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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Everyone is expecting an opinion in the *Dobbs* case from SCOTUS potentially reversing *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. We expect the case to remove or restrict the right to abortion in the United States. The leaking of the February initial draft opinion by Justice Alito gave everyone hope. However, much time has passed since then and the opinion could be entirely different than what we expect. Earlier, a complete reversal of *Roe* and *Casey* seemed to be out of the question, but we have some glimmer of hope that maybe that will happen. The opinion will be released, at least, by the end of June.

Many are asking questions about what we will need to do. When we have the *Dobbs* opinion, we can give a more complete answer. For the time being here are some things to consider:

1. Will we need to amend the Alabama Law to conform with the *Dobbs* opinion?
2. We must be prepared to guard against efforts to weaken our law, particularly exceptions such as rape or incest.
3. We need to encourage the Attorney General and local District Attorneys to enforce the law in all jurisdictions.
4. We must identify and work with state and nongovernment organizations to provide all of the help women and children will need in dealing with an unwanted, unexpected or otherwise problem pregnancy. This will take many and varied forms of assistance.
5. The pro-life community, even in Alabama, should be careful about safety and be prepared for negative press, protests, *etcetera*.

There will be other considerations. We must be preparing for what we hope is the end of almost fifty (50) years of the taking of innocent unborn life. Thank you for your support of SLI and our efforts on the behalf of the unborn.

Yours Very Truly,

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