Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours from Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Maine!

CWA of Maine, as part of the nation’s largest public policy organization for women, has had a very busy year! Let me share a few highlights that YOU made possible as you prayed, took action, and financially supported us throughout 2017.

CWA of Maine took a position on 15 pieces of legislation this year – more bills than ever before! We participated in pro-life coalition meetings, testified at the state Capitol on over 20 pieces of legislation, sent out multiple e-alerts, met with legislators and their staff, participated in the prayer caucus at the Capitol once a week, and kept our members updated on legislation through our monthly newsletter.

We addressed legislation on parental rights, national sovereignty, sharia law, female genital mutilation, immigration, education, sex-trafficking, an amendment to the Constitution of Maine to establish a victims’ bill of rights, and marijuana legalization. While the outcome of most of the legislation we took a stand on was not as we desired, we are very thankful to God for our victory against physician-assisted suicide for the eighth time in Maine. In the last session, we only succeeded by one vote, but this year we won in the House of Representatives by 24 votes!

Though we did not see many victories this year in the state legislature, we know that we did what we were called to do by speaking the truth. Those in places of leadership cannot claim ignorance. In the words of our CWA founder, Beverly LaHaye, “We are not called to win; we are called to fight.” And fight we did!

In addition to our lobbying efforts, CWA of Maine was active in many other ways:

- Joined National Field Director Janae Stracke in Portland to participate in a public forum in which U.S. Sen. Angus King sought input on the nomination of Judge Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. I also did several media interviews.
- Attended CWA’s Leadership Training Conference in Washington, D.C. We enjoyed a
day of meeting with U.S. senators on Capitol Hill, and then we went to the White House and met with several high-ranking staff. My favorite guest speaker was Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to U.S. President Donald Trump. What a Godly woman she is! The next day was filled with excellent training. I participated in a legislative panel discussion by presenting on physician-assisted suicide. On the last day, we met together for prayer and worship.

♦ Participated and encouraged participation in the 40 Days for Life campaigns.
♦ 175 volunteers prayed for and sent encouraging postcards to 185 state legislators throughout the legislative session as part of our Encourage-A-Legislator program. We received great feedback from several legislators.
♦ As you know from my Thanksgiving letter, two wonderful ladies joined the steering committee, which filled three positions: Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator, Legislator Liaison, and Encourage-A-Legislator Coordinator.

I thank the Lord for YOUR partnership in this ministry. YOUR prayers for both CWA of Maine and the issues at hand have been vital. The many phone calls you made, the emails and letters you sent to your legislators, the time you spent attending a local Prayer/Action Chapter, the postcards you sent for Encourage-A-Legislator, and the financial support you gave put feet to all that CWA of Maine does behind the scenes. We are grateful for YOU!

Please consider sending a final 2017 gift to CWA of Maine 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? Any amount is appreciated.

Please send a check to the address below. Write it out to “Concerned Women for America” and put “CWA of Maine” on the memo line. Or, click here to contribute online. Because CWA of Maine is run by volunteers, all donations go straight to the work at hand. When you give to the state, all funds are used in the state.

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

Go to our website at me.cwfa.org to read testimonies, e-alerts, newsletters, view interviews, and more.

I pray you are able to take time with your loved ones to enjoy the fullness of this Holy Season of celebrating Christ’s birth.

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

Penny Morrell
State Director