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Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:18 PM
To: 'ewhelan@eppc.org'
Cc: 'benchmemos@nationalreview.com'; 'info@judicialnetwork.com'; 'merhardt@crccpublicrelations.com'; 'mm-tips@mediamatters.org'
Subject: UPDATE on 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: Ed Whelan, President/Ethics & Public Policy Center

It was unclear to me from our approximately 10-second phone conversation, in which you stated that you were "not going to carry on a discussion by telephone" and then hung up, whether you had read my three prior e-mails. Below is the most recent: my March 23rd e-mail, which, to ensure your receipt, I had sent to your e-mail address at the Ethics & Public Policy Center, rather than through the generic "benchmemos@nationalreview.com".

CJA's webpage on our citizen opposition to the Halligan nomination has been updated to reflect new developments, including my yesterday's letter to Nan Aron of the Alliance for Justice -- & I had wanted to draw these to you attention, as well as to share with you important information that is not posted.

Please call me when you wish to discuss the status of Ms. Halligan's Senate confirmation, about which you showed such interest in your ten "benchmark posts" since January 31st.

As I do not have any direct contact information for Gary Marx and Carrie Severino -- your fellow "benchmark" writers on the Halligan nomination -- and have received no response to them to my three prior e-mails, I would appreciate if you would forward them this fourth e-mail, with my similar invitation that they call me when they wish further info on the status of her confirmation.

In the meantime, I will see if I will have more success in reaching Adam Shah of Media Matters.

Finally, I have a great deal of information to share with you on the Supreme Court ethics and recusal issues -- about which you are now authoring many "benchmark posts". This will be apparent to you upon your exploring CJA's website -- www.judgewidth.org -- *inter alia*, its left sidebar panel "Judicial Discipline-Federal" -- or the top panel "Latest News", which opens to a menu page with a section linking to our 2008 Critique of the Breyer Committee Report.

I do hope to hear from you in the not too distant future...

Thank you.

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cc: Gary Marx & Carrie Severino: Judicial Crisis Network
Media Matters -- ATT: Adam Shah

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewidth.org]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 10:06 AM

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To: 'merhardt@crcpublicrelations.com'

Subject: FW: Political Posturing on the Caitlin Halligan Nomination to the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit

ATT: Megan Erhardt – CRC (Creative Response Concepts) Public Relations
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As discussed, the below e-mail came back as undeliverable. Thank you, in advance, for forwarding it to Gary Marx & Carrie Severino, for whom no direct contact information appears on the Judicial Crisis Network website.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewidth.org]

Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 9:32 AM

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Subject: Political Posturing on the Caitlin Halligan Nomination to the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit

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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