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Mr. James Ridgeway
The Village Voice

RE: MANDATE OF IMPARTIALITY: Impeachment Complaint against Chief Justice Rehnquist and the media-unreported story of the House Judiciary Committee

Dear Mr. Ridgeway:

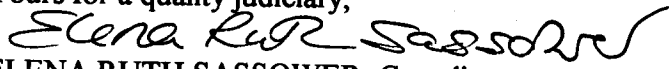
Chief Justice Rehnquist's *first* act when he came into the Senate chamber yesterday was to swear to an oath of impartiality, which he then administered to the 100 Senators.

If you have read CJA's pending impeachment complaint against the Chief Justice, you know that it revolves around his wilful violation of his duty of impartiality, mandated by his oath of office, ethical rules, and federal law; his outright subversion of that law, 28 U.S.C. §455, by his wilful failure to adjudicate a disqualification/disclosure application made thereunder; and his wilful failure, as head of the Judicial Conference, to take corrective steps in the face of *direct* notice that the Judicial Conference had made knowingly false and deceitful representations to the House Judiciary Committee as to the adequacy of §455, shown to have been subverted by the lower federal judiciary.

Indeed, of the two issues presented for the Supreme Court's review by the *Sassower v. Mangano, et al.* cert petition (#98-106), the second issue was the lower federal judiciary's subversion of §455, with the first issue being the Court's mandatory duty of supervision and its ethical duty to refer the subject federal judges for criminal and impeachment referral.

Enclosed is a press release to help focus your attention on the profound seriousness of CJA's impeachment complaint against the Chief Justice -- and the media-unreported story about the House Judiciary Committee. Upon request, we will transmit the substantiating documentation so that you can properly assess whether -- as we believe -- they are a *deus ex machina* with the potential to blow apart the Senate impeachment trial of the President.

Yours for a quality judiciary,


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