope as we look to any special session this year or the 2022 regular session, we will see good responsible leadership.

Thank you for your support of our efforts. Please pray for enlightenment and wisdom in our elected officials. They serve in difficult times.

Yours very truly,

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