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Governor's State of the State Address **LIVE on CAN TV**

The Governor's State of the State Address will air live on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at noon on Chicago Access Network Television, cable channel CAN TV21.

"CAN TV is pleased to work with the State of Illinois to bring immediate, live coverage of the Governor's address in its entirety to Chicago residents," said CAN TV Executive Director Barbara Popovic. "Connecting local residents to the civic process is at the heart of CAN TV's mission."

Even as the state strives to connect to local residents via community-based public, educational and governmental access (PEG) stations, AT&T backed legislation, House Bill 1500, threatens to break those connections.

On Thursday, March 8 at 8am, the Illinois House Telecommunications Committee will hold a hearing on House Bill 1500. This bill shuts down PEG stations across the state, cuts funding to local communities, drops requirements that companies serve everyone, weakens consumer protections, and discourages fair competition.

Keep Us Connected (www.KeepUsConnected.org) a statewide coalition of PEG stations, local governments, consumer groups and nonprofit organizations has formed to assure that telecommunications legislation in Illinois serves the public interest.

CAN TV provides coverage of events relevant to the local community and gives every Chicagoan a voice on cable television by providing video training, facilities, equipment, and channel time for Chicago residents and nonprofit groups. CAN TV's five local, noncommercial cable channels CAN TV19, 21, 27, 36 and 42 reach more than one million viewers in the city of Chicago. For more information visit www.cantv.org.

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