



Florida Cameras in the Courtroom Act

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Re: Request to sponsor a secure, uniform audiovisual record of on-the-record court proceedings

As a Florida constituent, I respectfully ask you to sponsor and support the Florida Cameras in the Courtroom Act.

Florida has a strong tradition of open courts, and existing rules allow electronic media coverage subject to judicial authority. The proposed reform would address a different issue: creation of a dependable official audiovisual recording of on-the-record proceedings in every Florida courtroom, with uniform standards for retention, access, security, and redaction.

The recording would supplement, not replace, the certified transcript or other official record designated by law. The legislation should protect sealed and confidential matters, children's identifying information, privileged communications, juror privacy, and proceedings closed by law. It should exclude genuinely off-the-record discussions and provide secure access to parties and authorized oversight bodies under existing confidentiality rules. A phased implementation plan would allow the Office of the State Courts Administrator to address equipment, storage, and funding.

A reliable audiovisual record can improve accuracy, accountability, public confidence, and review of disputed courtroom events without turning sensitive proceedings into public broadcasts. Please consider sponsoring this carefully safeguarded transparency measure. I would welcome a brief call with you or your staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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YOUR STREET ADDRESS

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