



# Judicial Watch

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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Susan Collins  
The Honorable Joseph Lieberman  
U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators:

As the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs considers the nomination of the Honorable Michael Chertoff to be Secretary of Homeland Security, Judicial Watch wishes to raise several concerns which bear on the fitness of Judge Chertoff for this important position of public trust.

Judicial Watch is a non-profit organization which investigates and prosecutes public corruption. As part of its mission, Judicial Watch provides legal representation to Peter F. Paul, a Californian businessman. Beginning in 2001, Mr. Paul and Judicial Watch provided information to Judge Chertoff, who was then Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division about, among other issues, criminal activities by Stanley Myatt, a confidential informant of the United States government. Mr. Myatt may have worked on behalf of the New Jersey U.S. Attorney's Office during Judge Chertoff's tenure there. Respectfully, the Committee has an obligation to examine the following issues before it confirms Judge Chertoff:

- 1) During his tenure as United States Attorney for New Jersey, was Judge Chertoff aware of any illegal activities by Mr. Myatt?
- 2) During his tenure as head of the Criminal Division, what actions did Judge Chertoff or his staff take concerning the allegations concerning Stanley Myatt?
- 3) Did Judge Chertoff go through the proper recusal procedures concerning any investigation of Mr. Myatt?

Judicial Watch has attached some background material for your review. Included in this material is correspondence concerning Judge Chertoff's involvement in the Myatt

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matter and related news articles. Mr. Bruce Ohr, who was head of the Organized Crime Division under Mr. Chertoff, told us that Mr. Paul's information "checked out" concerning Mr. Myatt and other matters.

This is a serious matter. Mr. Paul's life was threatened by Mr. Myatt after he reached out to the Department of Justice with information about Mr. Myatt and other government abuses.

We are disappointed the Committee has yet to contact Judicial Watch concerning Judge Chertoff's nomination, given the public controversy over these allegations. We stand willing to provide you with any additional information or testimony as the Committee may require.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



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President