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## JW Sues For FBI Interviews With Demoted Justice Department Official Bruce Ohr

### Justice Department demands up to 6 months to turn over only 1,650 pages of Bruce Ohr-Steele-Fusion GPS records



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Bruce Ohr, former U.S. associate deputy attorney general

Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice for details of interviews the FBI conducted with Bruce Ohr, who was removed from his position as U.S. associate deputy attorney general in December 2017. The interviews could be key to understanding how anti-Trump dossier author and British spy Christopher Steele's information was transmitted to the FBI.

Judicial Watch sued (*Judicial*

*Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-02107)) after the Justice Department failed to respond to a FOIA request seeking Form 302s for a number of interviews with Ohr concerning his interactions with Steele. A Form 302 is used by FBI agents to summarize the interviews they conduct. Judicial Watch is seeking 302 forms from 12 separate interviews from November through May 2016.

Until his dossier-related demotion,

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## State Channels Money To Soros 'Mercenary Army' In Albania

### U.S. Embassy officials working with Soros operatives to channel grant money into left-wing operations

Judicial Watch released 49 pages of new documents from the U.S. Department of State about U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) funding for George Soros' left-wing, non-profit organizations in Albania. The documents deal primarily with the activities of Soros' top operative in Albania, Andri Dobrushki, the director of Open Society Foundation-Albania, who was actively engaged in channeling funding to what Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban calls Soros' "mercenary army." The documents show U.S. grant money flowing through non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that profess to promote "civil society," while in fact attacking traditional,

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Bruce Ohr was the fourth-ranked official at the Justice Department and a contact for Steele. The House Intelligence Committee memo released by Chairman Devin Nunes on February 2 says that Ohr's wife, Nellie Ohr, was "employed by Fusion GPS to assist in the cultivation of opposition research on Trump" and that Bruce Ohr passed the results of that research, which was paid for by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Hillary Clinton campaign, to the FBI.

In August, Judicial Watch released FBI records showing that Steele was cut off as a "Confidential Human Source" after he disclosed his relationship with the FBI to a third party. The documents show at least 11 FBI payments to Steele in 2016 and that he was admonished for undisclosed reasons in February 2016.

Emails and memos released to Congress show that Bruce Ohr continued to receive information from Steele in 2017 after the FBI had terminated its relationship with Steele in 2016 for leaking to the media.

In a related case seeking records of communications between Ohr, other Justice Department officials and Steele or Fusion GPS, the Department of Justice told the court it has located 1,650 responsive



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Hillary Clinton

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documents and wants until February 2019 to turn them over. A hearing in federal court on the status of the case was held September 13.

Judicial Watch filed the lawsuit (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No.1:18-cv-00490)) on March 1, 2018, after the Justice Department failed to respond to a December 7, 2017 FOIA request for:

- "All records of contact or communication, including but not limited to emails, text messages, and instant chats between Bruce Ohr and any of the following individuals/entities: former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele; owner of Fusion GPS Glenn Simpson; and any other employees or representatives of Fusion GPS;
- "All travel requests, authorizations and expense reports for Bruce Ohr; and
- "All calendar entries for Bruce Ohr."

"Judicial Watch is doing the heavy lifting in federal court against the Justice Department's outrageous delays and secrecy about the Ohr-Strzok-Steele-Fusion GPS dossier scheme targeting President Trump," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Once again, it may be Judicial Watch — not Congress — that is finally able to extract the truth about this continuing Deep State scandal."



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# Justice Kavanaugh Confirmation Is Great Victory For Constitutional Government

By Tom Fitton



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Judge Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court by the U.S. Senate is a great victory for constitutional government and a blow to politicized decision-making on the Supreme Court. We have too many politicians as it is in D.C.; we certainly didn't need any more on the Supreme Court. Most Americans agree with Judge Kavanaugh that the Supreme Court should apply the law as it is written and leave the legislating to the people's elected representatives in Congress.

I said at the time, President Trump hit a home run when he nominated Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. In nominating Kavanaugh, President Trump stood

up for the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law. Judge Kavanaugh has a demonstrated record of applying the rule of law rather than legislating from the bench. His record shows he will apply the U.S. Constitution as written and intended by our Founding Fathers.

There was not much radical liberals could do to stop this excellent Supreme Court pick. I predicted we would see leftist smears, religious bigotry, more threats of violence and so forth, but even I did not foresee the depths of depravity to which the left would descend to try to derail Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation. Just as with Judge Robert Bork and Justice Clarence Thomas, it is not enough for the left to merely disagree with a Supreme Court nominee; they must destroy individuals they disagree with to justify their votes against them.

During Kavanaugh's confirmation hearing in early September, it became clear that leftists were prepared to go to extreme measures trying to blow up the Senate confirmation process and destroy a man with whom they disagree. Leftist law-



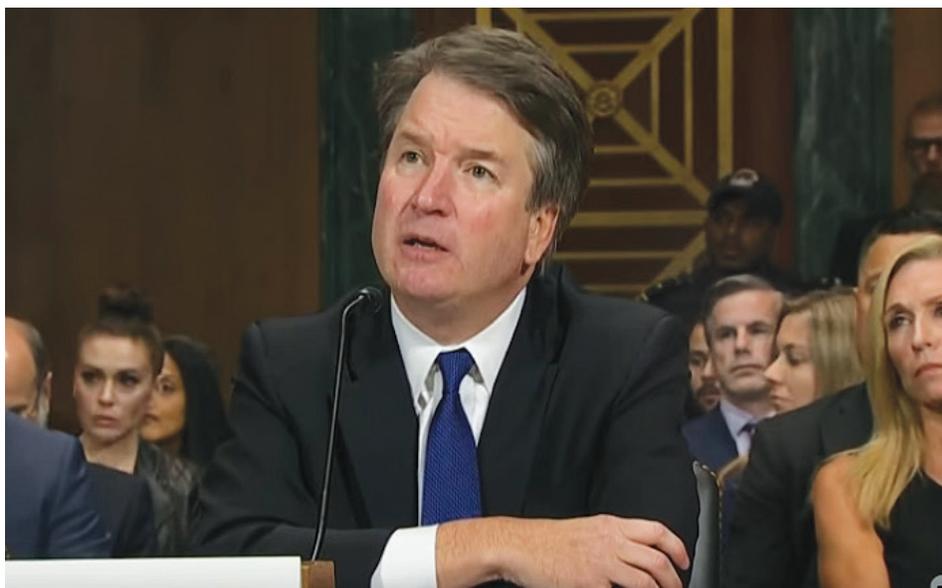
**Christine Blasey Ford sworn in at the Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing for Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh, September 2018**

breaking, rule-breaking, violence and disruption marred the public Kavanaugh confirmation hearings. The left practiced Saul Alinsky tactics of disruption and intimidation inside the committee room trying to delay his nomination past the November elections.

But even that wasn't enough for them, as they paraded one unsubstantiated charge of sexual misconduct after another through the media and used the U.S. Senate to put on a show trial with the Kavanaugh accuser, Christine Blasey Ford, as their star witness, all, thankfully, to no avail. Ford's allegations were never sufficient to derail this Supreme Court nomination, but that didn't deter the left and Democrat Senators from trying.

The FBI report on Judge Kavanaugh confirms what most people in Washington knew all along: There is no supporting evidence for the salacious accusations made against him. The supplemental report is said to show nothing that corroborates any claim of sexual assault or misconduct.

Dr. Ford's accusations were corruptly handled by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and fellow



**Judge Brett Kavanaugh testifies before Senate Judiciary Committee, Sept. 2018**

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pro-American groups, governments and policies.

Judicial Watch filed a May 26, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of State and USAID after they failed to respond to March 31, 2017 FOIA requests (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development* (No. 1:17-cv-01012)).

The records reveal that Soros operative Dobrushki was the first person on a list of invitees by then-U.S. ambassador to Albania Donald Lu to attend an “election rollout event” held at the U.S. Embassy on April 27, 2015. The event was intended to “launch U.S. assistance for the June local elections” being held in Tirana, Albania. As Judicial Watch previously reported, Ambassador Lu has been closely associated with Soros and the socialist government in Albania, which he

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Tom Fitton*

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assisted by denying U.S. visas to conservative jurists from the conservative party in Albania. Lu has since been nominated by the Trump administration to become U.S. ambassador to Kyrgyzstan.

Additionally, a June 18, 2015 email from Ilva Cuko, a program specialist in the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy in Tirana, invites several people, including Dobrushki,

to a “Donors Grant Reviewing meeting” at the U.S. Embassy, in which the participants would review applications for grants submitted by NGOs seeking U.S. taxpayer grant money from the State Department. Cuko says:

“I would like to invite you in a discussion on these proposals. Your valuable input and comments will be used by the U.S. Embassy’s Democracy Commission, which has the ultimate authority in awarding the grants.”

Cuko on August 28, 2015 also invited Dobrushki to attend another U.S. Embassy Democracy Commission Small Grants Program “Grant Proposal Technical Review” meeting on September 3 at the U.S. Embassy. At this meeting, Cuko said they would

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## Message from the President

### Message

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Democrats. They didn't have the votes to stop him so they sought to destroy him with smears.

I was honored to attend the Kavanaugh-Ford hearings. It was intense, dramatic, emotional and outrageous but nothing changed. In the end, the hearing added nothing to the debate. As Ford's incredible and uncorroborated testimony showed, the allegations were never sufficient to derail Judge Kavanaugh's nomination.

In confirming Justice Kavanaugh, the Senate has confirmed a good man with an impeccable record of honoring the U.S. Constitution. Justice

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Kavanaugh's record shows him to be a believer in the rule of law, and I believe he will serve the American people with distinction.

We are grateful that a majority of the Senate rejected the leftist smears, abuse of process and rejection of constitutional norms. Now there must be accountability for this lawless assault on our constitutional republic. Judicial Watch has launched an investigation into the Senate ethics and legal abuses by anti-Kavanaugh senators. And, we will continue to pursue our Senate ethics complaint against Sen. Booker for his admitted violation of Senate rules in releasing confidential Senate documents, the violation of which requires expulsion from the Senate. **TF**

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focus on applications dealing with “anticorruption.” Ironically, under the leadership of Soros’ close friend, socialist Prime Minister Edi Rama, who took power in 2013, corruption in Albania has soared, with cannabis trafficking in the country increasing 300 percent between 2016 and 2017.

In a February 22, 2016 email, Cuko again invites several people, including Dobrushki, to another “Donors Grant Reviewing Meeting” held at the U.S. Embassy on February 26 where Dobrushki would be able to influence embassy officials who have “the ultimate authority in awarding the grants.”

Another document, titled “Guidelines for the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program,” shows that the applications for grants that Soros’ operative was reviewing are part of a program the State Department runs in Eastern Europe and the Baltic states called the “Democracy Commission Small Grants Program,” which is supposed to “promote grassroots democracy.” The guidelines also say that the program “supports initiatives of local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) engaged in building the social and intellectual foundations of democracy, the democratic resolution of problems, strengthening civil society watchdog activities, and the institutionalization of open, pluralistic political processes.”

In addition to Albania, Judicial Watch also has filed FOIA lawsuits against the State Department and USAID for records about funding and political activities of George Soros’ Open Society Foundations in Macedonia, Romania and Colombia.



U.S. Department of State

“The Obama administration turned over key State Department activities to George Soros, especially in Albania,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The Deep State continues to be aligned with Soros and uses the State Department in countries such as Albania to push his radical agenda. And, of course, tax dollars for Soros abroad frees up resources for his activities here in the United States.”

In an earlier document production as a result of this lawsuit, Judicial Watch uncovered 32 pages of records showing that the Obama administration sent U.S. taxpayers’ funds to a Soros-backed group that used the money to fund left-wing political activities in Albania. That included working with the country’s socialist government to push for highly controversial judicial “reform.” The records also detail how the Soros

operation helped the State Department review grant applications from other groups for taxpayer funding. USAID funds were funneled to Soros’ left-wing Open Society Foundations in Albania, particularly the Soros operation efforts to give the socialist government greater control of the judiciary. USAID reportedly gave \$9 million in 2016 to the “Justice for All” campaign, which is overseen by Soros’ “East West Management Institute.” JW

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# Court Report

## Judicial Watch Sues To Retrieve Emails The FBI Found On Anthony Weiner's Laptop

Weiner's laptop contained 'hundreds of thousands' of emails

Judicial Watch sued the U.S. Department of Justice under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for all emails the FBI found on the laptop of disgraced former Congressman Anthony Weiner.

Judicial Watch filed the suit after the Justice Department did not act on two FOIA requests (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No.1:18-cv-02105)).

In October 2016, *The Washington Post* reported that the FBI obtained a warrant to search the emails found on a computer used by Weiner that may contain evidence relevant to the investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's private email server.

In light of that report, on December 12, 2016 Judicial Watch submitted a FOIA request to the FBI, seeking all emails seized pursuant to the search warrant. The FBI denied the request, and Judicial Watch appealed. The FBI has not acted on



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Anthony Weiner

the appeal. Judicial Watch then filed a second FOIA request on September 29, 2017, to which the FBI has not responded. Judicial Watch is seeking:

- “All records regarding the search of a laptop owned or formerly owned by former Congressman Anthony Weiner;
- “All records retrieved from a laptop owned or formerly owned by former Congressman Anthony Weiner; and

- “All records of communications, emails, text messages and instant chats, sent to or from FBI officials relating to Hillary Clinton's knowledge or possible knowledge of illicit activities involving former Congressman Anthony Weiner.”

Weiner is the incarcerated husband of former Clinton top aide Huma Abedin. He was convicted of having sexually explicit communications with teenage girls. In October 2016, FBI investigators from the New York field office discovered Abedin's emails on Weiner's laptop, including data indicating the emails went through Clinton's non-“state.gov” email system.

A separate Judicial Watch lawsuit already uncovered at least 18 classified emails from the Clinton server on the Weiner laptop

“The Anthony Weiner-laptop/Clinton-email cover-up by the Obama Justice Department and FBI is central to uncovering the corrupt politicization of those agencies,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The same FBI that provided cover for Hillary Clinton was going full bore against then-candidate Trump, and this lawsuit aims to uncover the full truth about that corruption.”

RealClear Investigations reporter Paul Sperry recently reported that:

“Only 3,077 of the 694,000 emails [found on the Weiner

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**“Only 3,077 of the 694,000 emails [found on the Weiner laptop] were directly reviewed by the FBI for classified or incriminating information.”**

~Paul Sperry, *RealClear Investigations*

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# JW Sues For Details Of Contracts With Anti-Trump Spygate Figure Stefan Halper

Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Defense seeking information about the September 2016 contract between the Defense Department and Stefan Halper (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Defense* (No. 1:18-cv-02125)).

Halper is the Cambridge University professor identified as a secret FBI informant used by the Obama administration to spy on the Trump presidential campaign. Halper also reportedly has high-level ties to both U.S. and British intelligence.

Government records show that the Office of Net Assessment (ONA), a small Defense Department unit known as the Pentagon's think tank, paid Halper a total of \$1,058,161 for four contracts that lasted from May 30, 2012 to March 29, 2018. More than \$400,000 of the payments came between July 2016 and September 2017, after Halper reportedly offered George Papadopoulos work and a trip to London to entice him into disclosing information about alleged collusion between the Russian government and the Trump campaign.

The lawsuit was filed after the Defense Department failed to respond to



Spygate figure Stefan A. Halper

Judicial Watch's May 15, 2018 FOIA request for:

“All records related to the contract awarded by the Department of Defense Washington Headquarters Services Office to Stefan Halper on or about September 26, 2016. For purposes of clarification, this award is identified by award ID number HQ003416P0148. This request includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- “All records documenting the scope of the work to be com-

pleted pursuant to the contract;

- “All reports, analysis, abstracts, summaries, or similar records produced pursuant to the contract;
- “All related records of communication between any official, employee, or representative of the Department of Defense and Mr. Halper and/or any other individual or entity acting on his behalf; and
- “All records of communication between any official, employee, or representative of the Department of Defense and any official, employee, or representative of any other branch, department, agency, or office of the federal government regarding, concerning, or related to the award and/or any work product generated pursuant to the award.”

This is the second Judicial Watch FOIA lawsuit against the Defense Department relating to Halper. On August 15, 2018, Judicial Watch filed a FOIA lawsuit on behalf of former Pentagon analyst and White House

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The Pentagon

## Spygate

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National Security Council (NSC) Senior Director Adam S. Lovinger seeking information about the revocation of Lovinger's security clearance. Lovinger's security clearance was pulled after he raised concerns regarding lucrative government contracts awarded to Halper as well as Long Term Strategy Group, a consulting firm owned by Chelsea Clinton's friend Jacqueline Newmyer Deal (*Adam S. Lovinger v. U.S. Department of Defense* (No. 1:18-cv-01914)).

"Americans want to know if the Defense Department was working with the corrupt FBI, Justice Department and other Obama agencies to spy on Donald Trump," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Our new lawsuit against the Defense Department will help determine to what extent it was helping to finance any Spygate targeting of President Trump." JW

## Weiner

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laptop] were directly reviewed for classified or incriminating information. Three FBI officials completed that work in a single 12-hour spurt the day before Comey again cleared Clinton of criminal charges."

In a related case, Judicial Watch uncovered an email revealing that fired FBI official Peter Strzok created the initial draft of the October 2016 letter then-FBI Director James Comey sent to Congress notifying lawmakers of the discovery of Hillary Clinton emails on Weiner's laptop.

The notification to Congress, according to the Department of Justice inspector general, came a full month after the emails were discovered by the FBI on Weiner's laptop. The delay, the IG suggests in a recent report, may have been the result of anti-Trump bias by FBI official Peter Strzok and others:



"In assessing the decision to prioritize the Russia investigation over following up on the Mid-year-related investigative lead discovered on the Weiner laptop, we were particularly concerned about text messages sent by Strzok and Page that potentially indicated or created the appearance that investigative decisions they made were impacted by bias or improper considerations." JW

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# Chronicles

## MIT-Yale Study Of Government Data Finds 22.1 Million Illegal Immigrants In U.S.

The number of illegal immigrants in the United States is nearly double the current and widely reported estimate of 11.3 million, according to a new academic study that uses more precise methods. The research was conducted by professors from two of the nation's most prestigious universities, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Yale.

The researchers determined that 22.1 million illegal aliens live in the United States. Even when implementing extremely conservative parameters, the study measures a population of 16.7 million, which is still substantially higher than the figure universally accepted by the government and media.

The MIT and Yale researchers say the currently used, inaccurate number is based on data from population surveys, which are not very reliable for measuring hidden populations:

“In this method, the size of the unauthorized immigrant population residing in the United States is set equal to the estimate of the total foreign-born population minus the legally resident foreign-born population. The total foreign-born population estimate is derived from surveys that ask respondents whether they were born outside of the United States (and whether they are American citizens), specifically either the American Community Survey or the Current Population Survey.”

One of the study's key researchers, MIT Professor Mohammad Fazel-Zarandi, says surveys aren't the best method to count illegal immigrants because they probably want to stay undetected. Fazel-Zarandi explained in a university publication:

“It's likely that undocumented immigrants are more difficult to locate and survey than other foreign-born residents, and if contacted, they may be inclined to misreport their country of origin, citizenship, and number of household residents, fearing the legal consequences of revealing their status.”

That is why the MIT-Yale team used comprehensive government data on border apprehensions, foreigners who overstay visas and deportations as well as immigration and death rates to conduct their broad study. The information used for the research was based on statistics from 1990 to 2016. The team of academics used a sophisticated mathematical model that tracks population inflows and outflows to combine the data and reach the illegal-alien-population estimate of more than 22 million.

It was a very complicated task involving subcomponents that had to be evaluated for specific levels of certainty and incorporated into the mathematical model. The bottom line is that, based on this seemingly reliable method and precise numerical formula, the United States has double the number of illegal immigrants than previously thought.

The biggest growth in the illegal-immigrant population occurred between 1990 and the early 2000s, the inquiry determined, with the peak in 2007 and 2008:

“The results of our analysis are

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# JW Files Ethics Complaint Against Sen. Booker For Releasing Confidential Docs

Judicial Watch hand-delivered a letter to the chairman and co-chairman of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics calling for an investigation into Senator Cory Booker's (D-N.J.) admitted violation of Senate rules by releasing confidential records through his social media accounts. Senator Booker faces expulsion from the Senate for his violation of the rules.

Sen. Booker admitted to violating Senate rules when he issued the following tweet on Friday, September 7:

“Weds — I broke committee rules by reading from ‘committee confidential’ docs.”

Sen. Booker then posted the following entry on his Facebook account on Saturday, September 9:

“And the classification of many documents as ‘Committee Confidential’ is a sham... I willfully violate these sham rules. I fully accept any consequences that might arise from my actions including expulsion.”

Additionally, Sen. Booker uploaded Committee Confidential records to a publicly accessible Dropbox account with the heading, “Booker Confidential — Kavanaugh Hearing Documents.”

“Senator Booker, in an absurd invocation of ‘Spartacus,’ explicitly invited his expulsion from the Senate in his egregious violation of the rules and contempt for the rule of law and the Constitution,” stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “Will the Senate assert the rule of law in the Booker case or allow mob rule to be the new standard?”

The full Judicial Watch complaint is reprinted below:

“Dear Chairman Isakson and Co-Chairman Coons:

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Senator Cory Booker

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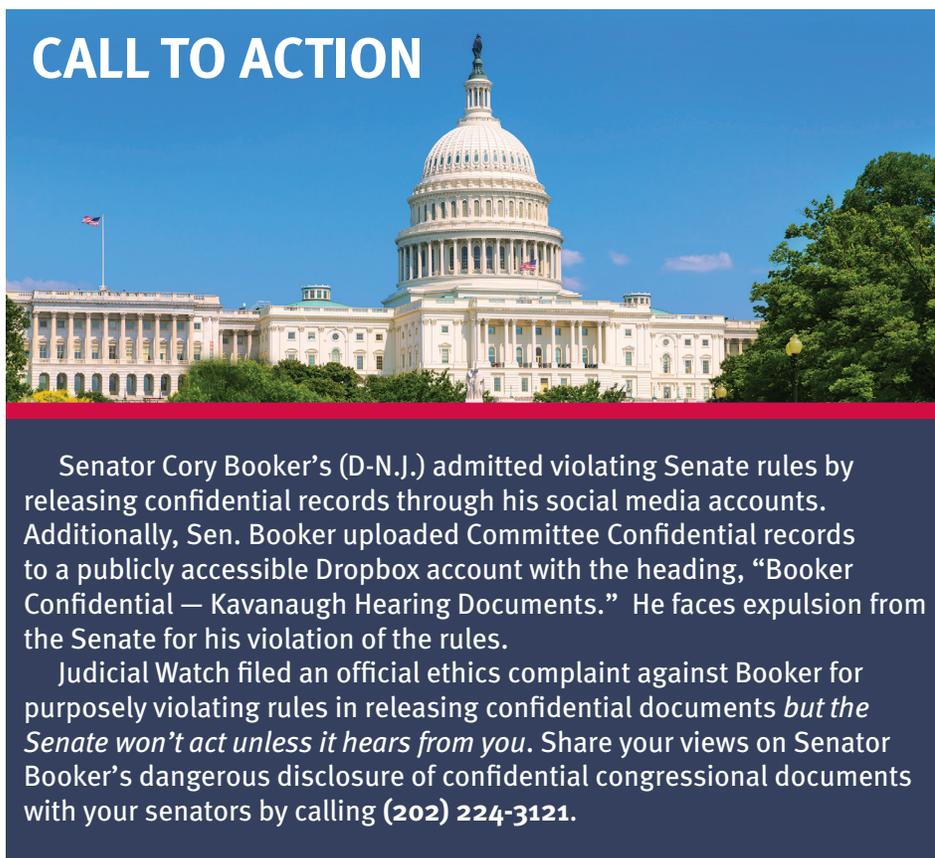
## Complaint

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Confidential records, Sen. Booker appears to have violated provisions 5 and/or 6 of Rule 29 of the Standing Rules of the Senate (Rev. Jan. 24, 2013), which stipulate:

‘5. Any Senator, officer or employee of the Senate who shall disclose the secret or confidential business or proceedings of the Senate, including the business and proceedings of the committees, subcommittees and offices of the Senate shall be liable, if a Senator, to suffer expulsion from the body; and if an officer or employee, to dismissal from the service of the Senate, and to punishment for contempt.

‘6. Whenever, by the request of the Senate or any committee thereof, any documents or papers shall be communicated to the Senate by the President or the head of any department relating to any matter pending in the Senate, the proceedings in regard to which are secret or confidential under the rules, said documents and papers shall be considered as confidential, and shall not be disclosed without leave of the Senate. (See



**CALL TO ACTION**

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Judicial Watch filed an official ethics complaint against Booker for purposely violating rules in releasing confidential documents *but the Senate won’t act unless it hears from you*. Share your views on Senator Booker’s dangerous disclosure of confidential congressional documents with your senators by calling **(202) 224-3121**.

<http://jwatch.us/senaterules>)

“We hereby request that the Senate Ethics Committee conduct a preliminary investigation into whether Sen. Booker violated Senate Rules by

releasing Committee Confidential records through his social media accounts.

“Thank you for your consideration of this matter.” **JW**

## Immigrants

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clear: The number of undocumented immigrants for each year is estimated to be substantially larger than has been appreciated at least in widely accepted previous estimates.”

Regardless of which new estimate is more accurate, there is no disputing that illegal immigration takes a huge toll on American taxpayers. Those numbers do not lie.

A detailed analysis of federal, state and local programs, which include education, medical care, law enforcement and welfare, determined

that American taxpayers spend a mind-boggling \$134.9 billion annually on illegal aliens. The in-depth probe, conducted by the Federation for American Immigration Reform, a Washington, D.C. nonprofit group dedicated to studying immigration issues, reveals that state and local taxpayers get stuck with an overwhelming chunk — \$116 billion — of the burden. State and local expenditures for services provided to illegal aliens total \$88.9 billion and federal expenditures \$45.8 billion, the analysis found. For those who claim illegal immigrants contribute by paying taxes, government figures show that only \$19 billion was recouped by Uncle Sam. **JW**

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**annually on**  
**illegal aliens.**

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# Uncovered

## Strzok-Page Emails Show FBI Using Unsecure Devices For Sensitive Data

Judicial Watch received 47 pages of records from the U.S. Department of Justice, including email exchanges between fired FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page, revealing that FBI officials used unsecure devices in discussing how the United States could improve the sharing of sensitive data with the European Union top executive governing commission.

The documents also reveal that high-ranking FBI officials were not properly “read-in” to top-secret programs.

Judicial Watch obtained the documents through a January 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed after the Justice Department failed respond to a December 4, 2017 FOIA request (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-00154)). Judicial Watch is seeking:

- “All records of communications, including but not limited to, emails, text messages and instant chats, between FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page;
- “All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Peter Strzok; and
- “All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Lisa Page.”

The newly obtained emails came in response to a May 21 order by U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton to the FBI to begin processing 13,000 pages of records exchanged exclusively between Strzok and Page between Feb-



Former top FBI agent Peter Strzok

ruary 1, 2015 and December 2017. The FBI refuses to timely process the records and will not complete review and production of all the Strzok-Page materials until at least 2020.

In a January 30, 2016 email exchange sent entirely over unsecure devices, top former FBI officials, including General Counsel Jim Baker, Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, Strzok, Page, unidentified individuals from the Justice Department’s National Security Division and NSA General Counsel Glenn Gerstell, discuss a draft document with the subject line: “Revised IC Safe Harbor Letter (from [redacted] using [redacted] iPad).”

Baker notes in the exchange that he is attempting to work on the document using his smartphone:

“So it is not possible to read the redlines on my smartphone. If

you are still at the office, can you please save the redline version as a PDF and then resend? Thanks.”

Also in the exchange, Strzok writes to Page:

“AND [GOD\*\*\*MIT] GIVEN EVERYTHING GOING ON WHY IS [redacted] USING A YAHOO! ACCOUNT FOR THIS? (Actually, apparently a Yahoo! Account from [redacted’s] iPad. Make him stop!!!!!!”

“IC Safe Harbor” refers to a European Commission data-sharing arrangement with the United States that allowed for the transfer of personally identifiable information from the European Union to the United States. The arrangement was

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invalidated by the European Court of Justice in 2015 after disclosures of NSA surveillance operations by Edward Snowden. The court ordered that a new, stronger version of the arrangement be reached by January 31, 2016.

Five hundred million Yahoo! accounts reportedly were hacked in 2014. And, according to *The New York Times*, “a different attack in 2013 compromised more than 1 billion accounts. The two attacks are the largest known security breaches of one company’s computer network.” According to IT experts, the iPad is also a notoriously insecure from hacking.

In a February 5, 2016 email, Strzok indicates to Page that at least two, and possibly more, top FBI officials had not been properly “read-in” to top secret, compartmented programs. Those included McCabe and Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Bill Preistap. It is indicated that Page needs some read-ins as well.

Strzok writes:

“Lisa — you were right, I was wrong (first time for everything), you’re good. Andy, however needs [redacted] (as does Bill P). I will take care of Bill — would you or someone on DD staff handle paperwork for Andy? Looking to get a bulk read-in done next week; to the extent Andy wants to join, I will let you know the time. I suspect, he (/you) may need other compartments as well, so it might make sense to do his separately en masse (that’s French for ‘all at once’... I’m not just a leader, I’m an educator).”

Page responds:

“Aww, it’s so cute that you think this is the first time you’ve been wrong. No reason to disrupt the fantasy now; the sad truth of reality will come crushing down soon enough.”

In a January 28, 2016 email to Page, Strzok apparently mocks peo-

ple with developmental disabilities when he complains to Page about the inefficient mail-handling system:

“Cool — I have three pieces of mail for 7th floor — what’s the easiest way to get them into the system there rather than waiting on Melwood mail system?”

Melwood is a nonprofit organization that helps those with developmental disabilities get jobs (such as sorting mail). The FBI employs and has even given awards to people placed by Melwood.

“Here we see the top echelon of U.S. cyber security and law enforcement officials looking like Keystone Cops,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “And, the emails show Strzok’s extreme lack of professional behavior in his FBI communications. Judicial Watch is frustrated by the FBI’s slow roll of documents at a rate that will not see all releasable Page-Strzok documents provided until 2020.” 

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# Judicial Watch Sues Secret Service For Presidential Travel Expense Records

## Latest travel expense details total \$3,024,036.50, bringing total for Trump travel expenses to \$17,224,938.46

Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for Secret Service records about expense costs associated with President Trump's travel between December 22, 2017 and April 28, 2018 (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security* (No. 1:18-cv-01851)).

Judicial Watch filed suit after the Secret Service failed to comply with multiple FOIA requests seeking travel for the following trips:

- President Trump traveled to his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Florida, between December 22, 2017-January 2, 2018 for the Christmas holiday.
- President Trump traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, on January 8, 2018 for the NCAA National Championship game.
- President Trump traveled to Mar-a-Lago between January 12-15, 2018.
- President Trump traveled



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President Donald Trump leaves the White House to go to his winter home in Mar-a-Lago, Florida

- to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on January 18, 2018, where he attended a rally at H&K Equipment Co. to discuss tax cuts.
- Eric Trump traveled to Mar-a-Lago between January 19-21.
- President Trump traveled to Mar-a-Lago on February 6 for meetings.
- President Trump traveled to Mar-a-Lago between February 17-19 for Presidents Day weekend and visited the survivors of the Park-

land school shooting.

- President Trump traveled to Pennsylvania on March 10 to campaign for GOP House candidate Rick Saccone.
- President Trump traveled to Mar-a-Lago between March 23-25 and March 30-April 1.
- President Trump traveled to Mar-a-Lago between April 20-22, when he hosted a Republican National Committee roundtable.
- President Trump traveled to Michigan on April 28 to hold a rally in lieu of attending the White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, D.C.

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In a separate lawsuit, Judicial Watch received Secret Service expense records totaling \$3,024,036.50, which brings the known total for presidential travel expenses to \$17,224,938.46 and includes the operation of President Trump's Air Force One. Judicial Watch obtained the

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documents through a January 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security after it failed to respond to several FOIA requests for VIP travel expense records of the Trump family between June and October 2017 (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security* (No. 1:18-cv-00161)).

The Secret Service records show:

- President Trump traveled to his Bedminster, New Jersey, golf club from June 30-July 3. The Secret Service spent \$219,251.03 on hotels, \$119,543.03 on air/rail, and

\$27,871 on miscellaneous, for a total of \$398,727.24.

- President Trump traveled to Bedminster from July 14-16 and \$206,627.47 was spent on hotels, \$55,986.50 on air/rail, \$12,752.20 on car rentals and \$9,254 on miscellaneous, for a total \$284,620.17.
- President Trump made various trips for vacations to Bedminster and New York from August 4-21.
- In Bedminster, the Secret Service spent \$908,506.51 on hotels, \$20,528.68 on rental cars,

\$14,371.11 on air/rail, and \$2,300 on miscellaneous, for a total of \$945,706.30.

- In New York, they spent \$486,365 on hotels, \$12,345.62 on air/rail, and \$2,726.42 on rental cars, for a total of \$501,457.04
- President Trump traveled to Phoenix for a campaign rally on August 22. The Secret Service spent \$131,189.41 on hotels, \$25,251.22 on air/rail, and \$21,898 on rental cars, for a total of \$178,338.63.
- President Trump traveled to

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Missouri to appear at a rally as a kickoff for tax reform at the Loren Cook Company on August 30. The Secret Service spent \$26,159.34 on hotels, \$13,921.17 on air/rail, and \$2,740 on car rentals, for a total of \$42,820.51.

- President Trump traveled to Huntsville, Alabama, on September 22 to campaign for Sen. Luther Strange, and \$22,701.06 was spent on hotels, \$2,000 on car rentals and \$500 on miscellaneous, for a total of \$25,201.06.
- President Trump then spent the weekend at Bedminster, returning to the White House on September 24. In Bedminster, the Secret Service spent \$428,732 on hotels, \$3,055.20 on air/rail, \$65.70 on rental cars and \$16,420 for miscellaneous, for a total of \$448,272.90.
- President Trump traveled to Bedminster from September 29 to Oc-



President Donald Trump, right, acknowledges the crowd during a campaign rally with Republican Rick Saccone, March, 2018

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tober 1. The Secret Service spent \$171,391.68 on hotels, \$8,611.30 on air/rail, \$2,482.17 on car rentals, and \$16,407.50 on miscellaneous, for a total of \$198,892.65.

The Secret Service records provide costs for meals, hotels, air/rail, car rentals and other incidentals incurred during personal travel by the president and his family.

“The Secret Service is a mess when it comes to transparency on its basic operations,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “Presidential travel is too expensive, and, in particular, taxpayers subsidize too much of the bill for presidential campaign travel. President Trump would do well to reform and demand a better, less expensive way to move him around the country.”

This is not the first time Judicial Watch has been forced to file suit against the Department of Homeland Security for failing to respond to FOIA requests for presidential travel-expense records. While monitoring travel for President Obama and his family, Judicial Watch encountered continuous resistance to FOIA requests. Between July 21, 2014 and November 10, 2015, the Secret Service failed to respond to 19 separate FOIA requests seeking records of security-related expenses for travel by Barack Obama and other VIPs.

On November 10, 2015, Judicial Watch filed a FOIA lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia asking the court to enjoin

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*~Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton*

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the Secret Service from continuing to withhold responsive documents from Judicial Watch (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security* (No. 1:15-cv-01983)). Judicial Watch appealed the district court’s dismissal of its claim that the agency has a policy and practice of violating FOIA’s procedural requirements in connection with processing of Judicial Watch’s FOIA requests.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit reversed the district court’s judgment on Judicial Watch’s request for injunctive relief and remanded the policy and practices claim for further proceedings. The D.C. Circuit held:

“[T]he Secret Service’s alleged practice of prolonged, repeated, and unexplained delay, if allowed to continue, would harm Judicial Watch’s mission to inform the public about the costs of VIP travel by unlawfully interfering with its statutory right to ‘promptly’ obtain non-exempt records upon request.”

Judicial Watch was forced to file a related suit on May 6, 2016, after the Secret Service failed to respond to five additional travel-related FOIA requests (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security* (No. 1:16-cv-00863)).

To date, Judicial Watch has uncovered total travel expenses of the Obamas amounting to \$114,691,322.17. 



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# In the Media

## As Washington mourns McCain, Trump tends to grievances on Twitter

**The Washington Post**  
September 1, 2018

President Trump, who has relished standing apart from Washington's political establishment, found himself more isolated than ever Saturday, airing his latest grievances and retreating to his private golf course in Virginia as his peers gathered to pay homage to the late senator John McCain.

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The 45th president, who detested McCain, a fellow Republican, did not mention him in a series of morning missives on Twitter.

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In another pair of tweets Saturday to his 54 million followers, Trump promoted an article from CNSNews.com, a conservative website, that suggested a recent report from **Judicial Watch**, a conservative government watchdog group, contained a bombshell revelation: A U.S. surveillance court failed to hold any hearings when granting and renewing warrants to monitor the movements and communications of ex-Trump campaign adviser Carter Page in

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**“The same FBI that provided cover for Hillary Clinton was going full bore against then-candidate Trump, and this lawsuit aims to uncover the full truth about that corruption.”**

~ **Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton**

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JW President Tom Fitton appeared on Fox News with host Heather Childers, October 2018

2016 and 2017.

Trump quoted **Judicial Watch** President Tom Fitton alleging “corruption” within the FBI and Department of Justice and the leadership of those agencies “being out to lunch” in seeking accountability.

## The New York Times fails to acknowledge the crises of public confidence

**New York Post**  
September 1, 2018

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The latest example involves the congressional testimony of Bruce Ohr, a top Justice Department official who continued to meet with and accept information from Christopher Steele long after the FBI fired Steele for lying.

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In leaked portions of his testimony, Ohr said he warned the FBI that Steele was determined to block Trump's election and that Ohr's wife, Nellie Ohr, a Russian specialist, was working with Steele in compiling the anti-Trump manifesto. Such facts would help a judge get a balanced

view of Steele's motives and the FBI's conflicts of interest.

But the FBI reportedly never mentioned Ohr's warnings to FISA judges or admitted it fired Steele. And now we learn, thanks to a **Judicial Watch** lawsuit, that FISA judges never held a single hearing before approving the request to spy on Page.

## Trump Quotes Judicial Watch: No FISA Hearings on Page Warrants

**NewsMax.com**  
September 1, 2018

President Donald Trump, in a pair of tweets Saturday, attacked FBI and Department of Justice officials about the surveillance warrants issued on his former campaign aide, Carter Page.

“There were no FISA hearings held over Spy documents,” he said in the first tweet, moving on to quote **Judicial Watch** President Tom Fitton: “It is astonishing that the FISA courts couldn't hold hearings on Spy Warrants targeting Donald Trump. It isn't about Carter Page, it's about the Trump Campaign. You've got corruption at the DOJ & FBI. The leader-

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ship of the DOJ & FBI are completely out to lunch in terms of exposing and holding those accountable who are responsible for that corruption.”

### Lack of FISA court hearings on Carter Page warrants sparks fierce debate

**Washington Examiner**  
September 2, 2018

The court overseeing the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act didn't hold any hearings on the applications targeting onetime Trump campaign aide Carter Page. But does that matter?

According to President Trump's allies, it is a big deal. A bevy of legal experts, some of whom are anti-Trump, disagree.

After his conservative watchdog group found out Friday, via a filing in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, that there were no hearings, **Judicial Watch** President Tom Fitton said it was “disturbing” that the FISA court “rubber-stamped” the four spy authority warrants on Page.

### Judicial Watch sues Justice Dept. for records from Anthony Weiner laptop

**Fox News**  
September 11, 2018

Conservative watchdog group **Judicial Watch** sued the Justice Department Tuesday for all emails found on the laptop of disgraced New York Congressman Anthony Weiner related to the FBI's investigation into Hillary Clinton's private email server.

**Judicial Watch's** lawsuit comes following the Justice Department's failure to act on two of the group's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. The group is seeking all records regarding the bureau's probe of Weiner's laptop, records retrieved from that laptop, and all records of communications between FBI officials regarding Clinton's knowledge of “illicit activities” involving Weiner.

“The Anthony Weiner laptop-Clinton email cover-up by the Obama DOJ and FBI is central to uncovering the corrupt politicization of those agencies,” **Judicial Watch** President Tom Fitton said in a state-



U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

ment Tuesday. “The same FBI that provided cover for Hillary Clinton was going full bore against then-candidate Trump, and this lawsuit aims to uncover the full truth about that corruption.”

### Judicial Watch sues DOJ for Anthony Weiner emails

**The Washington Times**  
September 11, 2018

**Judicial Watch** has filed a lawsuit against the Justice Department to

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## JW Earns Nationwide Media Coverage

September 19, 2018 – October 19, 2018

The following list partially details recent radio and television appearances by **Judicial Watch** spokesmen, as well as general television and radio coverage of **Judicial Watch's** investigations and lawsuits.

### Radio

9/21	WMAL	National – Live
9/22	WBAL	Baltimore, MD – Live
9/22	WOAI	San Antonio, TX
9/24	WGN	Chicago, IL
9/25	WHAS	Louisville/Lexington, KY – Live
9/26	KABC	Los Angeles, CA – Live
9/30	KTRS	St. Louis, MO
10/3	WTN	Nashville, TN – Live
10/3	WMAL	National – Live
10/4	SBS International	Australia, International
10/18	WMAL	National – Live
10/18	WTIC	Hartford/New Haven, CT – Live

### TV

9/21	Fox Business Network	National – Live
9/21	CNN	National – Live
9/22	Fox News Channel	National – Live
9/24	OAN	National – Live

9/24	Fox Business Network	National – Live
9/25	Fox Business Network	National – Live
9/25	C-SPAN	National – Live
9/26	Fox Business Network	National – Live
9/28	Fox Business Network	National – Live
10/1	OAN	National – Live
10/2	CRTV	National – Live
10/2	Fox Business Network	National – Live
10/3	CBN	National – Live
10/3	Fox Business Network	National – Live
10/4	OAN	National – Live
10/6	Fox News Channel	National – Live
10/7	Fox News Channel	National – Live
10/7	Fox News Channel	National – Live
10/8	Fox Business Network	National – Live
10/9	Fox Business Network	National – Live
10/9	Sinclair TV	National – Live
10/10	NRA TV	National – Live
10/12	CRTV	National – Live
10/15	NRA TV	National – Live
10/16	Fox Business Network	National – Live
10/17	Fox News Channel	National – Live
10/17	CBN	National – Live
10/17	Fox Business Network	National – Live
10/18	Fox News Channel	National – Live

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recover all of the materials found on the laptop of former Rep. Anthony Weiner, New York Democrat, the conservative watchdog group said Tuesday.

The lawsuit claims the Justice Department denied two Freedom of Information Act requests for the emails, seized by the FBI in September 2016.

**Judicial Watch** is seeking all records retrieved from the laptop search along with any communication among FBI officials related to the investigation.

### Confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court

**USA Today**

Op-Ed by **Judicial Watch**  
President **Tom Fitton**

October 5, 2018

The FBI report on Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh confirms what most in Washington knew all



FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

along: There is no supporting evidence for the claims made against him. The supplemental report is said to show nothing that corroborates any claim of sexual assault or misconduct. This concludes the seventh FBI background check of Kavanaugh.

The confirmation vote for him

can't come soon enough.

Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's accusations were corruptly handled by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and fellow Democrats. They didn't have the votes to stop him, so they sought to destroy him with smears. **JW**

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