

March 17, 2015

The Honorable Congressman Trey Gowdy 1404 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Gowdy,

Judicial Watch is a conservative, non-partisan educational foundation, promoting transparency, accountability and integrity in government, politics and the law. Through our educational endeavors, Judicial Watch advocates high standards of ethics and morality in our nation's public life and seeks to ensure that political and judicial officials do not abuse the powers entrusted to them by the American people. Judicial Watch fulfills its educational mission through litigation, investigations, and public outreach.

To that end, Judicial Watch's educational efforts resulted in 11,844 concerned citizens signing the following petition on the Benghazi terrorist attack.

"As an American citizen, I am appalled that we now know, thanks to the work of Judicial Watch, that two years after the terrorist attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi which took the lives of four brave American public servants, the Obama administration ignored repeated warnings about the deteriorating security situation in Benghazi <u>and</u> has engaged in a full-scale cover-up of the truth of what really happened that day.

Now that the hearings are underway, I urge you, as Chairman of the House Select Committee investigating the Benghazi attack and cover-up, to leave no stone unturned in order to get to the truth. That includes compelling public <u>testimony under oath</u> from the entire chain of command at the U.S. State Department (including former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton) and the White House about the events leading up to the attack, the attack itself, and the subsequent politically-driven cover-up.

I further demand that you do not adjourn the committee until all the facts have been discovered and, if the facts warrant, you make criminal referrals for prosecution to the appropriate legal authorities."

I am writing you today to find out what happened before, during and after the Benghazi terrorist attacks especially now that we found the "smoking gun" documents showing that the White House blatantly lied to the American people.

Despite these "smoking gun" documents we still don't know everything we need to know. We <u>still</u> don't know why security failures occurred. We <u>still</u> don't know who was

responsible for them. And we definitely <u>still</u> don't know what President Obama and Secretary Clinton knew about the Benghazi cover-up, and exactly when they knew it.

I and the enclosed list of 11,844 undersigned citizens of the United States and supporters of Judicial Watch, urge you with all the powers available under the United States Constitution to finally uncover all the facts, so that those responsible for the Benghazi tragedy and its subsequent cover-up can be held responsible under the law and to the American people.

Judicial Watch is the leading non-governmental organization investigating the Benghazi scandal. We filed well over 40 Freedom of Information Act requests, a Mandatory Declassification Review, and at least 8 Freedom of Information lawsuits which continue to produce previously secret material to the American people. As you know, the Select Committee on Benghazi is in response to smoking-gun emails forced out by separate Judicial Watch litigation. And I have little doubt that our litigation forced the disclosure of secret email accounts used by Hillary Clinton and other State Department officials.

As always, we are happy to brief you, Rep. Cummings and any other interested members of the Committee on our ongoing groundbreaking work.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fitton President