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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Next month will be state and federal mid-term elections. On November 3, 2026, Republicans and Democrats will be voting for their preferred candidates for statewide and local officials, as well as congressional races.

Unfortunately, the turnout for the primary and runoff races this year was very low. Perhaps, we call that voter apathy. Also, it may be that we have other more pressing things to do. Whatever excuses there may be, we should not take them but make voting on November 3rd a priority.

Voting is important because it is our civic duty. The people we elect will be making life-changing decisions for us. It is the democratic process. We elect them and then they make the rules we live by. We are part of the process.

Those rules deal with basic freedoms, such as sanctity of life, religious freedom, parents' rights, economic concerns, and all of the other affairs of life. You must examine the candidates' positions and make an educated vote.

It is not our job, and we are not permitted by law, as a non-profit organization, to recommend candidates. But we can say that it is extremely important that you elect people who represent your values.

This month's Educational Update deals with another of those important values protecting our children from the sexual perversion of drag shows. SLI has been an advocate against pornography since 1989 when we supported "blinder racks" in convenience stores so children would not see the front covers of Playboy and Penthouse. My, how things have changed.

Thank you for your support in our efforts to protect those values in the legal and legislative processes.

With personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,



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