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## Dear SLI Supporter:

Our report for this month highlights two cases in which we were recently involved. Both involved the exercise of parental rights. The first involved the right of a mother not to kill her child and the other involved the right of a mother to choose the education method for her child.

We daily receive phone calls or inquiries concerning similar issues. The use of the word "issues" might be misleading. It suggests something abstract and intangible. However, these issues are "reality" for those who call us. They are people in sincere need of assistance.

We are glad to be here to help them. Most of our issues involve situations which, in the overall scheme of things, may seem insignificant. The problems may be small compared, for example, to cases like the State of Ohio recently suffered. The ACLU filed a lawsuit and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Ohio's state motto, "With God, All Things Are Possible" is an unconstitutional endorsement of religion. That is a significant case for all of us. Yet, so too are the cases involving the two mothers above. In all three we must oppose such tyranny.

Your monthly financial support is important to us. We are now coming to the summer months when support falls off significantly. Please do not forget to continue your support during this time. Would you even consider an additional gift this month? While most of us may go on a summer vacation and enjoy warm weather and summer sports, the vigilance needed to preserve and protect religious liberty and individual rights cannot take time off. We will still get inquiries and we will still give assistance. Mothers like those above will need our help and, by God's grace, we will be here to help.

Also, please continue to pray for us and for our cooperating attorneys. Pray also for our supporters that they may be faithful. For the cause of liberty, I am,

Yours Very Truly,

HARRY O. YATES