



JUDICIAL WATCH SMOKING GUN BUSTS OPEN IRS SCANDAL, AGAIN

BY TIM FITTON 6/17/2014

The news just keeps going from bad to worse for President Obama and disgraced former IRS Director of Exempt Organizations Lois Lerner, thanks in large part to Judicial Watch's investigative work.

JW has been instrumental in uncovering evidence of Lerner's role in the IRS "Tea Party" scandal, obtaining records even Congress could not get – documents proving the nation's tax collecting agency attempted to silence conservative organizations through abusive practices.

And these discoveries led the Congress to push for more accountability.

On Wednesday, May 7, 2014, the House of Representatives voted 231-187 to hold Lerner in contempt of Congress for refusing to testify about the agency's targeting of Tea Party groups. Moments after the contempt vote – and arguably more importantly – the

Here's just some of the media coverage when we released our smoking gun evidence!

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Smoking-Gun Emails Show IRS Persecution of Conservatives Came From Washington

BY JOHN HAYWARD 5/15/2014 08:36 AM

Other evidence and testimony in the IRS scandal long ago shattered the Obama Administration's lies about "rogue employees in Cincinnati." We know this scandal goes right through the front door of the White House. But the latest emails obtained by Judicial Watch which has racked up more "smoking guns" than a National Rifle Association barbecue – prove the breathtaking scope of those Administration lies, and put new muscle behind the calls for a special prosecutor or Congressional select committee.

And it had better be a joint select committee, because Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) is firmly tied to the scandal as

an unindicted co-conspirator by the latest batch of documents. In a better, stronger, less corrupt nation, Levin would be removed from the Senate immediately.

The mainstream media is probably going to throw itself on top of this Judicial Watch expose like it was a live grenade they need to protect the Obama Administration from, but to the extent they report it at all, they're going to characterize the documents as "obtained by a Freedom of Information Act request." That's not entirely accurate. The IRS unlawfully ignored four FOIA request from the watchdog organization. Judicial Watch pried these documents

IRS SCANDAL LINK TO D.C. EYED

Email shows Tea Party targeted

BY: BOB MCGOVERN THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014

The conservative watchdog group that forced a new Benghazi probe with a document dump last month now claims it has smoking gun emails tying the IRS targeting of Tea Party groups straight to Washington, D.C. – suggesting partisan harassment was not confined to a Cincinnati office, as White House officials have insisted...

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said the documents contradict the Obama administration's claims about the scandal that erupted a year ago, when news broke that some applications were strung out for years, with exhaustive and intrusive questioning.

"It shows that what the White House and president told the country about this is incorrect. It wasn't low-level people in Cincinnati," Fitton said. "This email confirms that it was Washington, D.C., that was directing the Tea Party scrutiny, it wasn't Cincinnati."

TRAIL OF LOST IRS EMAILS MIGHT LEAD TO WHITE HOUSE

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Scandal: One of the seven people, including Lois Lerner who lost emails from the period of Tea Party targeting by the IRS, served as chief of staff to former IRS head Steven Miller. She also made 35 visits to the White House.

The funny thing about emails is that they are never orphans. When you send one, there's always a recipient who has his or her own copy. The "lost" Lois Lerner emails had recipients. How about subpoenas to all of them during the Tea Party targeting period? That should help find what we need to know — or maybe not...

...Responding to this email, obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request filed by Judicial Watch, Flax gave the green light to Lerner's plan to coordinate criminal prosecutions with DOJ, a suggestion that had been made by Democratic Sen. Shel' on Whitehouse.

The Washington Times

House Votes to Find IRS's Lois Lerner in Contempt of Congress

BY STEPHEN DINAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014

Nearly a year to the day after she revealed the IRS gave inappropriate scrutiny to some groups for applying for tax-exempt status, the House voted Wednesday to declare Lois G. Lerner in contempt of Congress or blocking its investigation, sending her case to the legal system.

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Emails Show Corruption At Heart Of Obama Administration

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Corruption: New emails show that both the IRS and Justice Department were involved in a probe of Tea Party and other conservative groups. This is no mere scandal — it's a major breach of the law.

The newly released emails were gathered for a Freedom of Information Act request by Judicial Watch, a nonpartisan public interest law group. They show that former Internal Revenue Service official Lois Lerner discussed with the Justice Department going after conservative groups that she believed lied about their political activities.



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Judicial Watch Obtains New Documents Showing IRS Targeting Came Directly From Washington D.C.

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New documents obtained and released through a Judicial Watch lawsuit show the targeting of tea party and conservative groups came directly out of Washington D.C., not a rogue IRS office in Cincinnati.

On July 6, 2012, former Director of the IRS Rulings and Agreements Division and current Manager of Exempt Organizations Guidance Holly Paz sent an email to IRS Attorney Steven Grodnitzky asking for an expla-

nation of how tea party group applications were being handled. Grodnitzky responded by confirming the cases were being handled in Washington...

...Emails released by Judicial Watch last month show former head of taxpayer groups Lois Lerner was in contact with the Department of Justice about the potential criminal prosecution of conservative groups. In her emails about DOJ, Lerner noted that putting one person from a conservative organization in jail would create an example and "shut the whole thing down."