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DATE: August 24, 2007

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ATT: Kay Daly, Founder/President & Executive Director  
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ATT: William H. Mellor, III, President & General Counsel

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director  
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: Championing Basic Citizen Rights, the Vital Importance of Citizen Participation in Federal Judicial Selection, and Fundamental Judicial Accountability by your *amicus curiae* support for the filed and docketed cert petition in the “disruption of Congress” case – *Elena Ruth Sassower v. United States of America*, #07-228

Following up my July 2, 2007 memo to you, this is to proudly announce that the petition for a writ of certiorari in the “disruption of Congress” case, *Elena Ruth Sassower v. United States of America*, was timely filed on August 17, 2007 and docketed on August 21, 2007. It is posted on CJA’s website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), conveniently accessible *via* the top panel “Latest News” and the side panel “Disruption of Congress-The Appeals”<sup>1</sup>.

Again, I ask for your *amicus curiae* support for Supreme Court review of my petition’s First Amendment challenge to the constitutionality of the “disruption of Congress” statute, D.C. Code §10-503.16(b)(4), *as written and as applied*, so as to vindicate:

“the elementary proposition 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’”

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<sup>1</sup> “The Appeals” webpage also posts my July 2, 2007 memo to you under the heading “Solicitations for *Amicus Curiae* & Other Assistance”.

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\* The Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) is a national, non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization, documenting, by independently-verifiable empirical evidence, the dysfunction, politicization, and corruption of the processes of judicial selection and discipline on federal, state, and local levels.

and thereby advance the *unimplemented* recommendations for non-partisan, good-government reform of the federal judicial confirmation process, long ago made by The Ralph Nader Congress Project (1975), Common Cause (1986), and the Twentieth Century Fund (1988).

I have checked with the Clerk’s Office to confirm that you still have time – until September 20, 2007 – to do so. As stated by the Court’s Rule 37.1: “An *amicus curiae* brief that brings to the attention of the Court relevant matter not already brought to its attention by the parties may be of considerable help to the Court.”

Please let me know if you would like me to send you a bound copy of the cert petition to facilitate your consideration of this reiterated request for your *amicus* support of my constitutional challenge to the “disruption of Congress” statute – and/or for your *amicus* support of any of the other transcending constitutional issues of public importance presented by the petition.

As previously, I also ask that if you are unable to provide an *amicus* brief that you recommend other organizations, prominent law professors, and/or attorneys who might be favorably disposed to do so and that you alert your abundant media and academic contacts to this case so that it can more promptly and fully meet its history-making and law-making potential.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eleanor Ross". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

cc: Clint Bolick, Director/Center for Constitutional Litigation, Goldwater Institute  
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<sup>2</sup> As stated in my July 2, 2007 memo to you, this description is from the website of the “left-wing” organization, People for the American Way, [www.pfaw.org](http://www.pfaw.org).