



VIRGINIA ASSEMBLY OF INDEPENDENT BAPTISTS

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Dear Friend,

Even Small Victories are Victories!

During the General Assembly, Senator William Stanley from District 20 introduced a “Harmful Materials” bill: SB1515. The bill overwhelmingly passed the Committee on the Judiciary on February 6, 2023, and was reported to the Senate where it was amended and passed with a 37 to 3 vote.

The bill then went on to the House where it unanimously passed the Courts of Justice Committee and eventually it unanimously passed the House.

After House amendments were agreed upon by the Senate, SB1515 went to the Governor’s desk where he signed it into law on May 12, 2023. This bill will become law on July 1, 2023.

What this new law will do is require pornographic websites to verify the age of individuals before viewing the site. This law mandates that no one under the age of 18 may view the site in Virginia if more than one-third of the site contains material that is “harmful to juveniles”.

I realize that this law still allows pornographic sites to be viewed in Virginia. I also realize that this law allows juveniles to access sites that have less than one third of its material that is deemed “harmful to juveniles.” However, this law is a start. Any restriction is a victory. *Even small victories are victories.*

You can read about the bill at the link below:

<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?231+sum+SB1515>

Virginia’s children are currently under attack, and they need Virginia’s Righteous to stand up for them. Will you be one of the Righteous to stand with the Kids of Virginia?

If you are willing to stand, then I want to personally invite you to this year’s ONE Voice for Liberties Conference where we will look at other issues that kids in Virginia are having to endure. We will also discover how you can affectively stand.

ONE Voice for Liberties Conference – September 29

This year’s ONE Voice for Liberties Conference is Friday, September 29, 2023. The conference will be held at Temple Baptist Church in Fredericksburg, VA. The address is 300 White Oak Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

Can I encourage you to plan now to attend the ONE Voice for Liberties Conference on Friday, September 29 by placing this date on your calendar? I believe this meeting will encourage you to know what can happen through your involvement and inform you of how effective you can be in standing with Virginia’s Kids.

If you already plan to attend, would you take the time to invite someone to join you. Let's make a big statement that Virginia's Righteous will Stand with Virginia's Kids

"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." – Matthew 18:6

May God help us stand with the kids of Virginia!

Virginia's Elections

As you well know, every seat in Virginia's General Assembly is up for election this year. Virginia's righteous have an important task ahead. If you want Virginia's Kids to be protected in Virginia, then I want to encourage you to vote.

If you are not registered to vote, then I invite you to do so. You can register to vote at the below link:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/>

Some primaries have already taken place. However, there are still several primaries that will take place in the next couple of months. Can I invite you to research your district and find out who is running during the primary? You can find your sample ballot at the link below:

https://ballotpedia.org/Sample_Ballot_Lookup

Pray for the Selection of the Next Executive Director

The Steering Committee is in the process of determining a permanent solution for the next Executive Director. The Steering Committee wants to proceed with due diligence. So, they have asked me to reach out to you to see if you know anyone who might be interested in becoming the next Executive Director of VAIB. If so, then have any interested individuals contact the VAIB office at director@vaib.org.

Support Update

God continues to provide for the needs of VAIB. Thank you for your support. Richmond needs to be influenced for righteousness and your support makes that possible.

Many support checks are still going to the old PO BOX. May I encourage you to change where you send your support checks to the following address:

**VAIB
P.O. Box 184
Sutherland, VA. 23885.**

Thank you for your help and your support.

I look forward to watching God work in the upcoming elections. May God bless you as you serve Him!

Your Servant,



Ron Owens
Interim Executive Director

P.S. If you want to learn more about standing with the Kids of Virginia, then place the ONCE Voice for Liberties Conference on your calendar for Friday, September 29, 2023, and plan to attend.