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Dear friend of civil liberties:

We are all deeply indebted to Congressman Robert Drinan of Massachusetts. Whenever the advocates of human dignity and the right to privacy have needed a friend in the House of Representatives, Congressman Drinan has been that friend. Now this champion of civil liberties needs our help.

Congressman Drinan is the lone dissenting Member of the infamous House Internal Security Committee, which he seeks to abolish. He has made HISC's files accessible to many of the 754,000 Americans on whom HISC maintains dossiers. He has worked to reduce HISC's appropriations and to decrease its staff.

When a clamorous faction demanded that the Bill of Rights be amended for the first time in American history to allow so-called "non-denominational" prayers in public schools, Robert Drinan led the effort to preserve the Bill of Rights -- and we won, narrowly.

He has repeatedly and vigorously opposed the discredited Subversive Activities Control Board.

He successfully fought to abolish the Emergency Detention Camp law.

He spoke out in Congress against the wiretapping policy of the Nixon Administration and the political use of grand juries when others did not.

Now the opponents of these values are determined to remove Robert Drinan from Congress, and they are spending a great deal of money to do so. Should they succeed, the cause of civil liberties in Congress would be gravely impaired.

If you believe, as we do, that this courageous civil libertarian must remain in Congress, please send a check to "Drinan For Congress" in the enclosed prepaid return envelope.

Because we need him.

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