

I voted Yes on S. 3564, the Public Interest Declassification Board Reauthorization Act.

This legislation extends the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 until 2014, as the Public Interest Declassification Board is set to expire at the end of this year. The nine member Board was established to advise and provide recommendations to the executive branch officials on the systematic and identification, collection, review for declassification, and release of declassified records and materials of archival value.

I support this legislation to allow important work to continue to declassify appropriate documents for public review and dissemination, which would increase transparency in government.

The bill was approved by a vote of 409 – 1.