

August 23, 2004

To the Honorable Members of the  
Illinois House of Representatives  
93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 956, entitled "AN ACT concerning freedom of information." A person who makes an information request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") has legal recourse if the request is denied. House Bill 956 would place a 60-day time limit on a legal challenge to such a denial. The legal affect of this bill would be to make state government less transparent, which is in contradiction with last year's ethics reform.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 956.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH  
Governor