



Our advocacy for open government in recent years has led to:

- Opening up access to your government
 - Obtained FOIA access to DC Council members' emails on private accounts
 - Won opportunity to access police body cam videos (successfully opposed full exemption)
- Auditing DC government performance under open government laws
 - Meeting notices and minutes published by public bodies
 - FOIA processing by DC agencies
- Researching best practices to help DC officials do the right thing
 - Reviewing laws nationwide on access to officials' text messages on government business
 - Studying regulations elsewhere for implementing an open meetings complaint process
 - Best access policies nationwide on MPD body camera video
- Defeating unwise policies
 - DC Council's claim of "speech and debate clause" exemption from FOIA
 - DC attorney general's claim that police video shown in court was closed to press
- Filing complaints – exposing secret meetings of board of United Medical Center
- Assisting press with research – official emails used in education story in *City Paper*
- Assisting community groups with open government issues – charter school teachers seeking more transparency in schools' data and decisions
- Fighting for Office of Open Government
 - Annual oversight and budget testimony to Council
 - Advocacy for fair treatment of Office director and against weakening independence of Office
- Bringing together officials and the community – annual "Sunshine Week Summit" in March
- Answering hundreds of questions from those using DC open government laws
- Keeping DC open government issues in the public eye with "Transparency Watch" blog posts
- Leading in National Freedom of Information Coalition – hosting meeting of 40 state groups held in DC two years ago
- Promoting law enforcement accountability by opposing automatic expungement of arrest records