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Ranking Member Charles Grassley & Republican Minority Members
United States Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, D.C.

RE: Citizen Opposition to Confirmation of Caitlin J. Halligan to the
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit –
on the Agenda of the Senate Judiciary Committee’s
March 10, 2011 Executive Business Meeting

Dear Ranking Member Grassley & Republican Minority Members:

This follows my telephone conversation on Monday morning, March 7th, with David Best, your counsel for judicial nominations, about the official misconduct of Caitlin J. Halligan as New York State Solicitor General, disqualifying her for any position of public trust, let alone for a judgeship.

Specifically, Ms. Halligan corrupted the judicial process to defeat a landmark public interest lawsuit against the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, sued for corruption. She did this by countenancing the repudiation of ALL litigation standards by the Solicitor General’s office and the obliteration of ALL adjudicative standards by New York State judges, including as to judicial disqualification and disclosure.

Such misconduct is *readily-verifiable* and fully-documented by the lawsuit record, the particulars of which were brought to Ms. Halligan’s direct attention within days of her becoming Solicitor General by an October 2, 2001 letter to her, which I hand-delivered to her office.

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Entitled, “Your Duty to Comply with Fundamental Rules of Supervisory and Professional Responsibility in the appeal...”, this October 2, 2001 letter is featured on CJA’s website, www.judgewatch.org, on a webpage devoted to our opposition to Ms. Halligan’s confirmation: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm>.¹ It is the most convenient starting point for your verifying the litigation fraud she condoned and allowed her office to commit, warranting the relief I requested then and thereafter in motion papers: her referral to disciplinary and criminal authorities. That would have happened, but for Ms. Halligan’s success in depriving me – the petitioner in the lawsuit, acting for the public – of a fair and impartial tribunal, which she did both before New York’s Appellate Division, First Department and the New York Court of Appeals, covering up a similar deprivation in Supreme Court/New York County.

Inasmuch as Ms. Halligan did not respond to the October 2, 2001 letter – because doing so would have required her to concede the litigation fraud of the Solicitor General’s office and the judicial fraud of state judges without which the Commission could not prevail – she must be required to respond now – before any further consideration is given to her nomination. This would especially include her response to the “three ‘highlights’”, identified at page 7 of my October 2, 2001 letter and in my subsequent correspondence and motion papers as “dispositive” of both branches of my August 17, 2001 motion: the first branch being for judicial disqualification/disclosure and the second branch pertaining to the Attorney General’s disqualification and the Solicitor General’s litigation misconduct.

The full record of the lawsuit is accessible *via* our webpage pertaining to our opposition to Ms. Halligan’s confirmation, as well as *via* the left sidebar panel “Test Case-State (*Commission*)”. Nonetheless, I would be pleased to provide you with a hard copy – as well as to come to Washington to answer your questions and give testimony under oath.

Finally, so that you may glimpse the irreparable injury that Ms. Halligan caused the People of New York by her corrupting of the judicial process to protect a corrupted Commission on Judicial Conduct, I urge that you view the videos of the 2009 hearings on the Commission, held by the New York State Senate Judiciary Committee, posted on CJA’s website at: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-discipline/nys/nys-sjc-hearing.htm>

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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¹ Also accessible *via* our website’s top panel “Latest News”.