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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The abortion debate continues to rage on. Much of it centers on the effects that the *Dobb* decision will have on the midterm elections. While it is our understanding that in Alabama abortion will not be the defining issue, it is still important that we educate voters on the necessity of retaining our law the way it is.

We have received some feedback that most citizens in Alabama do not consider it a significant issue. We have released several articles on the law, including one to explain why our statute should not be disturbed. We will be providing that publicly in the near future.

In the meantime, high school football has begun and the issues of whether public schools may begin those events with prayer is again an issue. This month's Educational Update addresses the recent SCOTUS decision involving a public-school football coach who engaged in private prayer following football games. The court found he was entirely within his rights. However, while the opinion is limited to his fact situation, it does not address the overall issue of how public-school football prayer may ultimately be decided.

Frankly, the public school football prayer issue may never be decided since there are so many variables. We are glad, however, that the issue has not subsided, but remains an important activity as a part of the football game customs.

As you know, SLI provides free legal advice on religious liberty issues. If you know school officials, parents or students who have questions about this, please refer them to us. We are glad to give them accurate unbiased advice.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts. With personal regards, I am,

Yours Very Truly,

A. Eric Johnston

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