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PRESS RELEASE

REP. GARY HEBL ENCOURAGES AWARENESS ABOUT OPEN GOVERNMENT

MADISON - State Representative Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) encouraged local government officials and members of the public to attend an upcoming seminar on open meetings and public records law later this month.

The meeting will be held on the east side of Madison on Monday, October 29th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Family Center Auditorium, located at 6000 American Parkway. This seminar is part of a series of six statewide seminars dedicated to encourage better understanding of the open meetings and public records laws and will include the perspective of several experts from Wisconsin Department of Justice.

"These seminars offer local government officials and the public a great opportunity to get a better understanding of their responsibilities and rights under the law," Hebl said. "Sunlight is the best disinfectant in government, and the best way to follow the law is by preventing mistakes, not by prosecuting them."

Each seminar is free and open to the public, though registration is required due to limited seating. Individuals are invited to register at the Wisconsin Department of Justice website (<http://www.doj.state.wi.us/>). They may also register by submitting an email to registration@doj.state.wi.us or by calling the Department of Justice at (608) 267-2220. Registrants should provide their name, title, organization or agency, and identify the seminar they wish to attend.

The free seminars are only a part of the Department of Justice's campaign to promote compliance with public records and open meetings laws. In addition to the seminars, the Department of Justice recently published newly revised compliance guidelines for both the open meetings law and public records law. Those guidelines are available on the Department's website at www.doj.state.wi.us/.

Hebl thanked Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen for continuing to offer this important program through the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

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