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American Civil Liberties Union  
1400 Twentieth Street, N.W., Suite 119  
Washington, D.C. 20036

ATT: Fritz Mulhauser, Coordinator  
Litigation Screening Committee

RE: Legal assistance in *United States of America v. Elena Ruth Sassower*,  
Superior Court of the District of Columbia, M4113-03

Dear Mr. Mulhauser:

Following up our phone conversations together on June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>, this is to formally request the ACLU's assistance in the above-captioned criminal case against me for "disruption of Congress".

The important proposition to be championed in this case -- worthy of the ACLU's advocacy -- is that "a citizen's respectful request to testify at a congressional committee's public hearing is not -- and must never be deemed to be -- 'disruption of Congress'". This is set forth in my June 16<sup>th</sup> memorandum to Ralph Nader, Public Citizen, and Common Cause -- to which the ACLU is an indicated recipient. A copy is enclosed. Although the documents referred to therein are ALL posted on the homepage of CJA's website, including the most immediately important -- my May 21<sup>st</sup> letter to Detective Zimmerman, my May 21<sup>st</sup> letters to Senators Schumer and Clinton, and my May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup> memoranda to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Leahy -- copies are enclosed for your convenience.

Also enclosed is a memo discussing the "documents underlying the prosecution" and discussing those and other documents, *to wit*, (1) the May 23<sup>rd</sup> "Information" of the

U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia; (2) the U.S. Attorney's May 23<sup>rd</sup> letter, signed by Assistant U.S. Attorney Leah Belaire; (3) my August 19, 1998 letter to Ms. Belaire, in her then capacity as "Investigative Counsel" for the Senate Judiciary Committee; (4) the May 23<sup>rd</sup> sworn statement of Officer Roderick Jennings; (5) my September 22, 1996 police misconduct complaint, with the responses of Capitol Police and Metropolitan Police<sup>1</sup>; and (6) pages 65-66 of the stenographic transcript of the Senate Judiciary Committee's May 22<sup>nd</sup> "hearing".

My next court date in this matter -- by which time I am expected to have made arrangements for counsel -- is August 20, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. A copy of the court notice is enclosed.

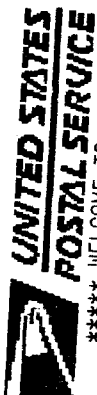
Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

*Elena Ruth Sassower*

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator  
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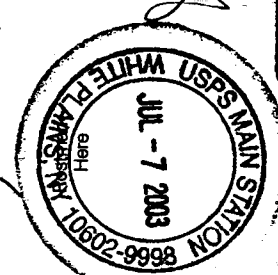
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<sup>1</sup> Also enclosed are your own October 18, 1996 and January 31, 1997 letters in response to the police misconduct complaint and my January 27, 1997 letter to you.

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### My June 16, 2003 memo to Ralph Nader, Public Citizen, & Common Cause

Most important documents referred-to therein: (1) May 21st memo to Capitol Police Detective Zimmerman; (2) May 21<sup>st</sup> letters to Home State Senators Schumer & Clinton; and (3) May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup> memo to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Leahy

#### Further relevant documents:

March 26<sup>th</sup> memorandum to ABA and City Bar  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to Judge Richard Wesley and P. Kevin Castel, Esq.  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> letter to Home State Senator Schumer  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> letter to Home State Senator Clinton  
May 5<sup>th</sup> memorandum to Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Leahy  
May 5<sup>th</sup> letter to President Bush  
May 19<sup>th</sup> memorandum to Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Leahy  
May 19<sup>th</sup> memorandum to Home State Senators Schumer and Clinton  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> memorandum to Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Leahy  
May 30<sup>th</sup> letter to D.C. Pre-Trial Services  
May 30<sup>th</sup> letter to Miller Reporting Company  
June 4<sup>th</sup> letter to Senator Edward Kennedy  
June 6<sup>th</sup> letter to President Bush  
June 6<sup>th</sup> letter to Senate Majority and Minority Leaders  
June 13<sup>th</sup> letter to ABA and City Bar

### My July 7, 2003 memo to ACLU of "documents underlying the prosecution", etc.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> "Information"  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> letter from U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia,  
signed by Assistant U.S. Attorney Leah Belaire  
My August 19, 1998 letter to Leah Belaire, as Investigative Counsel  
of Senate Judiciary Committee  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> sworn statement of Officer Roderick Jennings  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> Prisoner's Property Receipt  
My September 22, 1996 police misconduct complaint -- with  
responses from Capitol Police, Metropolitan Police, ACLU  
Pages 65-66 of the stenographic transcript of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Senate  
Judiciary Committee "Hearing"  
"Notice to Return to Court"