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Dear SBC Family,

Send Relief is the compassion ministry arm of the Southern Baptist Convention of churches. From its beginning, Send Relief has put a priority on protecting children and families; doing so is not a distraction from our mission — it is an integral part of it.

Southern Baptists are grieving for survivors of abuse and are seeking ways to better safeguard children and families. Send Relief wants to be part of the solutions outlined by the SBC Sexual Abuse Task Force.

To this end, Send Relief commits the \$3 million in one-time funds the SBC Executive Committee estimates it needs to carry out reforms being recommended to the SBC messengers at the 2022 SBC annual meeting. **This \$3 million would come from Send Relief undesignated funds, not from Cooperative Program donations or gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.**

Send Relief's contribution will allow Southern Baptists' generous Cooperative Program giving to continue to serve and support SBC missionaries, church planters and seminary students.

In addition, consistent with its mission to protect children and families, Send Relief will provide seed funding of \$1 million for a survivor-care fund, providing trauma counseling for survivors of sexual abuse in the SBC, as well as for trauma-informed training for SBC pastors, churches, local associations and state conventions.

Following the SBC annual meeting, Send Relief will offer online-giving opportunities for any entity, state convention, local association, church or individual to contribute to the survivor-care fund.

Our prayer — like those of all Southern Baptists — is for unity, healing and courage as we collectively advance the hope of the gospel amidst a broken world.

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