**EMAIL SET-UP**

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| **Affiliate Name** | Illinois |

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| **Mailing Date:** | 5/21/2018 | **Flexibility:** | Can't be moved  Slightly moveable, up to 3 days  Moveable, 3 to 5 days |
| **Don’t forget to schedule on the** [CAN Calendar](https://www.acluloop.org/Departments/affiliateSupport/CAN/Pages/CAN%20Calendar.aspx) | | | |

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| **Target Audience** |
| Affiliate Full List  Segmented list (Please provide [zip codes](http://www.unitedstateszipcodes.org/), chapter code or any other geo-information below. Please separate zip codes with a comma.) |
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| **Testers and Reviewers**  **Please provide email address for all individuals who need to receive a test version of the email.** |
| [eyohnka@aclu-il.org](mailto:eyohnka@aclu-il.org) and kkoziel@aclu-il.org |

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| **Images**  Please provide an image. Use high-resolution images and edit only using appropriate software. It is recommended you use only one image. Recommended size is 250px x 250px or less.  **Free image resources:**  <http://morguefile.com/> | <http://www.freeimages.com/> | <https://www.flickr.com/commons> |
| Images attached  Please use a stock image  No image |

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| **Subject line**  Tease, tell or take action. Avoid initial caps, keep it under 50 characters, and make it compelling for constituents to open your email. Avoid the words “Help,” “Act,” “Marriage,” “Immigration,” “Immigrant,” “Action,” ” Let’s,” and “Save the date.” |
| Say no to the death penalty in Illinois |

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| **Pre-header Text**  The pre-header is the short summary text that follows the subject line when an email is viewed in the inbox. It is right about the header logo. Include a call to action. |
| Tell your legislator not to bring back capital punishment in Illinois |

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| **Side Box Content**  Remove side box  Include side box |
| Urge your Representative to Oppose SB 2580!  Take Action |

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| **Hyperlinks for email message** |
| https://action.aclu.org/send-message/oppose-senate-bill-2580 |

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| **Email Body Content**  Keep the content brief. One of the worst mistakes we make is trying to include the entire story into the email message. Think about when you open an email in your inbox. Do you read every single word in there? Probably not. Find a way to summarize the content compelling way, and let them click through to a page on your website for more information.  Answer the these three questions for the reader when you write your message:   1. **What are you asking me to do?** Always give the reader an action to take. Your call to action should be able to stand alone. Remember, people scan their emails, and if there's one thing you want your recipient to pick up on, it's your call-to-action. 2. **What is in it for me?** You know the value of your email content, but does your recipient? Tell them why taking action is important for them or why they should attend an event. 3. **Why should I care?** Write in the second person – orient the copy toward the reader and not the ACLU. Readers take action on things that are about them or affect them. |
| Dear XX:  Unbelievably, the Illinois House today is holding a hearing on reviving the death penalty in Illinois. It feels like we have turned back the clock to a very dark time in our state’s history.  Tell your state representative to reject reviving the death penalty in Illinois.  Over seven years ago, we took a major step forward – passing legislation to end the use of capital punishment. That legislation was the end result of years of mounting evidence that the death penalty in Illinois was flawed, racially-biased and ineffective. The scene of an innocent person being released from death row – for a crime they did not commit – became common place.  Last week, ignoring this sad history, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner used an amendatory veto to write this ineffective system back into law.  The legislature has written this idea into a proposal and may even vote on the matter as soon as this week.  Illinois has seen the harm that a flawed death penalty system can do, all while adding nothing to enhance public safety.  Suggesting a return to this failed policy is must be rejected.  Tell your state representative to reject reviving the death penalty in Illinois.  Sincerely,  Colleen K. Connell  Executive Director |

**ADVOCACY ALERT SET-UP**

By default all alerts will be restricted to the affiliate’s state.

By default each legislator will be contacted only by their own constituents, unless specified otherwise.

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| **Alert Type** |
| **Email Alert  Call Alert**  Email alerts allow constituents to send an email message to the target(s). Call alerts ask constituents to call the target(s) you specify and provide feedback. |

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| **Alert Targets** | |
| **State Governor  State Senator  State Representative  Custom Targets**  Provide alert targets at least 24 hours in advance. If your alert is on a federal issue or targets federal legislators you must coordinate with national via [federalalert@aclu.org](mailto:federalalert@aclu.org). | |
| **Custom Targets**  **Please provide target full name, title, and email address. Phone number is required for call alerts** |  |

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| **Alert Headline:** |  |

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| **Alert Landing page**  This content will appear above the alert form. It should be a brief summary of the alert with a clear, compelling call to action. |
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| **Alert subject lines**  **You can create up to 6 subject lines that will be randomly applied to the message to your targets. We recommend using at least 2 or 3 subject lines.**  **Do not allow constituents to modify** |
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| **Advocacy type by legislature’s issue (select only one)** | | |
| Budget | Homeland security | Military |
| Children / Families | Housing | Reproductive rights |
| Education | Immigration | Senior citizens |
| Elections | Judiciary | Social security |
| Gov’t affairs | Labor | Technology |
| Health | Medicare / Medicaid | Telecommunications |

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| **Email to targets**  It is possible to create unique messages based on the recipient chamber. |
| **Required beginning for email message (not editable by sender):** |
| **Email message body (editable by sender):** |
| **Required ending for email message (not editable by sender):** |
| **Talking points for call (for Call Alerts ONLY):** |

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| **Confirmation Page**  **Give a good closing argument, thank constituent for taking action and provide for more opportunities to engage using hyperlinks, even if it’s back to your website. Also use this opportunity to promote other actions or events.** |
| Thank you for taking action to protect civil liberties in Illinois. This is an important issue and your lawmakers need to hear from you.  Take the next step and share this alert with your friends:  Share on Twitter | Share on Facebook  -----Tracking code (DO NOT DELETE)------  <img src="https://ms.clicks.actions.aclu.org/conversion?version=1&conversion\_items=1&conversion\_value=0" width=”0” height=”0”> |
| **Text for Twitter Share Link (140 characters max)** |
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