

Dear Senator Hashim and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of S.151. Over the past three years, I joined a board that has been battling a lawsuit. The time and money consumed by this litigation could have been far better spent serving our community, and especially our children.

This experience has significantly reduced my willingness to join another board, and I have cautioned others to think carefully before volunteering. When volunteering carries the risk of prolonged legal battles, personal expense, and added stress, it's fair to ask why anyone would step forward when we already have so much to manage.

S.151 would help protect volunteers acting in good faith and reduce the chilling effect that litigation risk has on community service. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Coen