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The much-touted and recently signed [Financial Reform Bill](#) includes a provision that prevents the public from obtaining any documents relating to SEC investigations (past or present, open or closed) pursuant to the [Freedom of Information Act](#).

As discussed in an article by Barger & Wolen partner [Michael A.S. Newman](#) in the [Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals](#), the law flies in the face of well-established notions in this country that the workings of the government must remain visible to the general public.

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