

TODAY, THE ACLU IS THE MOST CONSERVATIVE ORGANIZATION IN AMERICA.

Today, George Bush is expected to sign into law one of the most radical rollbacks of civil liberties in American history. The Military Commissions Act of 2006 eliminates the right of Habeas Corpus for detainees who could be held for years without charge, and guts enforcement of the Geneva Conventions. The law allows detainees to be sentenced to death based on testimony literally beaten out of witnesses. And, it grants officials in the Bush Administration a retroactive "get out of jail free" card for war crimes.

The American Civil Liberties Union, meeting in convention in Washington today, stands in strong opposition to this law. Since its founding, the ACLU has led the fight to *conserve* our most precious liberties. We have been in the forefront of those seeking to *conserve* the system of checks and balances designed to prevent the very abuses of presidential power we are witnessing today. When it comes to defending the Bill of Rights, no organization in America is more conservative.

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