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## **American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa Hires New Staff Lobbyist**

(Des Moines, Iowa) -- The American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa is pleased to announce the hire of a staff lobbyist.

Sandra Suarez Quilty of Des Moines has a strong background in health care law, dealing with complex state and federal regulations at various levels of government.

She previously served as a lobbyist for the American Cancer Society and Orchard Place, the Des Moines facility that serves children with mental health and behavioral issues. Quilty, as part of a statewide coalition, also worked to increase the state tobacco tax and smoke-free statewide efforts. She previously was employed for four years as in-house counsel and lobbyist for Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa.

She is a native of Des Moines, graduating from Lincoln High School and attending the University of Washington followed by St. Louis Law School.

"I am honored to represent a renowned organization like the ACLU at a time when so much of the political landscape is dominated by attacks on civil liberties. I look forward to working with policy-makers to ensure that all individuals are granted the protections entitled by the Constitution."

ACLU of Iowa Executive Director Ben Stone said, "We're thrilled to have someone with Sandra's background, history of advocacy, and experience in the rotunda join our staff. The ACLU of Iowa has a strong history of effective legislative advocacy, and her joining our staff will only enhance that."

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