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Iowa

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND CIVIL LIBERTIES SCORECARD

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An Analysis of Key Votes in the 2017-2018 Iowa General Assembly and U.S. Congress

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## THANK YOU

We thank our supporters and the citizen civil liberties advocates who contacted their legislators.

We also thank the elected officials from across the political spectrum who stood up for Iowans' constitutional rights.

Your efforts and diligence help make Iowa a better place.

# Introduction



One of the great challenges of advocating for civil liberties in the Iowa Legislature is that so many bills impact our basic rights. During the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions, the ACLU of Iowa filed formal declarations of support or opposition on more than 300 bills.

After all, civil liberties encompasses so much: free speech, open government, LGBTQ rights, privacy, reproductive freedom and abortion rights, religious freedom, separation of church and state, immigrants' rights, racial justice, women's rights, disability rights, due process, mass incarceration, voting rights, and more.

This report and scorecard doesn't cover all of the bills on which the ACLU worked. Instead, we focused on just a handful that represent a range of civil liberties issues and can serve as a good indicator of a legislator's commitment to some of our most basic freedoms and rights. We further refined our choices by including only those bills that received a floor vote in the Iowa House or Senate.

It's also important to note that the bills cover both the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions, which together constitute the 86th General Assembly of Iowa.

Traditionally, we have issued a report and scorecard like this after the conclusion of each Iowa General Assembly—every two years. Our goal is for voters and legislators alike to see at a glance how elected representatives impacted our core freedoms and rights, and to hold those elected officials accountable.

We hope after reviewing this scorecard, you spread the word. See page 14 for a listing of ideas for doing just that.

Meanwhile, thank you for educating yourself on these issues. And thank you for your support of civil liberties. Working together, we can make our state a more free and just place.

# About the Scorecard

The votes selected for this Report and Scorecard are a sample of the hundreds of bills debated in the 87th General Assembly and the 115th U.S. Congress. The votes included here were selected because they represent distinct and important civil liberties issues. They do not include every issue or bill with civil liberties implications. Furthermore, numerous civil liberties issues are resolved in the legislative committee process; many amendments do not have record roll call votes, and bills may die and never come up for a vote. In cases where more than one vote occurs on a particular bill, we have chosen the vote that we think presents the civil liberties issue most clearly.

When a legislator was absent for a vote—but later filed an official explanation in the official House or Senate journal of how they would have voted, were they present—we record the legislator’s vote as absent. However, where a legislator indicates in the official journal that s/he accidentally voted not as s/he intended (by hitting the wrong button), we have credited her/him with the vote the legislator intended.

When a legislator was absent for a given vote, that vote is not taken into account in her/his civil liberties score. A legislator’s score is calculated based on the total number of votes that are consistent with the ACLU of Iowa’s position as a percentage of the total votes for which that the legislator was present.

All legislators are listed in alphabetical order.

## Symbols Used in Voting Record



A vote in line in favor of the ACLU of Iowa's position.



A vote contrary to the ACLU of Iowa's position.



Lawmaker did not vote or was absent.

# Guide to Selected Votes



## 1. 20-Week Abortion Ban: SF 471 (Reproductive Freedom)

- Bans abortions after 20 weeks.
- Passed House 55-42 on April 5 2017; passed Senate 30-20 on April 18, 2017; signed by Governor Branstad on May 5, 2017.
- ACLU of Iowa OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.



## 2. 6-Week Abortion Ban: SF 359 (Reproductive Freedom)

- Bans abortions after about 6 weeks; also called the fetal heartbeat bill.
- Passed House 51-46 on May 1, 2018; passed Senate 29-17 on May 1, 2018; signed by Governor Reynolds on May 4, 2018.
- ACLU of Iowa OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.



## 3. Sanctuary Cities Ban: SF 481 (Immigrants' Rights & Due Process)

- Requires localities to honor Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer requests and hold a person in jail, without a warrant or approval of a judge, past the date the person would normally be held.
- Passed House 55-45 on April 3, 2018; Passed Senate 28-18 on April 4, 2018; signed by Governor Reynolds on April 10, 2018.
- ACLU of Iowa OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.



## 4. "Stand Your Ground": HF 517 (Racial Justice & Due Process)

- The ACLU of Iowa took a position only on the "stand your ground" provision of this large bill that covered a number of firearms issues.
- The "stand your ground" provision allows a person to use deadly force on another whenever the person feels in danger. The person may use deadly force even if the person is wrong in their belief about the danger they face.
- Passed Senate 33-17 on April 4, 2017; passed House 57-36 on April 6, 2017; signed by Governor Branstad on April 13, 2017.
- ACLU of Iowa OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.



### 5. Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform: SF 446 (Due Process & Government Transparency)

- Requires that a person be charged and convicted of a crime before law enforcement may seize amounts of \$5,000 or less.
- Requires law enforcement to keep records of the assets they seize.
- Raises the standard of proof in civil forfeiture cases closer to standard required in criminal cases.
- Passed Senate 49-0 on March 28, 2017; passed House 95-1 on April 10, 2017; signed by Governor Branstad on May 9, 2017.
- ACLU of Iowa SUPPORTED. A vote FOR is a +.



### 6. Bans Cities From Discriminating in Housing Based on Family Status: HF 134 (Discrimination)

- Bans cities from adopting or enforcing discriminatory housing ordinances that dictate how many people can live in a rental unit based on the government’s definition of family.
- Passed House 65-31 on March 15, 2017; passed Senate 43-6 on April 11, 2017; signed by Governor Branstad on April 21, 2017.
- ACLU of Iowa SUPPORTED. A vote FOR is a +.



### 7. Voter ID: HF 516 (Voting Rights)

- Requires voters to show ID in order to vote.
- Requires poll workers, without proper training or expertise, to match voters signature on their ID and their signature on the voting roll.
- Passed House 56-40 on April 10, 2017; passed Senate 28-21 on April 13, 2017; signed by Governor Branstad on May 5, 2017.
- ACLU of Iowa OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.



### 8. Critical Infrastructure Sabotage: SF 2235 (Criminal Justice Reform)

- Created new crime of “critical infrastructure sabotage” with severe, disproportional penalty of class “B” felony (up to 25 year jail sentence) and \$85,000 - \$100,000 fine.
- Passed House 69-31 on March 27, 2018; passed Senate 35-13 on April 3, 2018; signed by Governor Reynolds on April 17, 2018.
- ACLU of Iowa OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.

# Iowa Senate: Selected Votes

1. 20-Week Abortion Ban: SF 471
2. Approximately 6-Week Abortion Ban: SF 359
3. Sanctuary Cities Ban: SF 481
4. “Stand Your Ground”: HF 517
5. Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform: SF 446
6. Bans Cities From Discriminating in Housing Based on Family Status: HF 134
7. Voter ID: HF 516
8. Critical Infrastructure Sabotage: SF 2235

NAME	PARTY	COUNTY	SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ALLEN	D	Jasper	57%	+	a	+	-	+	a	+	-
ANDERSON	R	Woodbury	40%	-	a	a	-	+	+	-	a
BEHN	R	Boone	29%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
BERTRAND	R	Woodbury	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	a	-
BISIGNANO	D	Polk	100%	+	a	+	+	+	+	+	+
BOLKCOM	D	Johnson	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
BOULTON	D	Polk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
BOWMAN	D	Jackson	71%	+	+	a	-	+	+	+	-
BREITBACH	R	Clayton	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
BROWN	R	Mitchell	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
CARLIN	R	Woodbury	0%	a	-	-	a	a	a	a	-
CHAPMAN	R	Dallas	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
CHELGREN	R	Wapello	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
COSTELLO	R	Mills	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
DANIELSON	D	Black Hawk	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
DAWSON	R	Pottawattamie	29%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	a
DIX	R	Butler	40%	-	a	a	-	+	+	-	a
DOTZLER	D	Black Hawk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
DVORSKY	D	Johnson	86%	+	+	a	+	+	-	+	+
EDLER	R	Marshall	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
FEENSTRA	R	Sioux	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
GARRETT	R	Warren	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
GREENE	R	Des Moines	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-

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GUTH	R	Hancock	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
HART	D	Clinton	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
HOGG	D	Linn	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
HORN	D	Linn	75%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
JOCHUM	D	Dubuque	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
JOHNSON, C	R	Buchanan	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
JOHNSON, D	No Party	Osceola	75%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
KAPUCIAN	R	Benton	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
KINNEY	D	Johnson	75%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
KRAAY-ENBRINK	R	Webster	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
LOFGREN	R	Muscatine	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
LYKAM	D	Scott	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MATHIS	D	Linn	75%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
MCCOY	D	Polk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
PETERSEN	D	Polk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
QUIRMBACH	D	Story	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
RAGAN	D	Cerro Gordo	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
ROZENBOOM	R	Mahaska	14%	-	-	-	-	a	+	-	-
SCHNEIDER	R	Dallas	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
SCHULTZ	R	Crawford	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
SEGEBART	R	Crawford	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
SHIPLEY	R	Adams	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
SINCLAIR	R	Wayne	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
SMITH	R	Scott	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
SWEENEY	R	Hardin	0%	a	-	a	a	a	a	a	a
TAYLOR	D	Henry	83%	+	a	a	-	+	+	+	+
WHITVER	R	Polk	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
ZAUN	R	Polk	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
ZUMBACH	R	Delaware	29%	-	a	-	-	+	+	-	-

# Iowa House of Representatives: Selected Votes

1. 20-Week Abortion Ban: SF 471
2. Approximately 6-Week Abortion Ban: SF 359
3. Sanctuary Cities Ban: SF 481
4. “Stand Your Ground”: HF 517
5. Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform: SF 446
6. Bans Cities From Discriminating in Housing Based on Family Status: HF 134
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NAME	PARTY	COUNTY	SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ABDUL-SAMAD	D	Polk	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
ANDERSON	D	Polk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
BACON	R	Story	29%	-	a	-	-	+	+	-	-
BALTIMORE	R	Boone	38%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
BAUDLER	R	Adair	14%	-	a	-	-	-	+	-	-
BAXTER	R	Hancock	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
BEARINGER	D	Fayette	75%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
BENNETT	D	Linn	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
BERGAN	R	Winneshiek	50%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
BEST	R	Carroll	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
BLOOMING-DALE	R	Worth	50%	a	+	-	a	a	+	a	-
BOSSMAN	R	Woodbury	0%	a	-	-	a	a	a	a	-
BRECKENRIDGE	D	Jasper	75%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
BROWN-POWERS	D	Black Hawk	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
CARLIN	R	Woodbury	50%	-	a	a	a	+	+	-	a
CARLSON	R	Muscatine	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
COHOON	D	Des Moines	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
COWNIE	R	Polk	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
DEYOE	R	Story	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
DOLECHECK	R	Ringgold	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
FINKENAUER	D	Dubuque	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
FISHER	R	Tama	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
FORBES	D	Polk	75%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-

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FORRISTALL	R	Pottawattamie		a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
FRY	R	Clarke	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
GAINES	D	Polk	86%	+	a	+	+	+	-	+	+
GASKILL	D	Wapello	75%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
GASSMAN	R	Winnebago	29%	a	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
GRASSLEY	R	Butler	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
GUSTAFSON	R	Madison	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
HAGENOW	R	Polk	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
HAGER	R	Allamakee	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
HALL	D	Woodbury	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
HANSON	D	Jefferson	100%	+	a	a	a	a	+	a	a
HANUSA	R	Pottawattamie	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
HEARTSILL	R	Marion	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
HEATON	R	Henry	50%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
HEDDENS	D	Story	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
HEIN	R	Jones	38%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
HIGHFILL	R	Polk	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
HINSON	R	Linn	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
HOLT	R	Crawford	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
HOLZ	R	Plymouth	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
HUNTER	D	Polk	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
HUSEMAN	R	Cherokee	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
ISENHART	D	Dubuque	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
JACOBSEN	R	Pottawattamie	0%	a	-	-	a	a	a	a	-
JACOBY	D	Johnson	100%	+	+	+	+	+	a	+	+
JONES	R	Clay	38%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
KACENA	D	Woodbury	63%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-
KAUFMANN	R	Cedar	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
KEARNS	D	Lee	86%	+	+	+	a	+	-	+	+
KERR	R	Louisa	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
KLEIN	R	Washington	17%	-	-	-	-	a	+	a	-
KOESTER	R	Polk	43%	-	-	+	a	+	+	-	-
KRESSIG	D	Black Hawk	75%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
KURTH	D	Scott	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
LANDON	R	Polk	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
LENSING	D	Johnson	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
LUNDGREN	R	Dubuque	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
MASCHER	D	Johnson	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
MAXWELL	R	Poweshiek	50%	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
MCCONKEY	D	Pottawattamie	75%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
MCKEAN	R	Jones	38%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
MEYER	D	Polk	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+

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MILLER, H.	D	Webster	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
MILLER, P.	D	Jefferson	67%	a	+	+	a	a	a	a	-
MOHR	R	Scott	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
MOMMSEN	R	Clinton	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
MOORE	R	Jackson	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
NIELSEN	D	Johnson	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
NUNN	R	Polk	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
OLDSON	D	Polk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	a	+	+
OLSON	D	Polk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
OURTH	D	Warren	75%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
PAUSTIAN	R	Scott	29%	a	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
PETTENGILL	R	Benton	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
PRICHARD	D	Floyd	100%	+	+	+	+	+	a	+	+
RIZER	R	Linn	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
ROGERS	R	Black Hawk	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
RUNNING-MARQUARDT	D	Linn	86%	+	+	+	a	+	-	+	+
SALMON	R	Black Hawk	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
SEXTON	R	Calhoun	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
SHEETS	R	Appanoose	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
SIECK	R	Mills	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
SMITH, M.	D	Marshall	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
SMITH, R.	D	Black Hawk	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
STAED	D	Linn	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
STECKMAN	D	Cerro Gordo	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
TAYLOR, R.	R	Dallas	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
TAYLOR, T.	D	Linn	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
THEDE	D	Scott	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
UPMEYER	R	Cerro Gordo	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
VANDER LINDEN	R	Mahaska	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
WATTS	R	Dallas	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
WESSEL-KROESCHELL	D	Story	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
WHEELER	R	Sioux	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
WILLS	R	Dickinson	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
WINCKLER	D	Scott	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
WINDSCHITL	R	Harrison	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
WOLFE	D	Clinton	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
WORTHAN	R	Buena Vista	38%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
ZUMBACH	R	Linn	50%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+

# United States Senate: Selected Votes

For a full description of bills, visit <https://www.aclu.org/other/legislative-scorecard-2018>

1. Joint Resolution disapproving overturning 2014 Fair Pay and Safe Workplace executive order, which requires federal agencies to contract only with companies that comply with workplace safety laws, sexual harassment laws, anti-discrimination laws and minimum wage and overtime laws.  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
2. Senate Vote to pass pre-viability abortion ban.  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
3. Senate Vote on Toomey Anti-Sanctuary Cities Amendment.  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
4. Senate Vote on Grassley Amendment that would, among other things, expand mandatory detention of immigrants, undermine people’s fundamental due process rights and U.S. treaty obligations, and encourage racial profiling and surveillance of entire communities.  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.

NAME	PARTY	STATE	SCORE	1	2	3	4
ERNST	R	Iowa	0%	-	-	-	-
GRASSLEY	R	Iowa	0%	-	-	-	-

# United States House: Selected Votes

1. House Vote to make abortion coverage restrictions permanent.  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
2. Joint Resolution disapproving overturning 2014 Fair Pay and Safe Workplace executive order, which requires federal agencies to contract only with companies that comply with workplace safety laws, sexual harassment laws, anti-discrimination laws and minimum wage and overtime laws.  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
3. House Vote to Pass the “Thin Blue Line Act.”  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
4. House Vote to pass the “Probation Officers Protection Act of 2017.”  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
5. House Vote to pass the “No Sanctuary for Criminals” Act.  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
6. House Vote to pass “Kate’s Law.”  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
7. Amendment to bar transgender members of the Armed Forces and military dependents from receiving appropriate and medically necessary health care.  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
8. House Vote on “Criminal Alien Gang Removal Act.”  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
9. House Vote to pass “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.”  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
10. Amendment to reform Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).  
ACLU SUPPORTED. A vote FOR is a +.
11. House Vote to Pass the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.”  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
12. House Vote to Pass the “Citizens’ Right to Know Act of 2018.”  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.
13. House Vote to pass the “Protect and Serve Act.”  
ACLU OPPOSED. A vote AGAINST is a +.

NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
BLUM	R	Iowa 1st	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
KING	R	Iowa 4th	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LOEBSACK	D	Iowa 2nd	85%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
YOUNG	R	Iowa 3rd	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

# TAKE ACTION

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Contact your federal and state representatives and senators.
2. Thank them for a good voting record, express concern for a problematic record, or ask them to explain their position on issues you care about.

Find contact information for your state legislators at <https://bit.ly/1f8ToF6>

Find contact information for your U.S. senators and representative at [www.usa.gov/elected-officials](http://www.usa.gov/elected-officials)

**Bonus points:** If you do so, please let us know that you did so and how it went! Email us at [outreach@aclu-ia.org](mailto:outreach@aclu-ia.org).

3. Write a letter to the editor. Elected officials pay attention to constituent concerns!
4. Sign up for ACLU of Iowa action alerts at [www.aclu-ia.org](http://www.aclu-ia.org).
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