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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS: State Sen. Loretta Weinberg to speak at a June 19 public seminar on fixing New Jersey's outmoded Open Public Meetings Act

Newark, NJ -- State Sen. Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen) will be a featured speaker at a public seminar on fixing New Jersey's outmoded Open Public Meetings Act to be held June 19 at Rutgers Law School in Newark

Weinberg, a veteran legislator who is a prime sponsor of Senate Bill 1548 which would overhaul the 1975 "Sunshine Law," will speak on bringing the open meetings law into the 21st Century.

The seminar, which is being sponsored by the New Jersey Foundation for Open Government, will run from 9:45 am to 2:15 pm.

Other speakers will include: Deborah Mohammed-Spigner, executive director of Common Cause New Jersey; William Kearns, general counsel to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities; Peter Jost, president of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys; Tom Cafferty, general counsel to the New Jersey Press Association; Bobby Conner, attorney with the NJ ACLU; Elizabeth Mason, Councilwoman City of Hoboken; Bob Napoli, former council member Borough of Interlaken; John Paff, chairman of the New Jersey Libertarian Party Open Government Task Force and Ron Miskoff, president of the New Jersey Foundation for Open Government.

Details of the program agenda are available on NJFOG's website at: www.njfog.org.

The New Jersey Foundation for Open Government seeks to increase transparency, accountability, honesty and democracy in government at all levels by defending and expanding public access to government records and meetings.

NJFOG is the only organization in New Jersey with the sole mission of protecting and expanding public access to government records and meetings. Established in January 2001, it is a statewide coalition of organizations and individuals who support open government. NJFOG is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and a member of the National Freedom of Information Coalition.