

## ***Legislative Activity 2012:***

### ***Ethics Committee***

Citizens for 1 supported the passage of two important legislative actions affecting the Office of Inspector General in our city and in our state.

**Act 838** by Conrad Appel provided the New Orleans Office of Inspector General with administrative subpoena authority and made its documents privileged under law, both of which will strengthen the OIG.

**HB 1**, amended in the House Appropriations committee by Rep. Joe Harrison of Gray, LA, was an attempt to remove the full funding for the state OIG from the appropriations bill. The amendment was adopted by the committee and was then approved by the full House of Representatives.

*Position/Outcome:* Citizens for 1 strongly opposed this amendment, as this is the only office in the state where citizens can make complaints about waste, fraud, and abuse.

- CF1 contacted members of the Senate Finance Committee personally, as well as, hundreds of emails sent from our web participants
- Attended and testified in the Senate Finance Committee
- Wrote a letter to the editors of the Times Picayune, the Advocate, and the Lafayette Gazette. [Click here to read letter.](#)

The amendment was defeated and the State OIG's funding was left intact. [Click to read letter](#) thanking Citizens for the leadership role in this effort from New Orleans Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux,