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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we have so often said, the issue of the sanctity of life is one that has not gone away. The intensity of the debate of whether the unborn child is protected under the United States Constitution in our laws continues.

The supporters of abortion are in a frenzy. Their angst comes as a result of two things. First, there is the SCOTUS decision to review a Mississippi law that prohibits abortion after fifteen (15) weeks. It is a form of a heartbeat bill. Anything below about twenty (20) weeks violates the *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* standards. Second, Texas enacted a heartbeat law that reduces the age to about six (6) weeks. What is interesting about that law is that SCOTUS refused an emergency request to enjoin it by vote of five to four. This suggests SCOTUS is serious about reviewing the *Roe* and *Casey* standards.

Further, the frenzy includes the U.S. House of Representatives passing a bill that would make abortion a national right throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. That means that even if the child can live outside the womb, it may be murdered, and the states have no right to regulate that. It is doubtful the U.S. Senate will pass that bill. And even more ridiculous response has been reported that NASA and U.S. space interests will be compromised since so much of their work is done in the state of Texas. The reason: women will not go to Texas to work, because they cannot get abortions. There will be a shortage of workers.

We always try to be reasonable in our approach to this issue. The ridiculous responses mentioned above show the instability of abortion supporters and their errant position on the issue. This month's educational update addresses the issue of whether Alabama should consider a Texas style law. SLI researched this issue on behalf of the Alabama Pro Life Coalition. We do not believe it should be considered at this time.

Thank you for your continuing support of our efforts.

Yours very truly,

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