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Re: Please cosponsor and support the Casey/Specter Amendment

Dear Senator:

The American Bar Association urges you to cosponsor and actively support S. Amdt. # 378 to H.R. 1, the bipartisan Casey/Specter Amendment. This amendment provides \$30 million to HUD to distribute through competitive grants to state and local legal organizations to help victims of foreclosure. It is critical to include amendment #378 in this stimulus bill: the 2 million people who are projected to lose their homes can hardly be expected to help stimulate the economy to a recovery. If more people lose their homes than buy new ones after this bill is enacted, the home ownership provisions contained in the stimulus bill will be meaningless.

Please email Julie Strandlie in the ABA Governmental Affairs Office at [jstrandlie@staff.abanet.org](mailto:jstrandlie@staff.abanet.org) or call me directly at (202) 662-1765 should you have any questions. To cosponsor the amendment please contact Bryn McDonough in Senator Casey's office at (202) 224-6324 or Jen Castagna in Senator Specter's office at (202) 224-4254.

Sincerely,



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