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"Closed Doors; Open Democracies?" -- Sunshine Week 2007

Last year, a number of organizations held a very successful 2006 teleforum, "[Are We Safer in the Dark--A Sunshine Week National Dialogue on Open Government & Secrecy](#)." Building on the success of that event, and calls for more, an interactive webcast is being planned for next year, to be held on **March 12, 2007** – the beginning of Sunshine Week 2007. The goal of Sunshine Week is to raise awareness of the importance of open government to everyone in the community.

"Closed Doors; Open Democracies?" is the chosen highlighted theme in our Sunshine Week event next year. The discussions – with federal and state level speakers – that will be webcast to a nationwide audience are being sponsored by OpenTheGovernment.org, the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), ALA, the Special Libraries Association (SLA), the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the Union of Concerned Scientists, the League of Women Voters, and the National Freedom of Information Coalition. Building on last year's model, we are encouraging follow-on discussions at the local level of issues of openness, secrecy and accountability of concern to those communities.

Here's how you can help us in planning this important event. We are looking for individuals to identify themselves as resource persons to work with others in their state to help identify host sites and plan the event, including local follow-on discussions.

We will help coordinate these groups so that you'll be working with other open government advocates in your state. We'll also set up a listserv and provide suggestions on steps to make our 2007 web cast even more successful than last year's event.

We invite you to join us for this exciting opportunity to make a difference in educating the public about the need for transparency at all levels of government.

If you're interested, please send your contact information to:

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