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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The struggle to protect the sanctity of life did not end with the *Dobbs* case reversing the infamous *Roe v. Wade*. *Roe* made abortion legal in 1973. *Dobbs* overruled *Roe* in 2022 and now leaves it up to the states. There are many facets to the abortion issue, including those related to sidewalk counselors peacefully addressing women entering abortion clinics trying to persuade them not to take the lives of their unborn children.

Some of us remember Operation Rescue which began in 1986. It involved “sit-ins” at abortion clinics. Those persons were intervening to save the lives of unborn children. This infuriated bureaucrats who ultimately passed the Freedom Of Access To Clinic Entrances Act (“FACE”). I recently had the opportunity to speak to a long-ago friend who was also a “client” as a result of his OR intervention. It was a poignant reminder that pro-life efforts began two generations ago and continue now.

You probably have seen the recent reports of Lauren Handy, age 30, being sentenced to 57 months in prison for violating FACE. Her presence at a Washington abortion clinic reminds us there are still many miles to go before we rest. Unfortunately, prosecutors treat otherwise good citizens far worse than they do BLM, pro Palestine, and other contemporary protestors who engage in far more violent behavior. We will continue to work on every effort to protect the unborn.

The Biden Department of Justice has in its sights all those who seek to serve traditional values. Compare its efforts to penalize the State of Alabama for the VCAP law. Also, compare HHS Secretary Becerra’s recent comments that hospitals receiving federal funds would be deprived of those funds if they refuse to do abortions.

We continue our struggle to protect traditional values in Alabama. This month’s Educational Update is a report of the just ended legislative session that dealt with many such values.

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

Yours very truly,

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