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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We appreciate the positive feedback we had on the June Educational Update. In it, we were very critical of the Alabama Legislature. We find that most citizens were not aware of the short comings of this past legislative session. Of course, there are no objective thorough news organs in the state for reporting. We are glad we can bring the reality of things to light.

You recently would have heard that a Mississippi abortion restricting law will be reviewed by SCOTUS. That law is similar to the Alabama Human Life Protection Act that was passed here in 2019. While it does not reduce the time of abortion as much as the Alabama law, the Mississippi law does reduce the time for abortion below viability. The issue we are raising in Alabama and in other states is that the viability concept for permitting abortion is not valid. Case law holds that abortion may be performed at any time prior to viability which is about 20 weeks, more or less. Any law that reduces the time below that threshold would challenge the *Roe/Casey* precedents.

We periodically get inquiries about the status of the Alabama law. We got many requests for information when the Mississippi case review news was released. Although we speak with the Attorney General's office from time to time for a report, we felt an official request for information was necessary. This month's Educational Update is the APLC letter written to the Attorney General.

In response to that letter I received a very thorough report. Our AG is working closely with other AGs in the country to coordinate, as far as possible, cases that are matriculating through the legislative and court processes, with the hopes of one or more reaching SCOTUS for review of *Roe/Casey*. The grant of the review of the Mississippi law also works as a catalyst for moving the Alabama law. In addition, the AG is building a good evidentiary record to support our law. Our approach to the legislative process was based on the evidence that since *Roe* was decided now 48 years ago, medical science has changed a great deal and there is a basis for protecting the humanity of the unborn.

I expect the Alabama case to begin moving. I believe we have a very pro-life AG and staff. They will be doing a good job for us.

Thank you for your support as always. Let us know if you have any questions or needs. With personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston