


## Opra Bills

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Again, I am submitting our petition against the OPRA bills- the list of names has grown. It is incomprehensible that these bills are moving forward, given all the feedback the committees heard on Monday, how Mr. Sarlo needed help understanding the very legislation he is sponsoring, and how many of the reasons connected to the need for these bills were just wrong.

This bill would:

- (1) Allow agencies to sue requesters
- (2) Force requestors to use forms that would disincentivize OPRA requests and make it nearly impossible for certain requests to be made.
- (3) Removes fee shifting, which would destroy OPRA as government agencies already improperly deny and redact. In our community, we had to go to court several times to get documents, and our school budgets were denied—even BOE members were not able to get them.

I mean, the list goes on and on. Forget amendments - the whole thing is irreparable.

These bills are a disgrace and a slap in the face to the working families in our community and our state. It is an egregious and disgusting abuse of power to protect the interests of those who are already shielded behind layers of bureaucracy and tax-funded attorneys.

Shame on you, Ms. Scutari, Mr. Sarlo, and Mr. Danielsen. The three of you should be embarrassed, especially for defending these bills after the folks who filled the rooms on Monday pointed out all these issues to you.

These bills and the process that produced them are sleazy, anti-democratic- and fascist - they are not what New Jersey or American government are about.

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