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March 30, 2006

The Honorable George V. Voinovich, Chairman
The Honorable Tim Johnson, Vice Chairman
The Honorable Pat Roberts
The Honorable Daniel Akaka
The Honorable Craig Thomas
The Honorable Mark Pryor
UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS
220 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

On behalf of 42,112 members and supporters of Judicial Watch who have signed the enclosed Petitions to you, I want to join my voice with theirs and urge you to undertake an Ethics Committee investigation into, among other issues, the personal role that Senator Hillary Clinton played in her 2000 campaign's "Hollywood Tribute" fundraising scandal. Judicial Watch submitted a complaint on this matter to the Committee on May 6, 2005.

Senators, I am confident you are aware of the facts surrounding this scandal, in which more than \$1.7 million in event expenses and contributions went unreported to the Federal Election Commission (FEC). Last year, a federal grand jury indicted Senator Clinton's former National Finance Director, David Rosen, for his role in the "Hollywood Tribute." We recently learned that the FEC reached a settlement with New York Senate 2000 over its violation of federal campaign law. The FEC levied a fine of \$35,000 against New York Senate 2000, which the "campaign" has agreed to pay.

During the trial of David Rosen, testimony showed that Mrs. Clinton (and her campaign) should have known of the misreporting to the FEC. Of course, the information provided to you in our May 5, 2005, complaint 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 criminal 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 of the Clinton campaign and into the White House itself.¹ We believe that by not pursuing properly Senator

¹ 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 (and to the Secretary of the Senate).

Clinton's personal role in these violations of law, the Ethics Committee is abdicating its responsibility to the American people. We urge you to take appropriate action immediately with respect to Mrs. Clinton, who is responsible for the "grossly inaccurate" FEC's filings.

It is disturbing that the Ethics Committee does not publicize its activities or even report back to complainants on the results of any investigations. Of the five complaints Judicial Watch has filed with the Committee since 2001, we have received a substantive response to only one of them. This belies the Committee's strong defense in recent days of its effectiveness and diligence.

At this particular moment of scandal and low public trust in our public institutions, it is vitally important that your committee begin to win back the confidence of the American people by showing real, serious commitment to policing yourselves and enforcing the Senate's own ethical standards.

We are dismayed that so far your Committee has not taken any public action on our request. I certainly hope that the visible commitment of the more than 40,000 citizens who have signed our Petition will help motivate you to do the right thing.

In the meantime, because of the demonstrable willingness of Senator Clinton and her fundraising operation to violate federal campaign finance laws and Senate ethics rules, 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 Committee to carefully scrutinize 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 only by the FEC's "slap on the wrist" to a fundraising front operation. Despite any recent actions taken by the Justice Department and FEC, the independent responsibility of fully investigating and airing all the facts in this matter remains with the Committee. Judicial Watch continues to review Mrs. Clinton's activities and the record in this matter and may follow up with you as appropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fitton
President

Enclosures (Chairman George V. Voinovich, only)

cc: Chairman Michael E. Toner, Federal Election Commission
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