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FROM TOM FITTON,
PRESIDENT OF JUDICIAL WATCH

Dear Friend:

Since 1994, Judicial Watch has blazed a historic trail in using the courts to hold public officials accountable for their actions. The political establishment in Washington and around the nation has learned that we are dead serious when we say that "no one is above the law!"

Judicial Watch's expert investigative and legal staff have become the nation's leaders in using open records laws to expose government corruption and in making bureaucrats accountable to tax-paying citizens. The careful and assiduous use of these statutes have led to the discovery of vital information in matters ranging from Clinton corruption to terrorism.

The American people have profited immeasurably from our expertise in our open records work, which includes the use of powerful laws such as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). As a non-profit public interest organization, we offer our services in matters related to public corruption and the public's right to know to the larger conservative public policy community. I encourage you to review the material in this brochure, and to contact us if we may assist you, or organizations with whom you are affiliated, in using these investigative and legal tools to aid the cause of transparency in government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Fitton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Thomas Fitton
President



Judicial[®] Watch

Because no one is Above the Law!

OPEN RECORDS PROJECT

HOW CAN THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND THE PRIVACY ACT HELP YOU?

UNIQUE EXPERTISE: Judicial Watch is the preeminent public interest group specializing in government open records research and litigation – promoting integrity in government, law and politics, and increasing the public's access to information. Since 1994, Judicial Watch has filed over 400 open records requests on behalf of individual and conservative public policy organization clients, and successfully pursued many of these requests in federal and state courts.

ACCOUNTABILITY: The public's participation in our democratic process requires access to information. Transparency in government ensures government officials and politicians cannot hide misconduct. Armed with information, the public can make informed decisions, take informed actions and bring pressure to ensure integrity in government, law, and politics. Open records requests (often made under the Freedom of Information Act) are effective tools for gaining access to information held in government files. In addition to federal public records laws, most states have laws governing the public's "right to know" as well.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Judicial Watch provides technical, research, and litigation assistance to conservative non-profit public interest groups interested in obtaining information about government activity who may not have the resources or experience to pursue necessary information on their own. Judicial Watch knows how to make these processes work in support of conservative public policy.

JUDICIAL WATCH ASSISTS ORGANIZATIONS IN ALL STEPS OF THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN:

- Determining what government agencies have the information you need.
- Defining your requirements and composing your document request strategy.
- Making the request.
- Reviewing information and providing analysis of government document production.
- Handling denials, exemptions and the appeal process.
- Your day(s) in court.
- Getting the information into the hands of the general public and raising media awareness.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **Open Records Hotline** – Answering your technical and procedural questions.
- **Open Records Handbook** – A layman’s guide, featuring Open Records (FOIA) FAQ, request letter templates, contact information, and references.
- **Open Records Research Assistance** – We help you ask the right questions.
- **Open Records Legal Assistance** – No other organization has our experience in government open records litigation.
- **Open Records Media Assistance** – We can help you get important information to the public and the media. We provide insightful legal analysis and public policy commentary.
- **Open Records Speaker’s Bureau** – Judicial Watch staff are available to speak at colleges, law schools, conferences and to public interest groups, as well as civic and business organizations.
- **Open Records Watch** –
 - Court decisions and legislation impacting citizen access to government records and the people’s right to know.
 - Monitoring public disclosure practices of government agencies and administration policies.
 - Significant cases and government responses to requests for production involving the use of the open records laws by Judicial Watch and others.

JUDICIAL WATCH OPEN RECORDS VICTORIES:

- Exposed "Chinagate" campaign fundraising scandal. Judicial Watch got "the ball rolling" on the Chinagate scandal in 1995. Chinagate involved the transfer of America's most sensitive technology in exchange for millions of dollars in illegal contributions to the 1996 Clinton-Gore re-election effort and the Democratic National Committee.
- Exposed the grave health risks of the RU-486 abortion pill.
- Exposed Clinton White House methods to corruptly encourage IRS investigations of conservative groups.
- Uncovered Intelligence reports revealing the security risks of surrendering the Panama Canal.
- Russian spy vessel laser attack on US Navy officer Jack Daly.
- Insured accurate tally of 2000 Florida election ballots certifying President Bush's victory.
- Uncovered reckless endangerment of the public by the US Postal Service during the October 2001 anthrax terror mailings.
- Many important facts about which the American public has a right to know.

MAY WE HELP YOU?

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