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Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:32 AM
To: 'info@judicialnetwork.com'
Cc: 'benchmemos@nationalreview.com'; 'ewhelan@eppc.org'; 'mm-tips@mediamatters.org'
Subject: Political Posturing on the Caitlin Halligan Nomination to the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit
Attachments: 3-17-11-email-to-nra-go.pdf

TO: Gary Marx, Executive Director, Judicial Crisis Network

I was surprised to receive no response from you to my March 11th or March 14th e-mails to you and Media Matters about Caitlin Halligan's nomination – particularly in light of Media Matters' March 14th post – “*National Review Misfires On Obama Judicial Nominee Halligan's Gun Record*”, directly critical of your March 10th post “*Halligan and the Second Amendment*” in National Review Online's Benchmemos.

In the event my two prior e-mails were not forwarded to you by benchmemos@nationalreview.com, they are posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, www.judgewidth.org. Here is the direct link to the webpage – <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm>.

Please be advised that I have also not received any response from Benchmemo contributors Ms. Severino and Ed Whelan to my e-mails. Nor have I received any response from Media Matters.

As it is reasonable to surmise that your March 10th Benchmemo post was prompted by the March 9th letters of the National Rifle Association of America and Gun Owners of America to the Senate Judiciary Committee, attached is a copy of my March 17th e-mail to those organizations.

I look forward to your follow-up – and that of the other recipients of this e-mail – in furnishing the public with dispositive, non-partisan facts about Ms. Halligan's record as NY Solicitor General.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [elena@judgewidth.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 3:04 PM
To: 'dlehman@nrahq.org'
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Subject: The Senate's Betrayal of NRA, GOA, & The American People by its Public Posturing on the Nomination of Halligan to the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit
Attachments: 3-14-11-ltr-to-mcconnell-1p.pdf; 3-14-11-ltr-to-reid-8pp.pdf

**TO: David Lehman, General Counsel
National Rifle Association of America (NRA)**

Following up your return call to me, this is to reiterate that the NRA's interest in defeating Caitlin Halligan's confirmation, as expressed by its March 9th letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley, as well as GOA's interest, as expressed by its March 9th letter, were NOT well-served by Ranking Member Grassley's lengthy statement opposing confirmation at the Senate Judiciary Committee's March 10th Executive Business Meeting, after which he delivered a solid 8-member Republican minority vote against Ms. Halligan.

Rather, NRA and GOA have been betrayed. As discussed, what actually happened at the Committee's March 10th Executive Business Meeting is that Ranking Member Grassley and the Republican minority colluded with Chairman Leahy and the Democratic majority to conceal CJA's own March 9th letter of citizen opposition – with knowledge of its dispositive nature – enabling Chairman Leahy and the Democrats to shamelessly approve Ms. Halligan for confirmation by their 10 majority votes.

This deceit – in which Republican Senate Minority Leader McConnell and Democratic Senate Majority Leader Reid have been subsequently complicit – is set forth by CJA's March 14th letters to them entitled "Citizen Demand for Withdrawal from Today's Senate Executive Calendar &/or Senate Hold on the Confirmation of Caitlin Halligan...". The letters are attached and are also posted on CJA's website, www.judgewidth.org, on a webpage devoted to CJA's opposition to her confirmation: <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm>

To date – three days after sending these March 14th letters – neither Senate Minority Leader McConnell nor Senate Majority Leader Reid have responded; Ms. Caitlin's nomination has continued, each day, on the Senate Executive Calendar, and there is no indication of any "holds" preventing it from proceeding to a vote.

NRA and GOA would be performing a great public service if they would use their sizeable power to expose the scam that the Senators have perpetrated on them – and the American People.

To that end, CJA offers its assistance, including "hard copies" of any of the posted documents.

Thank you.

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