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Our Impact

OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS...

- **41** bills passed
- **43** impact lawsuits won
- **42,000+** pro bono hours donated
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