



September 25, 2009

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senate  
309 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-1304

Dear Senator Durbin:

On behalf of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) and our 300 members, I am writing to thank you for co-sponsoring the Justice Act of 2009, which seeks to reform the USA Patriot Act by providing more protection for the constitutional rights of Americans. We are especially grateful to you for your thoughtful comments about the use of National Security Letters in libraries during last Wednesday's hearing.

CALL, a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), was founded in 1947 to promote information services and law librarianship, to develop and increase the usefulness of law libraries, and to foster a spirit of cooperation among members of our profession.

We are proud that we named you the CALL Legislator of the Year in 2005. We created the award largely because you inspired our admiration, and thus far you are the only recipient. Your support of the constitutional rights of all citizens is extremely impressive, and you have shown this time and again through legislative action. We are grateful for your many years of exceptional service to the citizens of Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gretchen E. Van Dam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gretchen E. Van Dam  
President 2009-10  
Chicago Association of Law Libraries