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**May we ask you to show your commitment and make your most generous gift today?** You will be providing thousands of your fellow Lutherans the vital education, outreach and advocacy of the RIC program, both this month and beyond.

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