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Dear Friends and Supporters,

In October and November it came to our attention that at least three online gambling sports books were operating in Alabama. One advertised on the radio as Spooky Express. The other two were FanDuel and DraftKing who advertised primarily during NFL games on Sundays.

We referred this information to the Alabama Attorney General's office, requesting investigation. Subsequent to that, some ads showed available in Alabama, but some did not. All advertise on their websites gambling online is available in Alabama. Spooky Express shows on a link that "Alabama sports betting is currently not legal, but Alabamians have the option to use offshore sports books." We will continue to monitor what these online gamblers are doing.

We are all aware of the National Basketball Association scandal with sports betting and other gambling. That was followed by a revelation of sports betting rigged by two Major League Baseball pitchers. When the door was opened by the U.S. Supreme Court to permit online gambling, we knew it would be a bonanza for gambling interests and would result in abuse of gambling protections. After what the sports world did to Pete Rose, it is embarrassing what the sports world is permitting now.

The election of Zorhan Mamdani as mayor of New York City may cause more focus on Senator Tommy Tuberville's Sharia Law bill. As a practicing Muslim, will Mamdani's policies reflect his beliefs? Will Jews be afraid to wear kippahs and yarmulkes in NYC? The tenets of Sharia Law are unlike other major religions. This month's Education Update addresses concerns.

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

Yours very truly,

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