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TO: The New York Times**Washington Bureau****National Bureau****Metro Bureau****Editorial Board****John Eligon, William Glaberson, James Barron**

The New York Times has written virtually NOTHING about the nomination of former New York Solicitor General Caitlin Halligan to the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.

There was a perfunctory September 29, 2010 item, six-sentences long, with no by-line, reporting on her nomination – "*Vance Deputy Nominated to Be Federal Appellate Judge*" – presumably taken from that day's White House press release.

There was a sentence about her nomination tossed into a November 4, 2010 article by (freelance) Lawrence Hurley "*Election Likely to Affect EPA Litigation, Judicial Nominations*".

Then, on February 4, 2011 – and seemingly not in the newspaper, but as a City Room blog by John Eligon – there was a report about her Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing – taken from that day's New York Law Journal, including for the quote of Ranking Member Charles Grassley: "This committee has multiple precedents establishing a heightened level of scrutiny given to nominees for the Court of Appeals of the D.C. Circuit".

It is NOW time for meaningful reporting about Ms. Halligan's Senate confirmation – especially as will expose the *modus operandi* of misfeasance and nonfeasance by the Senate with respect to federal judicial nominations, endangering the public – unreported by the press.

First & foremost, there is NO "heightened level of scrutiny" being given to Ms. Halligan's nomination – either by Senator Grassley and the Senate Judiciary Committee's Republican minority or by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy and his Democratic majority – when the issues have nothing to do with political ideology.

This is chronicled by the Center for Judicial Accountability (CJA), in letters sent yesterday to Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. It recounts the Senate Judiciary Committee's misfeasance and nonfeasance with respect to our citizen opposition to Ms. Caitlin based on her official misconduct as NY Solicitor General, culminating in the Committee's rigged March 10th vote on Ms. Halligan's nomination, along strict party lines – followed by the forwarding of her nomination to the Senate "without written report".

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Attached are those letters, also posted on our website, together with the underlying documentary proof of Ms. Halligan's official misconduct as NY's Solicitor General, causing irreparable injury to the People of New York. The direct webpage on our website is <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm>

I am eager to answer your questions and assist you in investigating this important story, including with "hard copies" of the underlying record proof. I can be reached at 631-377-3583.

Thank you,

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