

The Honorable Rod Blagojevich
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Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Senate Bill 1434 (The Citizen Participation Act)

Dear Governor Blagojevich:

The ACLU of Illinois urges your support of Senate Bill 1434, the Citizen Participation Act. Efforts to address the problem that Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs) create have been attempted for in the legislature through various bills for the past decade. This session we are pleased to report that the legislative solution embodied in Senate Bill 1434 received overwhelming favor by both chambers.

I have enclosed a memo of law detailing the nature of the problem and how Senate Bill 1434 creates a simple solution while preserving critical citizen First Amendment rights to petition government.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Mary E. Dixon