



Ohio Patriot Act Update: Urge Governor to Veto!

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Friends,

Despite our best efforts a heavily amended version of the Ohio Patriot Act (Senate Bill 9) passed the Ohio General Assembly yesterday. A vocal bipartisan minority in the House voted against the Ohio Patriot Act, and they are to be commended. Also deserving of praise are all of you who took action and repeatedly urged your elected officials to oppose the Ohio Patriot Act. Thank you.

The Ohio Patriot Act substantially infringes upon Ohioans' First, Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights. It enshrines discrimination against aliens and immigrants, and the Ohio Patriot Act chills free speech and dissent.

While the ACLU is disturbed that such a bill passed, we are bolstered by the public awareness raised by people like you. Indeed, the numerous letters, phone calls, and editorials had an important impact on the process.

We still need your help! The Governor will soon decide whether to sign or veto the Ohio Patriot Act.

Please contact Governor Taft today with this message:

“Governor Taft, as a concerned Ohioan, I urge you to veto the Ohio Patriot Act, Senate Bill 9. It does not make us safer from terrorism, but it does trample our civil liberties and freedom.”

If you'd like to contact Governor Taft by U.S. postal **mail**, address your correspondence to:

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Or you may contact the Governor by **phone** at 614-466-3555, or you may **email** him <http://governor.ohio.gov/contactinfopage.asp>