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The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor of the State of Florida
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Scott:

I write to invite you to testify at the first-ever field hearing of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights. The hearing, which is entitled "New State Voting Laws II: Protecting the Right to Vote in the Sunshine State," will take place at 2:00 pm on Friday, January 27, 2012, in Tampa, Florida at the Hillsborough County Courthouse.

The Subcommittee is holding this hearing to examine the compelling evidence that H.B. 1355, which you signed into law last year, will make it harder for tens of thousands of Floridians to register and cast their vote.

On September 8, 2011, I wrote asking whether you planned to take any action to ensure that H.B. 1355's restrictions on early voting, voter registration activities, and new provisional ballot requirements would not disenfranchise Floridians. To date, you have not responded to that letter, which is attached.

I would appreciate your response to this invitation to testify at the Subcommittee's upcoming hearing, as well as my September 8th letter, by January 20, 2012. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

Enclosure: Letter to Gov. Scott from Sen. Durbin (September 8, 2011)