



## **States' rights group backs Chafee in inmate case**

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A group backing states' rights and a conservative Washington, D.C., think tank are joining the American Civil Liberties Union in an unusual alliance backing Gov. Lincoln Chafee's (CHAY-'fee's) efforts to prevent a murder suspect from prosecution in federal court where he faces the death penalty.

The Providence Journal reports ( <http://bit.ly/yXauJR>) that the Colorado-based Independence Institute and Cato Institute are supporting Chafee's request that the high court review and overturn an appeals ruling that the state surrender Jason Pleau (PLEW) to federal custody.

David Kopel, research director at the Independence Institute, says state sovereignty would be jeopardized if the appeals court ruling stands.

Chafee refuses to turn over Pleau from state prison, citing the state's longstanding rejection of the death penalty.

The ACLU said last month it also supports Chafee.