June 16, 2014

The Honorable Patrick J. Quinn
Office of the Governor
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph, 16-100
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: Support for SB 1941

Dear Governor Quinn:

We write on behalf of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) to respectfully ask that you sign SB 1941, the *Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA)*. The legislation, which passed the Senate and House with no opposition, will provide assurance that online state legal material deemed official is preserved and available to the public in unaltered form.

AALL is a nonprofit educational organization located in Chicago with 5,000 members nationwide. AALL represents law librarians and related professionals who are affiliated with law firms, law schools, corporate legal departments, courts, and local, state and federal government agencies. CALL was formed as a chapter of AALL in 1947. CALL represents more than 300 law librarians and other information professionals from more than 100 institutions in the Chicago area.

SB 1941 provides a framework for ensuring that official legal material accessed online is authentic, preserved and permanently available to the public. SB 1941 covers the state’s most basic primary legal materials, including statutes, session laws, rules and agency decisions. The legislation is technology-neutral, giving Illinois flexibility to meet the act’s requirements.

With the adoption of *UELMA*, the legal community and members of the public will be able to trust that official online legal information in Illinois is accurate and preserved for the future. We respectfully urge you to sign SB 1941.

Sincerely,

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cc: Governor’s Chief of Staff Ryan Croke, Governor’s Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs Jeremy Kruidenier, Senators John Mulroe and Pamela Althoff and Representatives Michael McAuliffe, Kathleen Willis, Elaine Nekritz, Tom Cross and Kelly Burke