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“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”
Galatians 4:4–5

Department of Treasury Seeks Public Input for School Choice Regulations

The Treasury Department has requested input as it crafts regulations for the school choice provision that was passed as part of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act this summer. This provision establishes a \$1,700 dollar-for-dollar tax credit for taxpayers who donate to a scholarship-granting organization (SGO). These SGOs then bundle donations and provide scholarships to students for eligible expenses such as private school tuition. The Treasury regulations will be critical to ensuring that the autonomy of SGOs is protected as well as that of the participating schools and students. The AACCS has prepared a [white paper with five main recommendations](#) for the Treasury Department to address in their regulations, including protection of religious liberty for participating SGOs, schools, and students, and suggestions to ensure maximum opportunities for students and families.

The AACCS encourages school leaders to submit comments before the deadline on December 26, 2025, on how the program’s implementation could affect them. The deadline to submit comments is Friday, December 26, 2025. Comments can be submitted via the Federal e-Rulemaking website here: [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Search for the document number [IRS-2025-0466](#). Please feel free to [contact our AACCS Washington office](#) if you have any questions or would like more information.

Labor and Education Secretaries Working Together to Close Department of Education

The secretaries of Labor and Education are collaborating to implement President Trump’s [executive order](#) to close the Education Department. As the AACCS [reported](#), the Education Department recently signed an agreement with the Labor Department to establish the Elementary and Secondary Education Partnership. In an [interview](#) with the Daily Signal, Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer highlighted the approach the two Departments are taking to fulfill Trump’s mandate to return education to the states: “It’s a great coalition between Department of Education and the Department of Labor.” Chavez-DeRemer said that she is working with Congress to codify Trump’s actions and that her experience as a former congresswoman has helped her establish relationships with members. “I was on the Education and Workforce Committee, Transportation and Infrastructure, Ag Committee,” she said and later added that her job is now to give Congress “technical assistance when they’re drafting bills and legislation.” Chavez-DeRemer also noted that the Labor Department will efficiently provide state governments with the resources they need. “We’re just deploying those dollars because we see what the market demands are,” said Chavez-DeRemer. “This is going to be successful because I think the states are gonna appreciate that they have the access to those dollars closest to the ground.”

Supreme Court Hears Arguments for Pregnancy Center

The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case [*First Choice Women's Resource Centers v. Platkin*](#), a case with important implications for the First Amendment rights of donors. In November 2023, New Jersey Attorney General Matthew Platkin issued a subpoena against First Choice, a pro-life pregnancy center. Platkin did not list any complaint or violation but ordered First Choice to send him 10 years of records, including confidential donor information. First Choice, represented by Alliance Defending Freedom, filed a federal lawsuit and argued that the First Amendment protected it from releasing private donor records. Platkin then sued in state court. The case has been simultaneously litigated at both the federal and state levels and has now arrived at the U.S. Supreme Court. At stake is whether First Choice must first go through the state courts before it can litigate at the federal level. ADF senior counsel Erin Hawley argued that the case is ripe for the federal courts to consider because the subpoena violated the First Amendment's right to association. Donors may think twice before donating to First Choice if they fear their identities could be revealed to the state. New Jersey attorney Sundeep Iyer argued that First Choice still retains its freedoms because the state courts have yet to demand the organization release its donor list. First Choice has received widespread support from across the ideological spectrum. For instance, liberal organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union have filed amicus briefs in support of First Choice's position. The Supreme Court [appeared sympathetic](#) to First Choice's arguments. Several justices questioned if the state's actions could have a chilling effect on potential donors. The Supreme Court is expected to release its decision this summer on whether the case should continue at the federal or state level.

Coming Soon—National School Choice Week

[National School Choice Week](#) (NSCW) will be held January 25–31, 2026. Many organizations, schools, parent groups, and students across the country prepare events to highlight the benefits of school choice programs. For materials and ideas for your school or event, please [click here](#).

Coming Soon—March for Life

The [March for Life](#) will take place on January 23, 2026, in Washington, D.C. The [mission](#) of the march is to “promote the beauty and dignity of every human life by working to end abortion—uniting, educating, and mobilizing pro-life people in the public square.” For information on participating in this year's march, please [click here](#).

In Case You Missed It:

[Weekly Market Update](#) provided by Jeff Beach of the [AACCS Investment Team at Merrill Lynch](#)

[Practical Legal Help for Christian Schools: ADF Ministry Alliance](#)

[ABC's of School Choice is Now Available](#)

[Congress Passed a National School Choice Program but Will States Participate?](#)

[The House Republican Health Care Plan Is Here](#)

[Supreme Court Vacates Anti-Amish Vaccine Ruling](#)

We want to wish our readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. In light of the holidays, we will pause our normal Washington Flyer until after New Year's Day, but we will be sending a special Christmas and New Year's Message—so stay tuned! Merry Christmas!

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