

How You Can Join Our Fight Against HB 1121 & SB 2108

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Legislation supported by Florida judges, House Bill 1121 and Senate Bill 2108, destroys the Clerk & Comptroller's critical check and balance on the judicial process. Help protect the integrity of court records and court funds by **joining the fight to stop this legislation today!**

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tips on writing a *Letter to the Editor*:

- Include your full name, address and daytime phone number
- Keep your letter brief, 200 words maximum
- Make your point quickly

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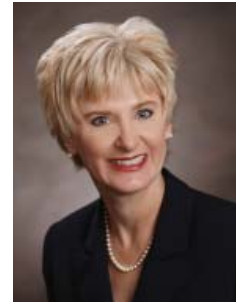
WRITE TO YOUR LEGISLATORS

Tips on contacting your State Representative about HB 1121 and State Senator about SB 2108:

- Address them as "The Honorable (Full Name)"
- Keep your correspondence to one issue and one page
- Include complete contact information so that they may respond

Visit www.vote-smart.org to find contact information for your Florida legislators. Enter your zip code under "Find Your Representatives" on the left, then scroll down to "State Legislative." Click on the legislators' names to obtain their contact information.

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Sample Letter

Don't know what to write? Below is a sample letter that may help.

This letter is intended only as an example.

Please personalize to reflect your opinions on this issue.

Dear (Editor/or insert legislator name as The Honorable _____),

My faith in the integrity of the court system would be seriously shaken if lawmakers approve statewide legislation eliminating the elected Clerk of Circuit Court. House Bill 1121 and Senate Bill 2108 transfer the Clerk's duty to protect court records and court funds to the judges and their staff. In other words, the judges—the very people who decide the fate of individuals in our courtrooms—would be the same people responsible for the accuracy and integrity of court records, evidence and court fees. It's a conflict of interest at its core, and a violation of the check and balance built into the justice system.

When someone's life, liberty or property is at stake, checks and balances are essential. Keep the independent Clerk as the watchdog of court records and court funds, and let the judges focus on delivering justice.

Sincerely,

(Your Name)

(Your Contact Info)