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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we move to the Legislative Session next year, we anticipate efforts to assist women and families with unexpected or problem pregnancies, which earlier may have resulted in abortion. We are working with the Alabama Pro Life Coalition and its member groups on programs to assist women. Many programs will not require legislation. They require contributions of assistance and resources by nonprofit organizations, churches and individuals.

Churches and individuals can be the most important resource for the needs of pregnancy resources centers and the assistance they provide to women who are trying to decide what to do about an unexpected pregnancy. Prior to the *Dobbs* decision which allowed Alabama Human Life Protection Act to go into effect and prohibit abortion, pregnancy resource centers were very valuable in providing alternatives to women. Now, that role is substantially expanded because women will not be able to get an abortion in Alabama. They will be required to travel to a distant state and this is a great opportunity to give them local alternatives. Please encourage your own church to participate to the fullest extent possible in providing assistance.

We expect there to be attacks on the AHLPA. There will be those primarily from the Democrat Party who will want to repeal the law. We do not believe those will have a chance of passing. However, the more troublesome issue may be well-meaning legislators who think our law needs to be changed in some way. This would only weaken the law.

This month's Educational Update is a memo prepared for the Alabama Prolife Coalition. It provides the basis for there to be absolutely no changes to the law. We shared this with pro-life groups and legislators earlier. Please share it with your own legislator and others who are concerned. We want to be sure everyone understands that Alabama has the strongest enforceable law in the nation and it should not be tinkered with.

This has been a very good year for Alabama. We thank our leaders for their attention to our rights and families. We look around at so many other states with so many problems. We are grateful that we live in a great state like Alabama. Thank you for your support. With personal regards, I am,

Yours Very Truly,

A. Eric Johnston

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