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The Honorable Stewart J. Greenleaf, Facsimile (717) 783-7328
Senate of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee
Main Capitol Building, East Wing, Room 19
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: SB 1095-Anti Slapp Legislation
FOR THE RECORD-OPPOSITION TO SB 1095

Dear Chairman Greenleaf,

Senator Farnese has introduced SB 1095, a Bill that would create immunity against civil litigation.

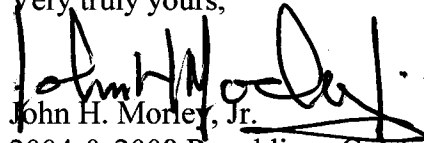
On March 7, 2014 I requested the opportunity to testify at the April 24, 2014 public hearing regarding SB 1095. On April 21, 2014 Senator Farnese refused to permit my testimony. Please include this writing with the record of the April 24, 2014 testimony.

Fundamentally, I oppose the Bill because Pennsylvania already has a law in place that protects citizens against wrongful use of civil procedure, *The Dragonetti Act*, **42 Pa.C.S.A § 8351, et seq.** This fact in and of itself should preclude SB 1095 from even a committee vote.

But other flaws exist in SB 1095. The provisions for an immediate process to dismiss and thereafter the statutory right for an Interlocutory Appeal will burden Pennsylvania's Appellate Courts. Every future defendant, in all types of matters, will avail themselves to the provisions of this Act and therefore overwhelm the Appellate Courts with interlocutory appeals. Pennsylvania already has laws that protect volunteers and good Samaritans, **42 Pa.C.S.A § 8331, et seq.** Pennsylvania's Defamation Statutes already protect conditionally privileged communications, **42 Pa.C.S.A § 8341, et seq.** Lets not forget, defendants have the right to file Counter Claims.

For all of the reasons written above I oppose SB 1095.

Very truly yours,



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