

# FLORIDA AFL-CIO

David,

**Tomorrow, Tuesday February 7th**, Florida Senators will vote on SB 80, a bill that would drastically weaken our Constitutional right to public records and make it more difficult for citizens to gain access .

Call the following Senators on the Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee now and **urge them to vote “NO” on SB 80.**

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 Dennis Baxley, Chair	 (850) 487-5012
 Frank Artiles, Vice Chair	 (850) 487-5040
 Bill Galvano	 (850) 487-5021
 Denise Grimsley	 (850) 487-5026
 Kevin Rader	 (850) 487-5029
 Darryl Ervin Rouson	 (850) 487-5019
 Linda Stewart	 (850) 487-5013

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**Public records should remain just that, public and accessible to all Floridians who file requests.**

There is no enforcement mechanism protecting this right, only the filing of a civil suit. SB 80, by Senator Steube (R, Gainesville), would change current law so that if a citizen successfully sues a government agency or official for unlawfully being denied a public records request, they would not be guaranteed reasonable attorneys fees.

**This action would deter attorney’s from advising in these cases leaving citizens without legal representation and essentially killing our constitutional right.**

As we’ve seen with recent suits against Governor Scott, the result could push the costs for attorney’s fees onto taxpayers and undercut public access to government records.

Open and transparent government must remain an essential right for all Floridians. **Call the Senators above and let them know that working families stand firmly against any laws that weaken access to public records.**

In Solidarity,

Rich Templin

Legislative and Political Director