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Informing Voters about Senator Chambliss' Record in Office

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TO: Susan Abramson/Federal & State Editor Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Following up the voice mail message I left for you yesterday morning about the A.P. story "Chambliss challenges explosion subpoena" by Russ Bynum in yesterday's <u>Atlanta Journal-Constitution</u>, enclosed is my self-explanatory letter to him, sent yesterday afternoon.

As I have not heard back from Mr. Bynum, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss Senator Chambliss' flagrant disrespect for fundamental citizen rights and his facilitating role in the corruption of federal judicial selection -- to which I can attest from direct, first-hand-experience and by a mountain of documentary proof.

Such misconduct by Senator Chambliss, which would support a criminal prosecution against him, must be made known to Georgia voters so that they can exercise an informed vote.

Thank you.

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Associated Press

Georgia Bureau: Russ Bynum

RE: <u>Informing Voters of Senator Saxby Chambliss' Record in Office</u>

Dear Mr. Bynum:

Following up your today's Associated Press story "Chambliss challenges explosion subpoena", this is to reiterate the voice mail message I left for you earlier at the A.P.'s Savannah Bureau (912-525-0770).

As stated, this is NOT the first time that Senator Chambliss has challenged a subpoena for his testimony. He also challenged an earlier subpoena for his testimony – one pertaining to a criminal charge he allegedly initiated against me for "disruption of Congress". Such charge arose from my respectful request to Senator Chambliss, who was presiding at a May 22, 2003 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing to confirm federal judicial nominees, asking to testify in opposition to one of those nominees. My exact words were:

"Mr. Chairman, there's citizen opposition to Judge Wesley based on his documented corruption as a New York Court of Appeals judge. May I testify?"

Senator Chambliss did not respond to this respectful request. Instead, he allowed me to be arrested and prosecuted on a completely bogus "disruption of Congress" charge for which he was the alleged complainant. Although I was absolutely entitled to Senator Chambliss' testimony, as the complainant against me, his Senate lawyers invoked the Constitution's "speech or debate clause" to wrongfully block my subpoena for his trial testimony, which they were able to accomplish because this politically-explosive case was tried in a court directly

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Thereafter, and without the opportunity to confront my accuser, Senator Chambliss – or the other big-name Senators he was protecting, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, among them – I was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to the maximum: six-months in jail, after I refused to write apology letters, including to Senator Chambliss – a sentence I was forced to serve immediately and in full, in disregard of my right to a stay pending appeal, which I was denied.

The record of what Senator Chambliss did is *readily-verifiable* from the primary-source evidence posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, <u>www.judgewatch.org</u>, and accessible *via* the sidebar panel "Disruption of Congress". It includes the Senate Judiciary Committee's own videotape of the May 22, 2003 hearing, presided over by Senator Chambliss, as well as the "paper trail to jail" containing my correspondence with Senator Chambliss and the other big-name Senators¹, in addition to the litigation papers in D.C. Superior Court. Among the posted documents: the May 22, 2003 police report "supplement", identifying Senator Chambliss as the complainant [A-88-89]; my March 5, 2004 subpoena for Senator Chambliss' testimony [A-492]; and Senate Legal Counsel's March 26, 2004 motion to crush my subpoena [A-472].²

Such evidence would support criminal prosecutions of Senator Chambliss, as likewise his fellow Senators for their brazen corruption of federal judicial selection and betrayal of the public trust. It is evidence the voters need to know about.

I will wait until tomorrow morning before contacting other reporters about this politically-explosive story. Please let me hear from you before then as to your interest.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Director

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See, *inter alia*, my May 28, 2003 memo to the Senate Committee leadership – to which Senator Chambliss was an indicated recipient – recounting what had taken place at the May 22, 2003 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing and my intention to subpoena Senator Chambliss' testimony, as well as my letter to the editor "*Correcting the Record*", published in the May 10, 2004 issue of Roll Call, a copy of which I provided to Senator Chambliss under a May 28, 2004 memo and then followed up by a further memo on June 24, 2004.

The indicated record references are to pages in the appendix of my appeal to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, accessible *via* the sidebar panel "Disruption of Congress-The Appeals".