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Dear Friends of the Center:

Thank you for your support of the Center and school programs. What a blessing it is to minister to this generation. We have a great opportunity to train students for the Lord.

As you may know, the Center has been increasingly engaged in public policy which impacts the Christian community. Many voices in our culture today, from both sides of the religious liberty debate, would tell us that being involved in public policy is not important, or perhaps not even appropriate for Christians. At the Center, we don't believe that to be a Biblical perspective. We have watched as many sectors of the evangelical community - namely churches, Christian schools, and individuals - have chosen to take a less active role in this kind of involvement, resulting in a gradual mitigation of religious freedom and the biblical roots of our culture.

For almost twenty years, the Center has been called to defend religious liberty and find ways to increase resources. Our focus remains on Christ-centered counseling and Christian schools, and ultimately to ensure that our work as a distinctly Christian organization continues. Under the leadership of Dr. Merle Skinner's work at the Center and his involvement with schools in the Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI), eight states are now organized and engaged in advocacy, with an expansion to South Carolina pending this year. Merle continues to be passionate about bringing Christian schools to the table to discuss what can happen when the Lord is at the center of education. In 2020, Dr. Skinner will be traveling to Frankfort, KY; Washington, DC; Annapolis, MD; Charleston, WV; Columbia, SC; and various cities in Pennsylvania to help support collaboration and advocacy.

The ongoing role of the Center in building relationships has been recognized and noted by one of the major players in Pennsylvania for the defense of religious liberty.

"Many involved in ministry are oblivious to the fact that government increasingly works to censor and even punish the religious distinctives of our ministries. Christian ministries must stay true to the faith if we are to be effective. The Christian Family & Children's Center understands that threat, and strategically and persuasively engages with lawmakers. We couldn't accomplish what we do as a movement without the leadership that the Christian Family & Children's Center brings to this process."

-Randall Wenger, Chief Counsel, Pennsylvania Family Council

As a Center Board, we are committed to this ministry as part of our mission for 'engaging the world for Christ'. ASCI is very supportive of the Center and its role in advocacy, but only travel expenses are covered. We need like-minded partners for the financial support to make this happen and to consider giving a gift to help cover these expenses. It generally costs an average of \$3-5,000 to support these kinds of activities within one state. We are praying that you will join us in following Christ's call in these important times.

May God bless you,

Roy Laux, President Center Board of Directors

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Educating, Equipping, and Engaging the World for Christ