

2009 Legislative and Regulatory Update

AALL Advocacy Agenda: Successes and Challenges

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Overview

- AALL Policy Statement to the Obama Transition Team (Dec. 23, 2008)
- Major Successes in 2008-2009
- Key Priorities for the 111th Congress
- Resources from the Government Relations Office

AALL Policy Statement to Obama Administration: *Access Goals*

- Government's responsibility for managing the life cycle of online information, including authentication and preservation
- A public domain citation system for legal information
- Adequate annual funding to the AOUSC for no-fee public access to PACER
- Agency cooperation with the Government Printing Office's Federal Digital System (FDsys)

AALL Policy Statement to Obama Administration: *IP Goals*

- Protection and promotion of fair use
- Balance in free trade agreements and treaties
- Enactment of “Orphan Works” legislation

AALL Policy Statement to Obama Administration: *Privacy Goals*

- 2009 Reauthorization of the *USA PATRIOT Act*
~ *repeal Section 215*
- National Security Letters ~ *provide oversight and strict guidelines for the use of National Security Letters*

√ Successes in 111th Congress

- *William Orton Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act (H.R. 2728)*
- Support for Law Library of Congress and GPO's FY 2010 budget requests
- NIH Revised Policy on Enhancing Public Access made permanent
- New Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at NARA
- 2009 Day on the Hill

Other Key Successes in 2008-2009

- *Moving Toward a 21st Century Right-to-Know Agenda: Recommendations to President-elect Obama and Congress*
- Day One: Executive Order on PRA and Memoranda on FOIA and Transparency
- White House Open Government Directive
- GPO authenticates online congressional bills
- NCCUSL Executive Board approves creating drafting committee for *The Authentication of Online State Legal Materials Act*

Key Priorities for 111th Congress

- No-fee public access to PACER
- Senate support for William Orton bill, H.R. 2728
- Online public access to CRS reports, S.Res. 118
- *National Security Letters Reform Act*, H.R. 1800
- Introduction of Network Neutrality legislation
- Reauthorization of *USA Patriot Act*
- *Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act*, H.R. 1507

Other Key Priorities

- Government-wide policies for effective e-life cycle management
- Federal standard for authentication and preservation of online legal information
- Implementation of Open Government Directive
- A robust Federal Depository Library Program in the 21st Century

Advocacy Resources

- Visit us at <http://www.aallnet.org/aallwash/>
 - ~ *New Advocacy Toolkit for the 111th Congress: 2009-2010* (RSS feed updates available)
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Thank you!