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Subject: Your Written Questions for AG Nominee Loretta Lynch -- & Inclusion of Opposition Letters in "the Record" of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Proceedings

Dear Senator Coons:

This reiterates the message I left yesterday afternoon on the voice mail of your Deputy Counsel Andrew Crawford, who I understand is assisting you in evaluating the fitness of U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch for confirmation as Attorney General. As I have received no return call from Mr. Crawford, I am sending this e-mail to him, with a request that it be furnished to you.

At the January 28-29th confirmation hearings, Chairman Grassley announced that you would have seven days within which to submit written questions for U.S. Attorney Lynch to answer. This gives you the opportunity to ask, in writing, that Ms. Lynch respond to the Center for Judicial Accountability's two letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee opposing her confirmation – letters I had sent to U.S. Attorney Lynch with an invitation for her response – and to which she had not responded. These opposition letters, dated December 17, 2014 and January 6, 2015, and the dispositive EVIDENTIARY PROOF substantiating them, are posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the homepage hyperlink "CJA's Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch as U.S. Attorney General". The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-federal/lynch/2014-opposition-lynch-ag.htm>.

Additionally, I request that you ensure that CJA's opposition letters are included in the record of the Senate Judiciary Committee's proceedings on the confirmation – as likewise all other opposition letters the Committee has received. This because at the January 29th confirmation hearing, when Ranking Member Leahy held up a pile of supportive letters, requesting "consent" that they be "put in the record" – to which Chairman Grassley responded "without objection" – it did not appear that the opposition letters were necessarily among them.

For your convenience, below is my January 27th e-mail entitled "DISPOSITIVE Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of US Attorney Loretta Lynch as Attorney General – & Request to Testify", which I had requested be furnished you and to which I received no response.

I am available to answer questions, including under oath.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 1:27 PM
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Subject: DISPOSITIVE Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of US Attorney Loretta Lynch as Attorney General -- & Request to Testify

TO: Trinity Hall/Administrative Director to Senator Christopher Coons

Dear Ms. Hall,

Following up my phone call this morning, please immediately forward this e-mail to Senator Coons and counsel assisting him in discharging his duty to scrutinize the fitness of US Attorney Lynch to be confirmed as Attorney General.

Since November 10, 2014 – the first business day after President Obama announced his nomination of US Attorney Lynch as Attorney General – I have repeatedly requested to testify in opposition at the Senate Judiciary Committee’s confirmation hearing.

The two-day hearing begins tomorrow – and I have received NO response to my requests to testify. This, notwithstanding my December 17, 2014 letter to the Committee, reiterating those requests, is the ONLY opposition letter requesting to testify that the Committee has posted on its webpage for the confirmation:

<http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/nominations/executive/pn2136-113>

Not posted by the Committee is my January 6, 2015 letter to it, highlighting that I had received no response to the December 17, 2014 letter, enclosing my January 5, 2015 letter to President Obama, and expressly requesting that the Committee address my assertion therein:

“the Senate Judiciary Committee’s own vetting is a fiction and its confirmation hearings essentially rigged to ensure confirmation, which it does by excluding opposition testimony from members of the public have dispositive evidence of nominee unfitness, such as corruption and ethics breaches.

At bar, NO Senator can vote for U.S. Attorney Lynch’s confirmation based on the evidence here presented.” (capitalization in the original).

All these letters – and the mountain of EVIDENCE substantiating them – are posted on the website of our non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the prominent link homepage link: “CJA’s Citizen Opposition to Senate Confirmation of U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch as U.S. Attorney General”. Here’s the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-federal/lynch/2014-opposition-lynch-ag.htm>.

From these letters, Senator Coons and his counsel can speedily determine that the Senate Judiciary Committee undertook NO APPROPRIATE VETTING of Ms. Lynch’s nomination. Any APPROPRIATE VETTING required that Committee counsel and investigators interview me – which they never did – and that they make findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the EVIDENCE I had furnished – which they plainly did not do, nor furnish same to Committee members. Had such been done, the Committee’s 20 members would have unanimously recognized that NO HEARING WAS NECESSARY, as the nomination had to be summarily rejected, absent its withdrawal by the President or withdrawal by Ms. Lynch.

I respectfully request that Senator Coons take corrective steps. If, based upon the EVIDENCE-SUPPORTED December 17, 2014 and January 6, 2015 letters, tomorrow’s confirmation hearing is not cancelled so that each of the Committee’s 20 members has sufficient opportunity to personally review them, I request to be “invited” to testify in opposition, as I have repeatedly requested.

In any event, I respectfully request to know what criteria – if any – the Committee uses in determining who it will “invite” to testify in opposition – and who the Committee has “invited” as opposition witnesses. Inasmuch as my December 17, 2014 letter is the ONLY opposition letter requesting to testify that the Committee has posted, it would

appear that any such opposition witnesses did not make written request. Is that correct? And, if so, were they solicited by the Committee?

It goes without saying that if the confirmation hearing proceeds tomorrow, Ms. Lynch must be interrogated about the December 17, 2014 and January 6, 2015 letters, which I sent her, expressly inviting her response. She has not responded – and the reason, obvious from the letters and the DISPOSITIVE EVIDENCE substantiating them, is that she cannot do so without admitting to her corruption and unfitness.

I am available to answer questions.

Thank you.

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