

**To: Encouragers**

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**Subject: Exciting Encourage-A-Legislator Campaign Update**

Greetings Encouragers!

I hope you are continuing to enjoy praying for “your” legislator and sending the great quotes to them. I want to give you an update about what has been going on in the legislative session and the difference our prayers are making. It is really exciting.

First, we have gotten two phone calls from representatives and two letters from senators. They have all been positive. A few have asked us to continue to pray for them and have thanked us for our positive involvement with the legislative process, while another wanted to get more information about us. In addition, a few weeks ago when Gretchen Figge, our legislative liaison, was up at the Capitol, a legislative aide asked her who she was and asked if she was with an organization. When Gretchen told her, the woman responded “Oh, you are the ones who send those nice postcards.” Isn't that great?! Two of our major goals for this legislative session were to get some recognition and for legislators to think that there is something different about us. I know that we are accomplishing those two goals.

Of course another of our goals is for our legislators to make Godly decisions, I can also tell you that we are seeing that happen. Some of you may be aware of the “Hate” Crime bill which we opposed. It would have given special status to homosexuals and abortionists. It failed in committee. Praise God. HB 49, a bill that gives parents written consent for surveys or tests in public schools which would cause the child to reveal sensitive or personal information, passed through the House and is on its way in the Senate. We are in support of this bill because it keeps the control in the hands of the parents. Another parental consent education bill that we were concerned about, HB 56, actually passed out of the committee favorably but failed on the House floor on Wednesday. Again, Praise God! Other bills that we had concerns about failed or did not make it out of their committees, and we did not have to do anything. We know that all of this is the work of God answering the prayers that you have been praying!

We continue to be concerned about some bills. Of most concern is SB 31, which would require health insurance policies that cover prescription drugs to cover FDA-approved prescription contraceptive methods and “related outpatient” services. We strongly oppose this bill, because it attempts to mandate abortion services and abortion-related contraceptives which can be abortifacients. We encourage you to contact your representative and senator about this bill. The Nevada Senate number is 538-1035 and the Nevada House number is 538-1029. Please also voice your opposition to HB 20, which is a bill that requires adoption presentations to secondary students to be given only by certified teachers; this would exclude volunteers from the Pregnancy Resource Center.

I hope through this short letter that you can catch some of my excitement at what God is doing and how you are playing a huge role in the successes we are seeing. May God bless you and your family. Thank you for participating in this campaign and for praying for our state's leaders.