

From the desk of Tom Brejcha, Founder and President...

December 8, 2025

Dear Friend,

Our Thomas More Society will be marking yet another banner year as 2025 draws to a close. Indeed, we've been engaged in a remarkable and ongoing campaign of extraordinary legal battles. So far, with God's grace and your generous support, we have won many remarkable victories. Now we're gearing up for yet tougher and bigger challenges ahead!

Early this year, we secured presidential pardons for peaceful pro-lifers unjustly prosecuted under the weaponized FACE Act. We won religious liberty protections for Pennsylvania families. We forced Minneapolis to pay over \$450,000 after violating pro-life free speech rights. We struck down an Illinois law forcing pregnancy centers to promote abortion.

We don't want to rest on our laurels, but rather to establish a new baseline from which to move forward *with renewed vigor*! As we head into the Christmas season, I am eternally grateful for your support. These victories didn't come easy. They came through sacrifice, perseverance, and the faithful support of partners like you who refuse to surrender when the stakes are highest.

As I look toward 2026, I see the challenges mounting. Pro-abortion Attorneys General in New York, California, Illinois, and elsewhere, are preparing a fierce counterattack against pregnancy centers and pro-life speech. Radical gender ideology continues to hurt our schools and communities. Religious liberty is facing new threats from hostile state governments.

Our legal team has steadfastly remained at the forefront of all these issues, safeguarding our constitutional rights and freedoms. But the battles ahead will test us like never before.

Every gift you send will be doubled, dollar for dollar, as we prepare for the legal fights that will define 2026. Please take advantage of the **\$500,000 Matching Challenge** that will help us enter 2026 in a position of strength.

Justice for Savannah: We've filed a major civil lawsuit after Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg refused to prosecute her vicious assailant

When Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg let a violent criminal assailant walk free after attacking pro-life journalist Savannah Craven Antao, we answered her call for help and stepped in to call on Alvin Bragg to publicly account for his failure to do justice, advise him publicly that he could still pursue felony and "hate crime" charges against Savannah's assailant,

(which he refused to do!), and pursue justice for Savannah by filing a major lawsuit on her behalf in New York's civil courts.

The assault was vicious and unprovoked, two successive punches to the face, one with a cell phone that opened a gash over her eye requiring stitches in the emergency room.

The attack was caught on video. The attacker, Brianna Rivers, was arrested. The evidence was overwhelming. This should have been an open-and-shut case!

But Alvin Bragg had other plans. His office downgraded what should've been a felony charge to a mere misdemeanor and then allowed the case to be dismissed as time-barred when an inexperienced non-lawyer assigned under a "student practice" rule missed a critical deadline.

Despite our attorneys' prompt and specific legal advice to Bragg's office, proving that the charges could be refiled timely and properly, if couched as a felony, Bragg again refused to take any action, without bothering to explain why he still refused to prosecute!

Nor would he charge Ms. Rivers with a hate crime, despite clear evidence that her attack was motivated by hatred of Savannah's Christian and pro-life religious beliefs.

Worse, after the attack, Rivers resorted to social media to mock and taunt Savannah, and tried to make a monetary profit from her crime. She called Savannah and her supporters "White inbred, Pro life, Racist, Jesus freaks... All of you can get in a basket and go directly to hell."

Then, she marketed t-shirts showing a fist hitting a face with "BAM!" to raise money for her legal defense. And Rivers wasn't finished. She "liked" dozens of comments celebrating the violence: "You ain't hit that girl hard enough..." "She deserved it and was asking for it..." "You did the community a service..." *Those are only a few examples...*

We could not tolerate allowing this criminal behavior to go unpunished. So, just days ago, on November 18th, our able veteran Senior Counsel Chris Ferrara, a successful New York trial and appellate lawyer, filed a comprehensive civil lawsuit on Savannah's behalf in Bronx County Supreme Court.

We're calling on Ms. Rivers to pay a judgment for compensatory and punitive damages for assault, battery, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Savannah still suffers from vivid flashbacks and fears further violence. But she still bravely continues her pro-life ministry.

When district attorneys like Alvin Bragg fail and refuse to do their jobs—while anti-life attackers openly celebrate their violence—we'll pursue justice through every available legal avenue. Savannah deserves her day in court, and we're going to make sure she gets it!

California Ed. Dept. officials were caught-red-handed. Now, the Federal Judge is considering sanctions for lying to the Court

What do you do when government officials try to hide the ball and mislead a federal judge in a case of national importance?

That's the question now before U.S. District Court Judge Roger Benitez, the judge in our landmark *Mirabelli v. Olson* case. **California education officials stand accused of deliberately misleading his Court about their directives mandating 'gender secrecy'—that is, official policies and directives forcing teachers to hide children's secret gender transitions from their own parents.**

Since we've won our original preliminary injunction for teachers Elizabeth Mirabelli and Lori West, state education officials have solemnly assured the Court they had stopped enforcing these unconstitutional directives, having scrubbed their websites clean of the challenged policies.

They insisted the policies were gone. **But that wasn't true.**

Only a week before our scheduled major summary judgment hearing that would determine the future of the case, our legal team uncovered the truth.

California officials had secretly coordinated with **19 LGBTQ+ activist groups**—including the California ACLU, The Trevor Project, and others—to surreptitiously relocate the exact same gender secrecy directives into mandatory statewide teacher training.

These duplicitous officials simply moved their unconstitutional anti-parent scheme underground into non-public, password-protected teacher training materials... thereby continuing to enforce the very same gender secrecy directives they had told the court no longer existed!

By aggressive legal discovery efforts, we caught these high-level statewide officials red-handed. They couldn't hide anymore. We told Judge Benitez the whole truth, and he then ordered California's top education officials to explain why they shouldn't be held in contempt of court and suffer an imposition of punitive sanctions for this deceptive conduct.

Sunlight is the best disinfectant, and this revelation exposed lengths to which California's educational system has been dominated by the so-called "gender ideology" establishment, and the lengths to which officials would go to treat parents like strangers in their own kids' lives.

At the climactic summary judgement hearing, Judge Benitez devoted nearly two hours to review this serious matter of California's falsification and lying about its supposed compliance with his prior order. But the state's education officials didn't even bother to show up to answer for what they had done. They had submitted vague, general written declarations, hoping they'd suffice...

But Judge Benitez insisted that further evidence be provided, detailing how these supposedly “scrubbed” gender secrecy directives had been switched into mandatory teacher trainings.

Judge Benitez is now weighing all the relevant evidence. As I write this letter, we are expecting to receive his written ruling on contempt of court sanctions at any moment.

Lying to a federal Judge is fraught with peril. When the lie is calculated, as in this case, to cover up officials’ outright blatant defiance of the Judge’s order, sanctions would be expected. Moreover, this is a matter of the utmost gravity, denying parents’ constitutional rights.

We spent six hours in a packed courtroom fighting to end California’s war on parental rights. Here’s what happened.

November 17th was a day for which we’ve been preparing for two years. A day when truth would finally confront the grievous untruth that government knows better than parents.

The courtroom was packed to capacity. Our clients—Elizabeth Mirabelli and Lori West, the veteran award-winning teachers for whom we’ve been fighting for so long—sat with us, having risked everything. Their careers... Their reputations... Their livelihoods... Why? Because they refused to lie to the parents of their students.

For six grueling hours in federal court, we went head-to-head against lawyers for the State of California arguing for permanent cessation of “Parental Exclusion Policies” that force teachers to hide the truth about kids’ gender transitions from their own parents.

What began with these two teachers standing alone has ballooned into one of the biggest civil rights class actions in California legal history. Today, the case encompasses over 300,000 California public school teachers and the parents of more than 5 million public school students.

Here’s what became crystal clear in that courtroom: California education officials violated the constitutional rights of teachers, parents, and students. Their policies have threatened children’s health and safety. They’ve undermined parents’ fundamental right to direct their own children’s upbringing.

Now we await Judge Benitez’s decision on the merits of our claim as well as his ruling on contempt sanctions. Indeed, we’re trying to restore parental rights and protect families not just in California, but across the nation.

Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker’s lawyers fight to force pro-life doctors and pregnancy centers to become abortion referral agents

Back in April, we won a victory when a federal judge struck down an Illinois abortion law that purported to force pregnancy centers to tout supposed “benefits” of abortion to the women they serve. Our Judge agreed this was plainly unconstitutional.

But this was only a partial victory as the Judge left standing Illinois' **Abortion Referral Mandate**. We appealed, but now Governor J.B. Pritzker's lawyers have doubled down in our federal appeal, proving just how far they will go to conscript pro-life pregnancy centers and doctors into their deadly mission.

Pritzker's lawyers claim that abortion referrals are just "routine professional conduct" ... like writing a prescription! As if referring a mother to kill her baby were simply a "mechanical act" or routine medical care, no different than recommending physical therapy.

The State of Illinois insists that referring for abortion is "non-expressive conduct" that doesn't even implicate one's conscience or touch upon one's deepest beliefs. It argues that when a pro-life doctor hands a woman information to help her get an abortion, that's not really "speech" at all. It's just... "conduct." Nothing conscientious or faith-filled about it.

But every pro-life doctor and pregnancy center volunteer or staff member knows the truth: *An abortion referral is an implicit endorsement*. It communicates "this is an acceptable option for you"—contradicting everything they believe and everything they exist to prevent!

Our pregnancy center clients across Illinois face a stark choice: Violate your conscience and facilitate abortions or lose the legal shield protecting you from ruinous lawsuits. **Illinois wants to bankrupt any pregnancy center that refuses to become an accomplice to abortion!**

We've filed our federal appeal and are preparing for a major appeals argument slated for next year! Illinois' Abortion Referral Mandate doesn't just violate the First Amendment; it forces pro-life doctors and pregnancy centers to betray the very foundation of their calling.

A \$500,000 MATCH: Please rush your Christmas gift today!

We need an immediate infusion of funds to enter 2026 in a position of strength, so that we're able to shore up our defenses on behalf of our many innocent clients and be "at the ready" for the fights ahead as pro-abortionists mobilize against our defense of life-saving ministries.

To help your gift go twice as far, a generous group of anonymous friends of Thomas More Society are putting forward a \$500,000 Matching Challenge until December 31st.

We're short of the financial breathing space we need to defend innocent pregnancy centers and other pro-life clients from pro-abortion state prosecutors like Attorneys General Letitia James (NY), Rob Bonta (CA), Kwame Raoul (IL), and former AG Martha Coakley (MA).

Would you please prayerfully consider rushing a generous tax-deductible Christmas gift today? **Your gift will make double the impact, thanks to our Matching Challenge.**

As the new year 2026 approaches, the stakes have never been higher. California education officials face potential contempt sanctions after our exposé. Our landmark *Mirabelli* case could end California's Parental Exclusion Policies once and for all. Illinois is fighting to force pro-life doctors to become abortion referral agents. Savannah deserves her day in court.

We need your urgent help... Could you please consider making a sacrificial Christmas gift of \$1,000 or \$2,500? Possibly even \$5,000 or \$10,000? A gift in that range would be a tremendous blessing, and we'll be deeply grateful.

Please make a gift commensurate with the financial blessings the Lord has given you. If a gift at that level isn't possible, could you consider sending \$100, \$250, or even \$500?

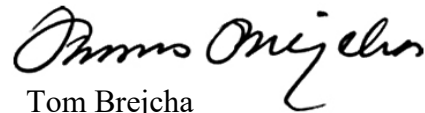
Thanks to our matching gift, each gift will be doubled. That means your tax-deductible gift of \$1,000 will be instantly doubled to make \$2,000 worth of impact, your gift of \$500 will be instantly doubled to make \$1,000 worth of impact, and so on...

We also need many urgent gifts in \$75, \$50, and \$35, or whatever you can sacrifice. Would any of those amounts be possible for you this Christmas season?

We will gratefully accept your generous Christmas contribution—no matter how small, no matter how large. Most importantly, please pray for our work. Please pray for justice.

Through your prayers and generosity, you sustain our mission at Thomas More Society and join with us in these new and ongoing battles for justice.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Brejcha".

Tom Brejcha
Founder and President
Thomas More Society

P.S. Our year-end **\$500,000 Matching Challenge** funds are only available until **December 31st**, so please take advantage of this opportunity to have your gift matched dollar-for-dollar.

P.P.S. Your generous tax-deductible gift today supports our entire mission at Thomas More Society, from the cases mentioned in this letter to plenty of other battles we are fighting for pro-life, pro-family, and pro-religious freedom heroes—whose stories I am unable to fit in this letter!