

March 3, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Toner Chairman Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

## Dear Chairman Toner:

On behalf of the more than 100,000 members and supporters of Judicial Watch, I am pleased to present you and the Federal Election Commission with the enclosed Petitions demanding a Commission investigation into U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton's personal involvement in the "Hollywood Tribute to William Jefferson Clinton" scandal that was part of her 2000 election campaign.

Judicial Watch is the preeminent public watchdog organization in the United States. The 16,392 signed Petitions we are delivering to you today symbolize the deep commitment of our members and supporters to see that the ends of justice are served in the matter of the "Hollywood Tribute." Our motto is "no one is above the law!" and we believe that applies to Senator Clinton, as well as all other federal candidates whose campaigns are subject to regulation by your Commission.

We recently learned that the Commission reached a settlement with New York Senate 2000 over its violation of federal campaign law. The Commission levied a fine of \$35,000 against New York Senate 2000, which the "campaign" has agreed to pay.

Judicial Watch questions the FEC's decision to absolve Mrs. Clinton of any personal responsibility in this matter. During the trial of her former National Finance Director David Rosen, testimony showed that she (and her campaign) should have known of the misreporting to the FEC. Of course, the information provided to you by our former client Peter Paul, also implicated Mrs. Clinton, personally.

The FEC's findings of wrongdoing, the tacit admission of wrongdoing by New York Senate 2000, along with undisputed facts put on the public record last year during the trial of David Rosen, make it clear that the violations of federal law related to the "Hollywood Tribute" were part of a larger conspiracy that reached the highest levels

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of the Clinton campaign, and into the White House itself.<sup>1</sup> We believe that by not pursuing properly Senator Clinton's personal role in these violations of law, the Commission abdicated its responsibility to the American people. We urge you, as the Commission's new chairman, to take appropriate action immediately and reopen the matter with respect to Mrs. Clinton and her campaign, who are responsible for the "grossly inaccurate" FEC's filings.

Because of the demonstrable willingness of Senator Clinton and her fundraising operation to violate federal campaign finance laws, Judicial Watch has initiated its own "Hillary Watch '06" project, designed to monitor and publicize irregularities and wrongdoing in her reelection campaign this year. In light of her fundraising operation's poor record, we also urge the Commission to keep a careful watch on her current campaign's filings.

However, we believe justice cannot be served if the clear and obvious lawbreaking of her first campaign for the U.S. Senate is punished with a "slap on the wrist" to a fundraising front operation. The responsibility of fully investigating and airing all the facts in this matter belong to you and the Commission. Judicial Watch continues to review the FEC's findings and actions on this matter and may follow up with you and the Commission.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Fitton President

**Enclosures** 

cc: Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Indeed, the testimony of James Levin at David Rosen's criminal trial shows that the costs for at least one other event involving the 2000 Clinton campaign was underreported to the FEC.