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**Subject:** FW: 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  
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**TO: John Velleco, Director of Federal Affairs  
 Gun Owners of America**

Following up our just-concluded lengthy telephone conversation, in which I updated you on developments since my e-mail to you last week, below – for your convenience -- is the direct link to CJA's webpage on which you will find, *inter alia*, CJA's yesterday's letter to Alliance for Justice calling upon it to withdraw its support for Ms. Halligan's confirmation, as well as info on the Constitutional Accountability Center which – on March 17<sup>th</sup> – wrote a letter to Senate Majority Leader Reid & Senate Minority Leader McConnell urging that the nomination be "confirmed promptly". <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm> .

Please forward this e-mail &/or our webpage link -- <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm> -- to counsel at Gun Owners of America, as you indicated you would...-- and provide it, as well to your other contacts in government, the media, etc.

Thank you.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewidth.org]  
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**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 9<sup>th</sup> letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Grassley, as well as GOA's interest, as expressed by its March 9<sup>th</sup> letter, were NOT well-served by Ranking Member Grassley's lengthy statement opposing confirmation at the Senate Judiciary Committee's March 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Business Meeting is that Ranking Member Grassley and the Republican minority

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colluded with Chairman Leahy and the Democratic majority to conceal CJA's own March 9<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), on a webpage devoted to CJA's opposition to her confirmation: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-selection/federal/judicial-selection-fed-2011.htm>

To date – three days after sending these March 14<sup>th</sup> 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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