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Subject: RE: Uniform Public Participation Protection Act: a message from Committee Chair Lane Shetterly

To: Lane Shetterly, Kaitlin Wolff, Robert Sherwin

Lane, I object to deletion of “while protecting the rights of a persons to pursue meritorious causes of action.” With respect to a claim this seems equivocal. All balancing is indeed equivocal. And the defendant is also exercising a right to petition by filing at least a meritorious claim and could well have been in the underlying events. We provide for dismissals with prejudice and attorney fees. And the Act applies and protects a Plaintiff who starts the litigation and is met with a counterclaim. IMHO, given all the protections we provide we should not give up this language.