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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Our Educational Update this month is the second in a series reporting on bills passed in the last legislative session. This month it is on the "American and Alabama Laws for Alabama Courts Act." The timing is particularly apropos in light of the recent United States Supreme Court rulings on same sex marriage. We provide two Educational Updates this month.

Regrettably, our report must be that the United States Supreme Court, the highest tribunal in the land, has determined that changing times necessitate viewing marriage as including members of the same sex. Its decision is not based on any longstanding tradition or importance of family in the United States. Rather, it is about protecting the tender feelings that people of the same sex may have for each other and how the federal government should not interfere with that.

There were two court decisions and in both five justices were for and four justices against same sex marriage. A very close call. Even so, like the reelection of Barack Obama as President, it is a very discouraging result. Reading the majority opinions is likened to the stench of a rotting corpse of a once strong person. America does not celebrate a grand 4th of July this year, but a discouraging ruling to be applauded by the men of Sodom and Gomorrah.

We will do our best in the Educational Update to provide as succinct an explanation as possible, though we know it may raise many questions. Please feel free to contact us with your questions and we will be glad to supply additional information. We can assure you we will be dealing further with this issue.

We have heard many recent comments that even in light of this decision, God is still in control. Of course God is still in control and he is sovereign over the affairs of men. These decisions do not diminish our faith or fervor in our trust for God's will. However, as lawyers, we fight for our heritage. God will ultimately decide the outcome of things, but in the meantime, we do what we can to preserve the goodness of America. We cannot take these decisions lightly. Ultimately, will not God judge us for our sins? We see many difficult battles ahead. While these two court decisions attack the family pillar of society, they also attack the religion pillar. We see the church as the next battlefield. With the election of a socialist hypocrite as President, all three pillars of our great nation are at risk.

Thank you very much for your continuing support of our efforts. With decisions like these, we do have our work cut out for us.

Yours very truly,

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