

## ACLU letter

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# AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

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August 25, 1975

Dear Member:

We need your help to prevent a crime.

Senate Bill 1, the "Criminal Justice Reform Act of 1975," could seriously restrict your rights and civil liberties. The bill stands a good chance of being passed because it has powerful bipartisan support.

S. 1 could rob you of your right to know what the government is doing by punishing anyone who reveals or publishes "national defense information." Ellsberg and the newspaper editors who brought you the Pentagon Papers would fall into this category.

S. 1 could steal from you the right to assemble and petition the government by making it a felony to physically interfere with a government function. Interference would include picketing a government building or sitting down in front of buses.

These are only two of the crimes that S. 1 could commit. The enclosed pamphlet details others.

The ACLU is doing everything it can to stop passage of S. 1. But we cannot succeed without your active support. We ask you to protest passage of the bill by contacting members of Congress and the press, as suggested in the pamphlet under "What You Can Do."

We also ask you to send the ACLU a special contribution of \$10 or more for the fight against S. 1. We need the money to lobby Congress effectively and educate the public. Enough people must be warned of the dangers of S. 1. before it is too late.

The Senate will probably be voting on the bill within the month so please do not delay. Write Congress and send us your contribution today.

Help prevent a crime against your rights.

Sincerely,



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