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## **CPR Congressional Briefing, April 25: 'Homeland Security and Government Secrecy Initiatives'**

*CPR Scholars to Detail Harm from Administration's  
Secrecy Policies, Including Possible Shielding of  
Corporate and Government Wrong-doing*

Secrecy in government has increased significantly since the Bush administration took power, according to scholars from the Center for Progressive Regulation. Examples include provisions in the Homeland Security Act that throw a veil of government secrecy over *corporate* information, efforts by the Administration to shield itself from legitimate congressional oversight, and a new directive from the Administration blocking disclosure of presidential records that are more than 20 years old.

These and related topics will be the subject of "**Democracy Dies Behind Closed Doors: The Homeland Security Act and Government Secrecy Initiatives,**" a Center for Progressive Regulation congressional staff briefing, Friday April 25, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. in Rayburn 2247. Light breakfast will be served. The session is open to the media.

The 90-minute session will feature two leading scholars on the subject: Rena Steinzor, Professor of Law at University of Maryland; and David Vladeck, Associate Professor of Law at Georgetown University. Both scholars are affiliated with the Center for Progressive Regulation.

What: Congressional Briefing on Secrecy  
Sponsor: The Center for Progressive Regulation  
Speakers: Professor **Rena Steinzor**, University of Maryland Law School  
Professor **David Vladeck**, Georgetown University Law Center  
Where: 2247 Rayburn House Office Building  
When: **Friday, April 25, 9:00 a.m.** (light breakfast served)

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