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Dear Friends and Supporters,

This month's Educational Update is a memo prepared for the Alabama Pro-Life Coalition on the IVF issue. Since last month, we had the IVF issue materialize unexpectedly and caused a great deal of confusion and consternation among the pro-life, political and medical communities.

The memo explains the Supreme Court opinion in a case dealing with the negligent destruction of frozen embryos which have been stored for several families' future use. The prospect of immediate and numerous lawsuits caused the legislature to enact liability protection for IVF clinics. It does not address the issue. Unfortunately, there were caustic comments against legislators resulting in more confusion and accusations. We apologize for the length of the memo, but from a legal standpoint, we wish to address the issues all in context and hopefully initiate a way forward to resolve the dilemma of what to do with the frozen unborn life.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Legislature will be back from its second Spring Break. The gambling issues expected to again dominate the session. We have been working on research particularly related to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and how that will affect not only Indian, but other gambling in the state.

The tax credit bill for pregnancy resource centers (HB356) has again been filed by Representative Jamie Kiel. We expect the bill to prohibit internet purchase of abortifacients to also be filed. The later involves significant legal issues which we have addressed for the benefit of Legislators. We will report on these further.

Thank you for your support. With personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

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