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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The “State of the Union” is at risk in the upcoming general election. While the Democrats claim Donald Trump is a threat to democracy, it is they who are the threat. The socialist principles advocated during the Biden Administration have done much to change the Union.

Probably the most significant development over the last four years has not been what the Biden Administration has done, but what the U.S. Supreme Court has done under the leadership of originalist Justices. After decades of judicial abuse by Justices, i.e., abortion, same sex marriage, expansion of the administrative state, *etcetera*, the three Justices appointed by Trump have returned the court to its proper role.

In the Federalist No. 78, Alexander Hamilton explained the judiciary would be the least dangerous of the three branches of government. The Democrats now disagree with that because the court cannot be used for their political objectives.

President Biden has suggested the Supreme Court needs term limits, an ethics code, and mandatory retirement. These are among things suggested by Democrats, such as Senators Sheldon Whitehouse and Chuck Schumer, like adding additional members to dilute the court. The U.S. Constitution provides for the “separation of powers.” What Biden suggests would require the Constitution to be amended. That is unlikely. Yet, it should concern us that officials elected by the people are willing to make such changes to our form of government. More on this later.

This month’s Educational Update makes an important point in the annual gambling debate in the state of Alabama. There are many facets to that debate, all of which must be carefully examined.

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

Yours very truly,

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