



December 2017

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Illinois, we send you greetings of peace and joy this Christmas season. Jesus is the reason we celebrate! Let us be reminded that it is in Him in whom we place our hope, for on His shoulders, He bears the burden of both peoples and governments.

*“For a Child is born to us, a Son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

— Isaiah 9:6

This year has been an extraordinary year with the election of President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. The Lord has been invited back into the White House, the economy is booming, religious freedom is being restored, and the United States has officially recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Sadly, here in the great state of Illinois, the following became law or policy despite intense lobbying efforts by CWA of Illinois and other conservative organizations and churches:

- The **Illinois Tax-Payer Funded Abortion Bill**, H.B. 40, which recognizes babies in the womb as “non-human,” is now the law of the land.
- The **Transgender Birth Certificate Bill**, H.B. 1785, signed into law by Gov. Rauner, makes it legal for transgender men and women to acquire falsified birth certificates with their “designated sex and name change” with or without a sex change operation.
- The **Illinois Department of Child and Family Services** now requires the acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning lifestyle by ALL social workers and foster families. Failure to adhere to these new policies will result in dismissal from one’s role.

On the positive side:

- After 16 attempts, the **Equal Rights Amendment** (ERA) is dead for this session and hopefully has breathed its last in Illinois.
- **Recreational Marijuana** was not voted upon during this session; therefore, it remains illegal.
- **Gambling expansion** was tabled for now.

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It is discouraging to see the rapid erosion of traditional family values in the Illinois government, but we must continue to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. We are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but we are engaging in spiritual warfare. We must put on every piece of God's Armor so we will be able to resist the enemy. Then, after the battle, we will still be standing firm! (Ephesians 6:10-13)

***No organization can thrive without financial support...***

We are continually grateful for those who give to the work of CWA of Illinois. Please consider sending a final 2017 gift to CWA of Illinois to give us a sure foundation as we enter into 2018.

It is YOUR generosity that will impact our state for future generations. If not you, then who?

Because CWA of Illinois is run by volunteers, all donations go straight to the work at hand. When you give to the state, all funds are used for state projects.

There are two ways to contribute your tax-deductible gift to CWA of Illinois. You can [click here](#) to contribute online, or send a check written out to "Concerned Women for America" and put "CWA of IL" on the memo line. Please send checks to the address below.

Your involvement, financial gifts, and prayers could not be more appreciated.

Our prayers for the coming year are that the Name of Christ will be lifted high, that we will make progress in our state for truth and righteousness, and that many will join us.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

In Him,



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State Director