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Sent: Friday, February 27, 2015 3:57 PM

To: whistleblower@judiciary-rep.senate.gov; jacob_neilson@judiciary-rep.senate.gov;

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Subject: Making Public ALL the Committee's Follow-Up Written Questions to AG Nominee

Lynch, ALL Her Follow-Up Written Answers & the Committee's Report on the

Confirmation

Attachments: 2-13-15-ltr-sjc.pdf

This follows my several phone calls to the Republican majority office, from Wednesday morning, February 25th until today, inquiring as to where, on the Committee's website, are posted the follow-up written questions of Committee members to AG nominee Loretta Lynch – and her written answers. I have spoken to Theresa, Kyle, Jake, and then again to Kyle.

The only follow-up written questions and written answers that the Committee has posted are Chairman Grassley's 18 written questions pertaining to HSBC which, with AG nominee Lynch's written answers, span 9 pages.

According to Kyle, with whom I spoke this morning, the individual Committee members separately sent their follow-up questions to AG nominee Lynch, she separately supplied her written answers to the individual Committee members, and it is up to each of them to furnish the Committee with those written questions and answers. In other words, according to Kyle, the Committee did not have ALL the written follow-up questions and answers for circulation to ALL Committee members before yesterday's Executive Committee meeting at which the vote was taken on the confirmation. I find this hard to believe.

I also asked Kyle about whether the Committee would be issuing a report on the confirmation and whether the written questions and answers would be included. He stated yes as to both – but further told me that "most probably" the report would "not be a public document".

Please advise.

Thank you.

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P.S. Attached is a superseding copy of my February 13th letter to the Committee and its members, correcting the typographical error at the top of the first page, whose reference to Committee members should have been "Rank & File", not "Ranking". The February 13th transmitting e-mail is below. Except for the automated, generic e-mail acknowledgment from the Republican majority, I received no response from anyone.

From: Center for Judicial Accountability [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 4:57 PM

To: whistleblower@judiciary-rep.senate.gov; info@judiciary-dem.senate.gov

Cc: 'joe_hartunian@schumer.senate.gov'

Subject: Reiterated Request for Submission of Written Questions to AG Nominee Lynch based on CJA's Dec. 17, 2014 & Jan. 6, 2015 Letters of Citizen Opposition

Attached is CJA's letter of today's date for Chairman Grassley & Ranking Member Leahy. Excepting Senator Schumer – to whom it is being simultaneously transmitted *via* his legislative correspondent Joe Hartunian – it has already been emailed to all Senate Judiciary Committee members.

The below e-mail is self-explanatory...

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 4:46 PM **To:** 'senatorhatch@hatch.senate.gov'

Subject: Reiterated Request for Submission of Written Questions to AG Nominee Lynch based on CJA's Dec. 17, 2014 &

Jan. 6, 2015 Letters of Citizen Opposition

TO: Tom Jipping/nomination counsel/Senator Hatch

Following up the voice mail message I just left for you – I believe the third since January 27th – attached is CJA's letter of today's date. Please transmit it to Senator Hatch.

Below is my e-mail of the same letter to counsel for Senators Perdue, Cruz, and Vitter – and, below it, my February 5th e-mail to them reflecting where matters stood.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 4:31 PM

To: john eunice@perdue.senate.gov; david rybicki@judiciary-rep.senate.gov; ryan newman@cruz.senate.gov;

james holland@vitter.senate.gov

Subject: Reiterated Request for Submission of Written Questions to AG Nominee Lynch based on CJA's Dec. 17, 2014 & Jan. 6, 2015 Letters of Citizen Opposition

Following up my below February 5, 2015 e-mail, to which I received no response, attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's letter of today's date. Please transmit it to Senators Perdue, Cruz, and Vitter.

The letter is also posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org Here's the direct link: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-federal/lynch/menu-exec-business-meeting.htm.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]

Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 6:08 PM

To: john eunice@perdue.senate.gov

Cc: david rybicki@judiciary-rep.senate.gov; ryan newman@cruz.senate.gov; james holland@vitter.senate.gov

Subject: Taking the Lead in Collaboratively Verifying CJA's Dispositive Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of AG Nominee Loretta Lynch -- & President Obama's Duty to have Withdrawn the Nomination, Etc.

Dear Mr. Eunice,

Following your return call to me on Tuesday evening and the e-mail I thereafter sent you, I have informed all members of the Senate Judiciary Committee of the two-fold request I discussed with you.

Earlier today, I received a return call from Senator Cruz' chief counsel, Ryan Newman, who will be reviewing CJA's December 17, 2014 and January 6, 2015 opposition letters and the substantiating evidence, accessible from the webpage of our website that I showed him, http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-federal/lynch/2014-opposition-lynch-ag.htm.

I have also received an e-mail from Senator Vitter's counsel, James Holland, thanking me and stating "I'll take a serious look at this and see if we can add any of this material to our QFR submission."

May I propose that counsel for all three Senators <u>take the lead</u> in collaboratively working together to verify the DISPOSITIVE significance of CJA's citizen opposition – and the duty of President Obama to have NOT resubmitted Ms. Lynch's unworthy nomination to the Senate and to have referred the high-level New York State public corruption that she and other U.S. Attorneys have been "sitting on" to the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section of its Criminal Division, as our January 5, 2015 letter to him <u>expressly</u> requested.

Meantime, kindly furnish Senator Perdue with my below e-mail pertaining to the two-fold request we discussed together on Tuesday.

Thank you.

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Dear Senator Perdue,

At the January 28-29th confirmation hearings, Chairman Grassley announced that you would have seven days within which to submit written questions for U.S. Attorney Lynch to answer. This gives you the opportunity to ask, in writing, that Ms. Lynch respond to the Center for Judicial Accountability's two letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee opposing her confirmation – letters I had sent to U.S. Attorney Lynch with an invitation for her response – and to which she had not responded. These opposition letters, dated December 17, 2014 and January 6, 2015, and the dispositive EVIDENTIARY PROOF substantiating them, are posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the homepage hyperlink "CJA's Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch as U.S. Attorney General". The direct link is here: https://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-federal/lynch/2014-opposition-lynch-ag.htm.

Additionally, I request that you ensure that CJA's opposition letters are included in the record of the Senate Judiciary Committee's proceedings on the confirmation – as likewise all other opposition letters the Committee has

received. This, because at the January 29th confirmation hearing, when Ranking Member Leahy held up a pile of supportive letters, requesting "consent" that they be "put in the record" – to which Chairman Grassley responded "without objection" – it did not appear that opposition letters were necessarily among them.

I am available to answer questions, including under oath.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:06 PM **To:** <u>john eunice@perdue.senate.gov</u> **Cc:** <u>david rybicki@judiciary-rep.senate.gov</u>

Subject: Once Again -- Dispositive Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of US Attorney Loretta Lynch as Attorney General -- & Request to Testify

Dear Mr. Eunice.

Thank you for returning my call — and the generous amount of time you gave me to summarize in support of my request that Senator Perdue, who has the opportunity to submit written questions to U.S. Attorney Lynch, ask her to respond to CJA's letters of citizen opposition to her confirmation as Attorney General, sent to her on December 19, 2014 and January 6, 2015 and, additionally, that he ensure that these — and all other letters of opposition received by the Senate Judiciary Committee — are made part of the record.

Below is the explanatory e-mail, sent to you last week, for Senator Perdue, which apparently you had not seen.

Please feel free to contact me after you have reviewed it. I am available to answer questions and to give a statement under oath. Needless to say, it would be my privilege to speak directly to Senator Perdue so that he can take the lead in championing a confirmation process that is meaningful – and not, as it presently is, a charade.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 4:17 PM **To:** 'john_eunice@perdue.senate.gov'

Subject: Dispositive Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of US Attorney Loretta Lynch as Attorney General -- & Request to Testify

Dear Senator Perdue,

This follows up my phone call to your office yesterday afternoon, leaving a message for your counsel, John Eunice, in which I summarized the situation and the substantiating EVIDENCE, posted on the website of our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA).

Since November 10, 2014 – the <u>first</u> business day after President Obama announced his nomination of US Attorney Lynch as Attorney General – I have repeatedly requested to testify in opposition at the Senate Judiciary Committee's confirmation hearing.

The Committee's two-day hearing begins tomorrow – and I have received NO response to my requests to testify. This, notwithstanding my December 17, 2014 letter to the Committee, reiterating those requests, is the ONLY opposition letter requesting to testify that the Committee has posted on its webpage for the confirmation: http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/nominations/executive/pn2136-113.

Not posted by the Committee is my January 6, 2015 letter to it, highlighting that I had received NO response to the December 17, 2014 letter, enclosing my January 5, 2015 letter to President Obama, and <u>expressly</u> requesting that the Committee address my assertion therein:

"the Senate Judiciary Committee's own vetting is a fiction and its confirmation hearings essentially rigged to ensure confirmation, which it does by excluding opposition testimony from members of the public have dispositive evidence of nominee unfitness, such as corruption and ethics breaches.

At bar, NO Senator can vote for U.S. Attorney Lynch's confirmation based on the evidence here presented." (capitalization in the original).

All these letters – and the mountain of EVIDENCE substantiating them – are posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the prominent homepage link: "CJA's Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch as U.S. Attorney General". Here's the direct link: https://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-federal/lynch/2014-opposition-lynch-ag.htm.

I believe that you — and your fellow rank-and-file Senate Judiciary Committee members — may be completely unaware of these letters and that Senators Grassley and Leahy, in their positions as Chair and Ranking Member, withheld them from you. Certainly, from the letters, you can <u>speedily</u> determine that under their "leadership", neither Republican nor Democratic committee staff did any APPROPRIATE VETTING of Ms. Lynch's fitness. At minimum, APPROPRIATE VETTING required that Committee counsel and investigators interview me — which they never did — and that they make findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the EVIDENCE I had furnished — which they plainly did not do, nor furnish same to Committee members. Had they done so, the Committee's 18 rank-and-file Republican and Democratic members would have recognized, <u>unanimously</u>, that NO HEARING WAS NECESSARY, as the nomination had to be summarily rejected, absent its withdrawal by the President or withdrawal by Ms. Lynch.

On behalf of your constituents – and the People of the United States of America – to whom you owe a sacred duty to scrutinize Ms. Lynch's fitness to be this nation's highest law enforcement officer, I request that you take immediate corrective steps. If, based upon the December 17, 2014 and January 6, 2015 letters, tomorrow's confirmation hearing is not cancelled so that you and your fellow rank-and-file Senate Judiciary Committee members have sufficient opportunity to personally review them and the DISPOSITIVE EVIDENCE on which they rest, I request to be "invited" to testify in opposition, as I have repeatedly requested.

In any event, I respectfully request to know what <u>criteria</u> – if any – Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy used in determining who they would "invite" to testify in opposition – and who they have already "invited" as opposition witnesses. Inasmuch as my December 17, 2014 letter is the ONLY opposition letter requesting to testify that the Committee has posted, it would appear that such opposition witnesses, if any, did not make written request. Is that correct? And, if so, were they solicited to testify?

It goes without saying that if the confirmation hearing proceeds tomorrow, Ms. Lynch must be interrogated about the December 17, 2014 and January 6, 2015 letters, which I sent her, <u>expressly</u> inviting her response. She has not responded – and the reason, <u>obvious from the letters and the DISPOSITIVE EVIDENCE substantiating them</u>, is that she cannot do so without admitting to her corruption and unfitness.

I am available to answer questions.

Thank you.

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