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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have just about completed a long process of opposing the Biden Administration's Justice Department encroachment upon the constitutional rights of the Eagle Forum of Alabama and the Southeast Law Institute. This month's Educational Update explains the beginnings of our efforts to protect minor children from sex change procedures, with subsequent court proceedings and then the efforts of the DOJ to quell efforts of organizations like ours to speak out in the public square. We believe you will find this chronology very interesting. We appreciate your support of our efforts through the years for being able to speak out on such important issues, regardless of the consequences.

The 2023 regular session of the Alabama Legislature will begin this month. There will be a significant number of new members in both the House and the Senate. It will be interesting for all of us to learn about their positions on very important issues. SLI will be doing its best to provide legal guidance to members on the important issues for which we stand.

We anticipate there being a number of important bills. There will be a bill on parent's choice in education. Parents want the best education possible for their children. Some may not be able to afford non-public education. There is an excess of public funds for education in Alabama. This bill would allow for some of those funds to be used to pay for a choice of non-public education. This is entirely constitutional so it will be discretionary with the Alabama Legislature to permit the funds to be used. We have worked to protect the religious freedom of church schools allowing parents that choice. We will continue to shepherd this legal process.

We expect there to be efforts to minimize the protection of the Alabama Human Life Protection Act. We have also worked on legislation to permit tax credits for contributions to Pregnancy Resource Centers and to expand the Safe Haven Law allowing a mother to anonymously leave her unwanted child in a safe place. There will be other legislation to provide for these women who might otherwise have gotten an abortion.

We have drafted an amendment to the Alabama Anti-Obscenity Enforcement Act to prohibit drag queen shows in places where minors may be present. The exposure to minors of lewd and lascivious presentations has increased to the point that it needs to be addressed.

We will keep you informed of these and other legislation with which we are concerned. Thank you for your continuing support, with personal regards, I am,

Yours Very Truly,

A. Eric Johnston

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