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Hearing Set On JW Motion To Compel Email Testimony From Hillary Clinton

A federal district court ordered a hearing for October 11, 2018 on a Judicial Watch motion to compel testimony about the email practices of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The order was issued by U.S. District Court Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. The development comes in a Judicial Watch Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit about the controversial employment status of Huma Abedin, former deputy chief of staff to Clinton (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State* (No. 1:13-cv-01363)).

The lawsuit, which seeks records regarding the authorization for Abedin to engage in outside employment while employed by the Department of State, was reopened because of revelations about the clintonemail.com system.

In 2016, Hillary Clinton was required to submit, under oath, written answers to Judicial Watch's questions. Clinton objected to and refused to answer questions about the creation of her email system: her decision to use the system despite warnings from State Department



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Hillary Clinton

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Court Orders DOJ To Search And Produce Fusion GPS Records To JW

Court criticizes Justice Department's FOIA response



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Glenn R. Simpson, co-founder of the research firm Fusion GPS

U.S. District Court Judge Reggie B. Walton on June 28 instructed the Justice Department to immediately begin producing records about the department's communications with Nellie Ohr, the wife of senior Justice Department official Bruce Ohr. Nellie Ohr worked for Clinton campaign vendor Fusion GPS on the anti-Trump dossier campaign document.

Judge Walton rejected a Justice Department request to begin producing documents in six months and ordered Justice to begin producing documents immediately, on a rolling basis, during July and August. Judge Walton also rejected Department of Justice efforts to restrict their search to only 2016.

Judge Walton repeatedly criticized the Justice

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cybersecurity officials, and the basis for her claim that the State Department had “90-95 percent” of her emails. Judge Sullivan is considering Judicial Watch’s motion to compel answers to these questions.

In her responses sent to Judicial Watch and the court on October 13, 2016, Clinton refused to answer three questions and responded that she “does not recall” 20 times concerning her nongovernment clintonemail.com email system. She preceded her responses with eight “general objections” and two “objections to definitions.” The words “object” or “objection” appear 84 times throughout the 23-page document submitted to the court and Judicial Watch.

Judge Sullivan also will hear arguments on Judicial Watch’s motion to compel testimony from former State Department Director of Information Resource Management of the Executive Secretariat John Bentel (who asserted his Fifth Amendment right and refused to answer 87 questions at his deposition), and Judicial Watch’s motion to unseal the audio-visual recordings of all depositions. Judicial Watch took the testimony



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

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~ *Judicial Watch President*
Tom Fitton

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of key Clinton aides and State Department senior officials, including Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills, but the videotapes of the depositions are currently under seal.

These developments came shortly after the Justice Department inspector general issued his report on the Hillary Clinton email investigation. On June 14, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton made the following statement regarding that report:

“The IG report has destroyed the credibility of the Department of Justice and the FBI. It confirms what Judicial Watch has investigated and revealed for nearly two years. The Obama DOJ/FBI investigation of Clinton was rushed, half-baked, rigged and irredeemably compromised by anti-Trump and pro-Clinton bias and actions. As Judicial Watch uncovered the Clinton email scandal, it is outrageous to see a politicized FBI and DOJ then so obviously refuse to uphold the rule of law.

“The IG report details repeated DOJ/FBI deference to Hillary Clinton, her aides and their lawyers. Americans should examine the report and judge for themselves whether the over-the-top deference to Hillary Clinton can be explained as anything other than political,

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President Trump's Supreme Court Pick: A Victory For The Rule Of Law

By Tom Fitton



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President Trump hit a home run with his nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court. The President stood up for the U.S. Constitution with this nomination. Judge Kavanaugh has a demonstrated record of applying the rule of law rather than legislating from the bench. His record shows that he will apply the U.S. Constitution as written and intended by our Founding Fathers.

This nomination 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., and we certainly don'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.

With all that in mind, the important thing is President Trump is almost certain going to get his second Supreme Court nominee approved by the Senate. The Democrats and the liberals simply don't have the numbers to prevent the president from getting his nominee through the Senate. Not only is Judge Kavanaugh likely to get all of the Republican votes, he also is likely to get more than a few Democrat votes as well.

This is a huge win for the American people. It is a big opportunity to consolidate a strong conservative majority on the Supreme Court. Anthony Kennedy was conservative on some areas of the law but really out there on others. With Justice Kennedy's replacement, there is now a chance to get someone on the high court who is more consistently conservative; someone who is going to apply the law rather than inserting his own view into the court's decisions.

Left-wing groups and activists like to use the courts to impose their will on the American people since they often can't convince them at the

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ballot box or through the legislative process. I think most Americans agree, the courts are designed to apply the law, not make up the law and impose a particular point of view by judicial fiat.

This is a losing issue for the Left. That's why they are so angry about it. There is not much Senate Democrats can do to keep the left wing of their political base happy, though. Delaying a vote is the same as a filibuster, and they don't have the votes to sustain a filibuster. And anyway, a filibuster is inappropriate for Supreme Court justices. Any Supreme Court nominee deserves an up-or-down vote.

The real problem for the Democrats in the Senate, then, is they are going to have to manage the expectations of their left-wing activists who want them to go down with the ship on this nomination when, in fact, they have no basis to oppose Kavanaugh beyond crass partisanship. Clearly, a judge such as Brett Kavanaugh would not have been their first pick, but it was the president's prerogative to choose, not theirs, and liberal senators will have a hard time honestly justifying a "no" vote on his confirmation.

Judge Kavanaugh's nomination not only was a victory for the rule of law, it also was the result of a reform



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Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh

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especially from agencies that at the same time were actively collaborating with the Clinton campaign's Fusion GPS to spy on and target then-candidate Trump. The IG report details how at least five top FBI agents and lawyers exchanged pro-Clinton and anti-Trump communications. The IG shares the concerns of Judicial Watch and millions of Americans that this bias casts a cloud over the credibility of the Clinton email and Russia investigations.

"As Judicial Watch has demonstrated through its independent investigations and lawsuits, there is more than enough evidence that Clinton knowingly and intentionally mishandled classified information while using a nongovernment email system to conduct government business.

"Will the Sessions Justice Department now do the right thing and conduct a Clinton email investigation properly? Or will it let James Comey and Loretta Lynch have the last word on Hillary Clinton's evident email crimes?"

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~Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

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"In the meantime, Judicial Watch will continue its ongoing FOIA lawsuits and investigations into the Clinton email scandal and the related Obama administration cover-up."

"The Clinton email scandal isn't going away, especially as Mrs. Clinton refuses to answer key questions about her conduct," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Judicial Watch uncovered the Clinton email scandal and, since the Justice Department and FBI have dropped the ball, is the last best hope for accountability and justice." **JW**

Court Order for hearing on Judicial Watch motion to compel testimony about the email practices of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

District of Columbia

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The following transaction was entered on 6/8/2018 at 5:29 PM and filed on 6/8/2018

Case Name: JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MINUTE ORDER. The Court sua sponte schedules a motions hearing to hear oral argument on [140] Judicial Watch's motion to compel Mr. Bentel's testimony, [141] Judicial Watch's motion to compel Mrs. Clinton's interrogatory answers, and [153] Judicial Watch's motion to unseal audiovisual recordings of all depositions. The motion hearing shall take place on October 11, 2018 at 10:30 am in Courtroom 24A. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 6/8/2018. (lcegs3)

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of the process by which judicial nominations are made. Just before Kavanaugh's nomination to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, Washington, D.C. was afluster with speculation about who that nominee would be and how he or she would fare in the Senate approval process. But, because President Trump had been so transparent in his process of selection, the country knew beforehand the list from which

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he would choose. The president had a "high-quality" problem in replacing Justice Kennedy: He had a lot of good choices to pick from.

This has been a tremendously transparent process. Many of the potential picks had been known for a long time — remember, Donald Trump came up with a list of potential Supreme Court nominees during the presidential campaign — he added a few names to the list since then — so most of his potential nominees were on the ballot with Trump, practically speaking. Everyone knew the list from which he was planning to pick. That was a great move, very transparent, so there were no surprises on this list for any voter who went to the polls in 2016.

So, it's going to be a good victory for those of us concerned about the rule of law and having justices who have a fidelity to the Constitution. The Senate should move quickly to work with President Trump to consider and approve Judge Kavanaugh.

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Fusion

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Department during a June 14 hearing:

“I think if it’s been almost since December when the initial request was made, more should have been done by now. And, it seems to me if you have someone who’s going to come into office and they say they’re going to be a disrupter, that they should appreciate there’s going to be a lot of FOIA requests and, therefore, should gear up to deal with those requests. So, I’m not real sympathetic to the position that you have limited staff and, therefore, you can’t comply with these requests. So, I think you’re going to have to get some more people.”

“I mean FOIA is considered to be very important. I keep getting from the government, from various agencies, we can’t do this, we can’t do that because we

“So, I’m not real sympathetic to the position that you have limited staff and therefore, you can’t comply with these requests. So, I think you’re going to have to get some more people.”

~U.S. District Court Judge Reggie B. Walton to Justice Department attorneys

don’t have the resources. I’m not real sympathetic to that. FOIA is important. Open government is important, and government has to comply with FOIA in order to make it an open government.”

In March 2018, Judicial Watch filed the FOIA lawsuit (*Judicial*

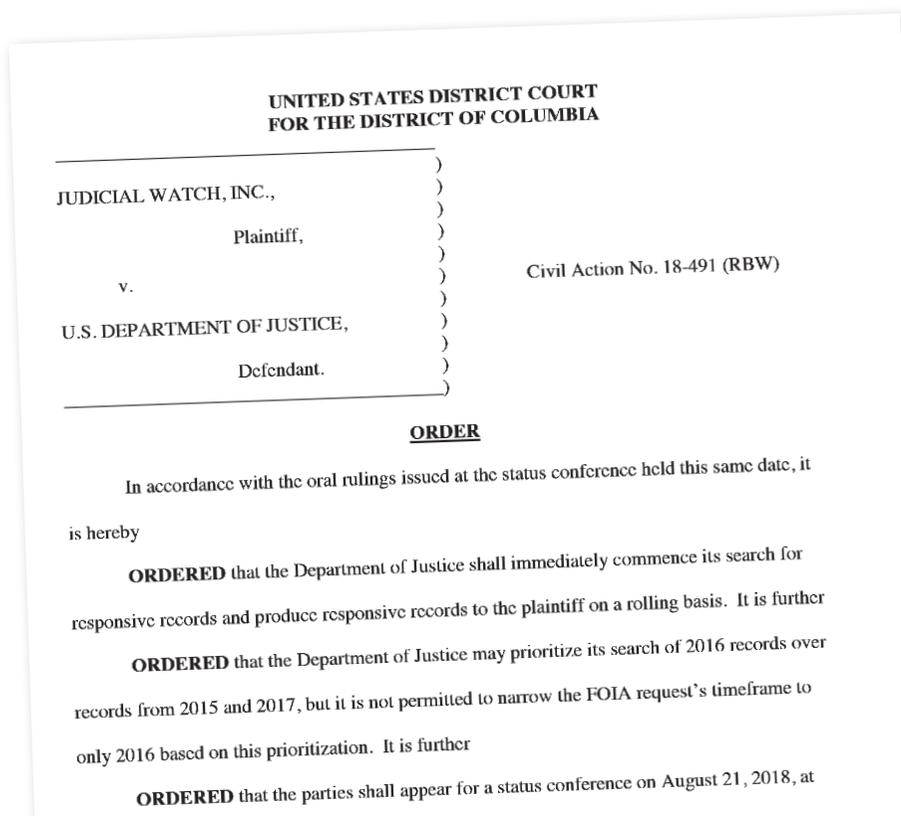
Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice (No.1:18-cv-00491)) after the Justice Department failed to respond to a December 2017 FOIA request. The lawsuit seeks:

“All records of contact or communication, including but not limited to emails, text messages, and instant chats, between DOJ officials in the Attorney General’s Office and Fusion GPS employee or contractor Nellie Ohr.”

“We are pleased another court rejected the Justice Department’s inexcusable stonewalling on documents of intense public interest — concerning Obama Justice Department collusion with the Clinton campaign vendor Fusion GPS to target then-candidate Donald Trump,” stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “How extraordinary it is that this Justice Department is now under court order to stop stalling on releasing records about potential corruption in the Obama Justice Department!”

In December 2017, Bruce Ohr was removed from his position as U.S. associate deputy attorney general after it was revealed that he conducted undisclosed meetings with anti-Trump dossier author Christopher Steele and Glenn Simpson, principal of Fusion GPS. A House Intelligence Committee memo released by Chairman Devin Nunes on February 2, 2018 noted that Ohr’s wife Nellie was “employed by Fusion GPS to assist in the cultivation of opposition research on Trump” and that Bruce Ohr passed on the results of that research to the FBI, which was paid for by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Hillary Clinton campaign. **JW**

Court order instructing the Justice Department to immediately begin producing records about communications with Nellie and Bruce Ohr



Court Report

JW Sues DOJ For Texts Of Mueller Deputy Weissmann Regarding Trump, Clinton

Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit on June 7 asking the court to compel the U.S. Department of Justice to produce “all text messages to or from the [U.S. Department of Justice] official Andrew Weissmann” regarding President Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice* (No. 1:18-cv-01356)).

Weissmann is a senior deputy for Special Counsel Robert Mueller and a former chief of the Justice Department criminal fraud division.

Judicial Watch filed suit after the Justice Department failed to respond to a December 15, 2017 FOIA request for:

- “All text messages sent to or from DOJ official Andrew Weissmann regarding Donald Trump and/or Hillary Clinton between August 8, 2016 and the present.
- “All calendar entries, whether in physical or electronic form, for



Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Weissmann (center)

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“Andrew Weissmann is demonstrably an anti-Trump/pro-Clinton activist.”

~Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

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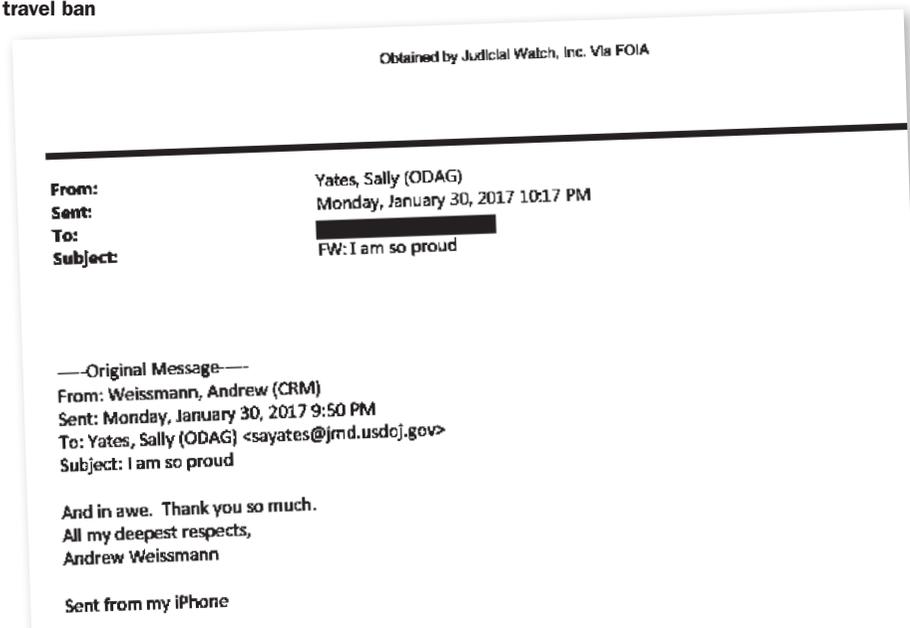
Weissmann from January 1, 2015 to the present.”

Weissmann’s objectivity in Mueller’s investigation was called into question in December 2017 when a Judicial Watch FOIA lawsuit uncovered an email Weissmann wrote praising former acting Attorney General Sally Yates for defying Trump on enforcement of the president’s so-called travel ban.

Weissmann wrote to Obama

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Weissmann email praising then-acting Attorney General Sally Yates for refusing to enforce Trump travel ban



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appointee Yates in the email:

“I am so proud. And in awe. Thank you so much. All my deepest respects.”

President Trump fired Obama holdover Yates over her refusal to defend his “travel ban.” Yates was appointed by President Obama and was serving in an acting capacity as attorney general for President Trump.

Also, in December 2017, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that Weissmann had been in attendance at Hillary Clinton’s 2016 election night party. According to *The Washington Post*, Weissmann contributed more than \$4,000 to the Obama Victory Fund in 2008 and \$2,300 to the Clinton campaign in 2007.

Weissmann, described by *The New York Times* as Mueller’s “pit bull,” is the lead prosecutor in the Mueller

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“...it is suspicious the Justice Department refuses to turn over any Weissmann text messages.”

~Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

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team’s case against former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort.

“Andrew Weissmann is demonstrably an anti-Trump/pro-Clinton activist,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “And it is suspicious the Justice Department refuses to turn over any Weissmann text messages, especially given the anti-Trump bias documented in the FBI’s Strzok-Page texts.” 

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JW VICTORY!

Court-Ordered Consent Decree Requires Kentucky To Clean Up Election Rolls

In another victory for Judicial Watch, a federal court judge has issued a consent decree directing the Commonwealth of Kentucky to remove the names of ineligible voters no longer in residence from its official voter registration lists. U.S. District Judge Gregory F. Van Tatenhove of the Eastern District of Kentucky, Central Division, signed the consent decree between Judicial Watch, Kentucky and the U.S. Department of Justice.

The state of Kentucky has consented to clean its voter rolls of ineligible names in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

The Kentucky State Board of Elections shall develop and implement a general program of statewide voter list maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to remove from the statewide voter registration list the names of registrants who have become ineligible due to a change in residence in accord with Section 8 of the NVRA:

“Kentucky State Board of Elections shall create a Comprehensive Plan and implement and adhere to its terms.

“The decree instructs that the plan is to include:

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Election clerk signs in voter in Lexington, Kentucky

- Procedures for a general program of list maintenance;
- Sources of information used regularly;
- Procedures for sending a non-forwardable canvass mailing;
- Procedures for using the data that is successfully matched to the statewide voter registration list;
- Timing of notices and updates;
- List of registrants to whom notices have been sent;
- Procedures for removing from the statewide voter registration list any registrant who is mailed a notice;
- A description of databases to be used in list maintenance activities and a plan to consult with relevant database managers, assess the quality of data to be used in list maintenance activities, and develop sound and reliable matching criteria;
- Procedures for maintaining and making available for inspection and copying the records concerning implementation of the general program activities;
- A detailed description of any role that local election officials may play in list maintenance activities; and
- Public outreach.”

In November 2017, Judicial Watch sued Kentucky over its failure to take reasonable steps to maintain accurate voter registration lists (*Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Alison Lundergan Grimes et al.* (-No. 3:17-cv-00094)). In June 2018, with Judicial Watch’s consent, the Justice Department moved to intervene in the lawsuit against Kentucky.

The Judicial Watch lawsuit argued that 48 Kentucky counties had more registered voters than citizens over the age of 18. The suit noted that Kentucky was one of only three states in which the statewide active registration rate is greater than 100 percent of the age-eligible citizen population.

Judicial Watch argued that Kentucky’s inflated voter rolls indicated that it was not complying

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with federal laws requiring it to cancel the registrations of citizens who have died or moved elsewhere. This conclusion was bolstered by Kentucky's failure to divulge registration-related records as required by federal law.

In April 2017, Judicial Watch sent notice-of-violation letters threatening to sue Kentucky and ten other state and local jurisdictions for having more registered voters than citizens of voting age, as calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Judicial Watch filed suit against Kentucky later that year. In 2018, the Justice Department also contacted Kentucky regarding its failure to comply with Section 8's list maintenance requirements.

The Kentucky win is the first statewide consent decree ever issued in a Section 8 lawsuit started by private litigants. Judicial Watch previously filed successful NVRA lawsuits against Ohio and Indiana, causing those states voluntarily to clean up their voting rolls.

Judicial Watch also sued the State of Maryland and Montgomery County over their failure to release documents



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in violation of the NVRA, as well as California and Los Angeles County for their failure to clean their voter rolls. Those lawsuits are ongoing.

"This consent decree is a victory for the voters of Kentucky and across America that want clean elections," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Dirty voter rolls can mean dirty elections, so Judicial Watch is pleased our lawsuit succeeded in requiring Kentucky to take commonsense steps to clean its rolls. It is good to see that the Justice Department, after years of inaction, has



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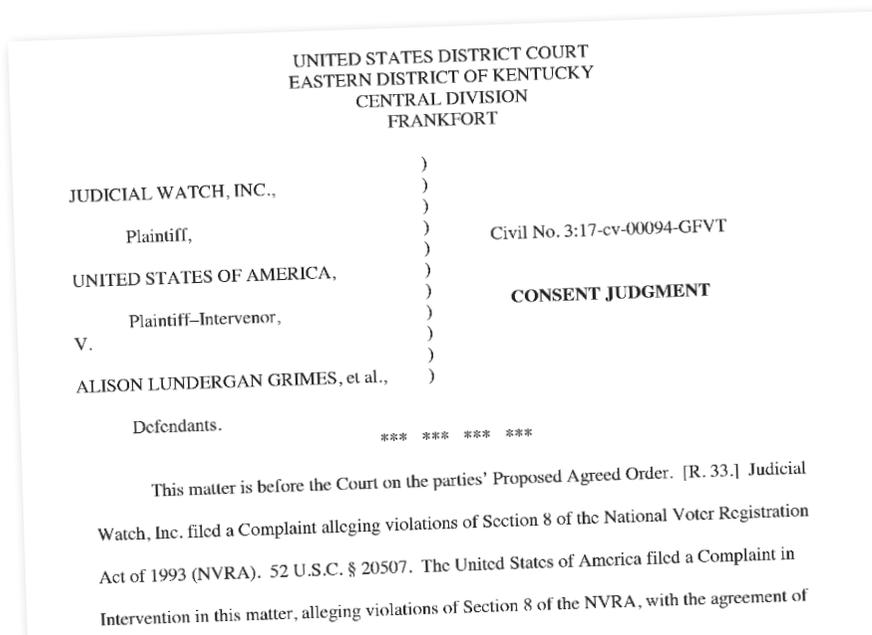
finally returned to enforcing the law requiring states to take reasonable steps to maintain the accuracy of voting rolls."

Judicial Watch has taken the lead nationwide in defending state voter ID laws and other commonsense election integrity measures, filing *amicus* briefs in the Supreme Court and in several circuit courts of appeal and trial courts. Judicial Watch supported North Carolina's implementation of its election integrity reform laws, most recently filing *amicus* briefs in the Supreme Court in March 2017. And, the Supreme Court recently upheld efforts by Ohio to maintain accurate voting rolls, which were part of a historic settlement with Judicial Watch.

Eric W. Lee from Judicial Watch also worked on this case.

Judicial Watch is being assisted by Mark Wohlander of the Wohlander Law Office in Lexington, and by Christopher Coates of the Law Office of H. Christopher Coates in Charleston, South Carolina. 

Federal court-ordered consent decree among the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the U.S. Department of Justice and Judicial Watch



Chronicles

Drugs, Gangbangers, Convicts Enter United States Via Mexico

While the mainstream media and much of the nation are preoccupied with sob stories about the shelter accommodations of illegal immigrants, the U.S.-Mexico border remains a cesspool of crime where federal agents have confiscated more than 360,000 pounds of drugs, arrested thousands of individuals with criminal convictions and busted hundreds of violent gangbangers so far this year. The latest statistics issued by the Border Patrol are downright disturbing and illustrate the urgency of properly securing the famously porous southwest border.

Through the end of May 2018, the frontline Department of Homeland Security agency reveals that it seized 360,241 pounds of marijuana, 7,205 pounds of methamphetamine, 5,321 pounds of cocaine, 315 pounds of heroin and 309 pounds of fentanyl. The agency also encountered 18,568 criminal aliens convicted of a crime

or wanted by law enforcement and 509 gang members, mostly from Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), a feared street gang of mostly Central American illegal immigrants that's spread throughout the U.S. and is renowned for drug distribution, murder, rape, robbery, home invasions, kidnappings, vandalism and other violent crimes.

The Justice Department's National Gang Intelligence Center (NGIC) says criminal street gangs like MS-13 are responsible for the majority of violent crimes in the U.S. and are the primary distributors of most illicit drugs. Criminal aliens listed in the 2018 Border Patrol figures include those convicted of felonies such as assault, battery and domestic violence as well as burglary, possession of illegal weapons and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

As media coverage has focused almost exclusively on the separa-

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"In the last five months, we have a 314 percent increase in adults and children arriving at the border, fraudulently claiming to be a family unit."

~Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen

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tion of illegal alien families, Border Patrol sectors tasked with guarding the 2,000-mile southern border report large quantities of smuggled drugs and other illicit activity from Mexico. In late June, a Honduran man, convicted of raping a child, was caught trying to re-enter the United States through the Eagle Pass station in Texas. The man is a registered sex offender in Houston who got deported after serving a five-year sentence.

Press releases issued by the Border Patrol during that same period offer alarming details of the crime that has gripped the Mexican border region. Drug smuggling appears to be the most popular activity, with most southern border sectors reporting multiple busts. More than 123 pounds of methamphetamine were seized on one day in June at Arizona's Port of San Luis, and a day later the

U.S. Customs and Border Protection notice of arrest of illegal-alien child rapist at Eagle Pass border station

The screenshot shows a newsroom page from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website. The header includes the agency logo and navigation links for 'About CBP', 'Newsroom', 'Travel', 'Trade', and 'Border Security'. The main article title is 'Border Patrol Agents Apprehend a Convicted Rapist in Eagle Pass', dated June 18, 2018. The text reports that U.S. Border Patrol agents in Del Rio, Texas, arrested a Honduran man, Jose Santos Cruz-Ciru, 42, for aggravated sexual assault of a child. The man had been previously removed from the country and was caught attempting to re-enter. The article includes a quote from Del Rio Sector Chief Patrol Agent Felix Chavez and a photo of the arrested individual, Jose Santos Cruz-Ciru.

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U.S./Soros-Funded Colombian Group Blasts JW For Exposing Ties To Marxist Guerrillas

A Colombian human rights group funded by the U.S. government and left-wing billionaire George Soros is attacking Judicial Watch for exposing its ties to the country's famously violent Marxist guerrillas. Judicial Watch's involvement is on behalf of American taxpayers who unknowingly finance the political activities of the Soros Open Society Foundations (OSF) abroad, including in Colombia. The cash flows through the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and is used to support extremist groups that want to rewrite Colombia's history by granting terrorists — from the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), the guerrilla group formed by communist farmers in the country's central region — the same rights as legitimate police and military forces. The movement, supported by the Obama administration, also seeks to rebrand decades of massacres, kidnappings, child soldiering and drug trafficking by a criminal syndicate as simply “50 years of armed conflict.”

In March, Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against USAID and the State Department for records relating to their funding of the political activities of OSF groups in Colombia.

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Communist guerrilla group's ally, Dejusticia, blasts Judicial Watch for investigating its leader as well as other leftist figures funded with American tax dollars in the region.

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George Soros

Among them is a Bogota-based non-profit called Dejusticia that claims to promote human rights and is run by a left-wing attorney named Rodrigo Uprimny. Both Soros and Uncle Sam fill Dejusticia's coffers, and Uprimny is considered one of FARC's biggest allies and promoters. A Colombian news report describes Dejusticia as a highly influential entity that has promoted the “terrorist group FARC” to the point of converting it into a legitimate political ally of the government, which includes personal sessions with Colombia's president. Because it's impossible for FARC to erase its crimes, it depends on the well-known attorney's systematic defense, which makes a mockery of victims,” the news report states. Like Judicial Watch, the news agency is also a target of Dejusticia's attacks.

In a lengthy piece on its website and in a social media posting, Dejusticia blasts Judicial Watch for investigating its leader as well as other leftist figures funded with American tax dollars in the region. Dejusticia's director accuses Judicial Watch of being a racist organization that strives to bring down progressive

democracies and uses its name to trick Latin Americans into thinking that it's a serious group like Human Rights Watch. The piece further accuses Judicial Watch of falsely reporting that ISIS is operating in Mexico, a story published three years ago as part of an ongoing investigation into the national security threats along the southern border. Judicial Watch's reporting is based on rock-solid sources inside Mexican and U.S. military and law enforcement agencies. They confirm that ISIS established a base near El Paso, Texas around eight miles from the U.S. border in an area known as “Anapra” situated just west of Ciudad Juárez in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. In a social media post, Dejusticia encourages those committed to the truth, democracy and human rights to denounce Judicial Watch. One Colombian man responded to the order by posting that it's well-known the Open Society and Uprimny are actively seeking to impose totalitarianism in Colombia.

As part of the same investigation into the U.S.-funded Soros agenda

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in Latin America, Judicial Watch also recently exposed the FARC ties of the head of a global commission operating in Guatemala under the notoriously corrupt United Nations (UN). He's a Colombian attorney and former judge named Ivan Velásquez, who runs the UN-backed International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), a controversial body known to utilize measures that threaten the impoverished Central American nation's sovereignty. As a lawyer in Colombia, Velásquez aligned with FARC. Former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe says that as a judge in Colombia, Velásquez launched a crusade to absolve the

country's leftist narcoterrorism. During eight years as Colombia's president, Uribe's hard-line security stance transformed the country from a notoriously violent narcoterrorism state to a thriving democracy. Velásquez abuses the justice system to persecute his political enemies, according to Uribe, who currently serves in Colombia's senate. Incredibly, Velásquez was in Washington, D.C. a few months ago to promote his leftist agenda in Central America. Weeks later, Judicial Watch published a special investigative report detailing how the U.S. government is using taxpayer dollars to support Soros' radical globalist agenda in Guatemala. **JW**



U.S. Department of State headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Shelter

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Laredo sector in Texas seized nearly 26 pounds of methamphetamine. Less than 24 hours earlier, the Laredo sector seized \$4.2 million worth of crystal meth at the Gateway to the Americas International Bridge.

In the same week, federal agents in Hidalgo, Texas confiscated nearly \$3 million worth of methamphetamine, and agents in nearby Pharr discovered commercial trailer moving more than half a million dollars in heroin from Mexico.

During the last week in June, officers in New Mexico seized more than \$1.1 million in narcotics smuggled in a wrecked vehicle, and violent gang-bangers were captured by Border Patrol in Arizona, California and Texas. One of the men, a Mexican national arrested in El Centro, California, was convicted of child molestation. Another Mexican national apprehended near San Ysidro, California was convicted of murder and served more than three decades in prison, the government states in its press release. Two of the illegal immigrants — one arrested in Three Points, Arizona and the other in McAllen, Texas — are members of the MS-13 gang.

Circling back to the media frenzy involving the supposed separation of illegal immigrant families, Judicial Watch spent a few days on the U.S.-Mexico border in late June and spoke to Border Patrol and U.S. Customs officers who say the vast majority of kids arriving from Mexico are either totally unaccompanied or with adults who are not their parents. In a June 18 White House press briefing, DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said illegal immigrants are separated if there is no documentation to confirm the claimed relationship between an adult and a child or if the

parent is a national security, public or safety risk, including when there are criminal charges at issue:

“We also separate a parent and child if the adult is suspected of human trafficking. There have been cases where minors have been used and trafficked by unrelated adults in an effort to avoid detention. And I'd stop here to say, in the last five months, we have a 314 percent increase in adults and children arriving at the border, fraudulently claiming to be a family unit.” **JW**

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JW Files Complaint Against Rep. Waters For Inciting Violence/Assaults On Trump Cabinet Rep. Maxine Waters seems to be in violation of House rules

Judicial Watch in late June sent a hand-delivered letter to the chairman and co-chairman of the House Office of Congressional Ethics calling for an investigation into whether Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) violated House ethics rules by encouraging violence against Trump administration Cabinet members.

Rep. Maxine Waters addressed a rally in Los Angeles on Saturday, June 23, telling a crowd:

“If you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station,

you get out and you create a crowd and you push back on them! And, you tell them that they are not welcome, anymore, anywhere.”
(Watch on Judicial Watch website: <http://jwatch.us/Maxine>)

In the letter to the Office of Congressional Ethics co-chairman, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton writes:

“In encouraging individuals to create ‘crowds’ who will ‘push back’ on President Trump’s Cabinet members at private business



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~ Rep. Maxine Waters

establishments and in seemingly trying to prevent these Cabinet officials from obtaining basic necessities without fear of assault and violence, Rep. Waters seems to be violation of House rules, specifically:

‘A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall conduct himself at all times in

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Judicial Watch letter seeking House Ethics Committee investigation of Rep. Maxine Waters’ violation of House rules



VIA HAND DELIVERY

June 25, 2018

Doc Hastings, Chairman
David Skaggs, Co-Chairman
Office of Congressional Ethics
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
425 Third Street SW, Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Inquiry into whether Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) Violated House Rules

Dear Chairman Hastings and Co-Chairman Skaggs:

Judicial Watch, Inc. is a non-profit, non-partisan educational foundation that promotes transparency, accountability, and integrity in government and fidelity to the rule of the law. We regularly monitor congressional ethics issues as part of our anti-corruption mission.

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Waters

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a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House. [House Rule 23, clause 1.]’

“We hereby request that the Office of Congressional Ethics conduct a preliminary investigation into whether Rep. Maxine Waters violated House Rules in encouraging attacks on Cabinet officials.”

“Rep. Maxine Waters incited violence and assault against members of President Trump’s Cabinet,” stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “It is urgent that the House Ethics Office quickly acts to hold her accountable for this dangerous incitement.” **JW**



Call to Action: From Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

Maxine Waters incited violence and assault against members of President Trump’s Cabinet. And, the House of Representatives needs to do something about it. Waters encouraged people to create “crowds” to “push back” and harass President Trump’s Cabinet members. That is outrageous and dangerous.

Judicial Watch filed an official ethics complaint against Waters for this incitement, but *the House won’t act unless it hears from you*. Share your views on Congresswoman Waters dangerous incitement with your congressman by calling **202-224-3121**.



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Documents Reveal McCain Staffer Urged IRS To Conduct “Financially Ruinous” Audits

McCain minority staff director Henry Kerner to IRS: “The solution is to audit so many that it becomes financially ruinous”

Judicial Watch recently released internal IRS documents, including material revealing that Sen. John McCain’s former staff director and chief counsel on the Senate Homeland Security Permanent Subcommittee, Henry Kerner, urged top IRS officials, including then-director of exempt organizations Lois Lerner, to “audit so many that it becomes financially ruinous.” Kerner was appointed by President Trump as special counsel for the United States Office of Special Counsel.

The explosive exchange was contained in notes taken by IRS employees at an April 30, 2013 meeting among Kerner, Lerner and other high-ranking IRS officials. Just 10 days following the meeting, former IRS director of exempt organizations Lois Lerner admitted that the IRS had a policy of improperly and deliberately delaying applications for tax-exempt status from conservative nonprofit groups.

Lerner and other IRS officials met with select top staffers from the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee in a “marathon” meeting to discuss concerns raised by both Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) and Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) that the IRS was not reining in political advocacy groups in response to the Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision. Senator McCain had been the chief sponsor of the McCain-Feingold Act and called the Citizens United decision, which overturned portions of the Act, one of the “worst decisions I have ever seen.”

In the full notes of an April 30 meeting, McCain’s high-ranking staffer Kerner recommends harassing nonprofit groups until they are unable to continue operating. Kerner tells Lerner, Steve Miller, then chief of staff to IRS Commissioner, Nikole Flax, and other IRS officials, “Maybe the solution is to audit so many that it is financially ruinous.” In

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“The Obama IRS scandal is bipartisan, and it is not over yet.”

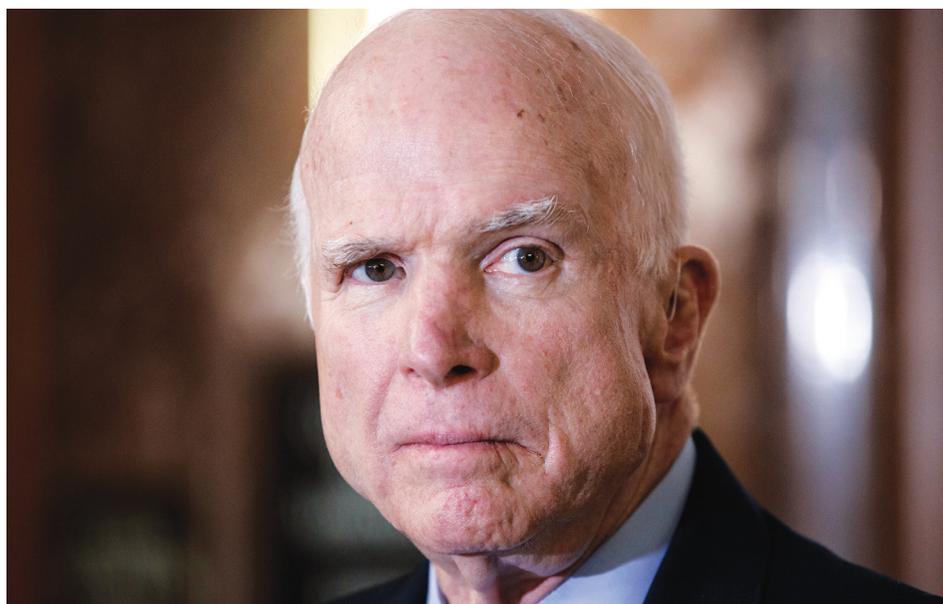
~*Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton*

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response, Lerner responds that “it is her job to oversee it all:

“Henry Kerner asked how to get to the abuse of organizations claiming section 501(c)(4) but designed to be primarily political. Lois Lerner said the system works, but not in real time. Henry Kerner noted that these organizations don’t disclose donors. Lois Lerner said that if they don’t meet the requirements, we can come in and revoke, but it doesn’t happen timely. Nan Marks said if the concern is that organizations engaging in this activity don’t disclose donors, then the system doesn’t work. Henry Kerner said that maybe the solution is to audit so many that it is financially ruinous. Nikole noted that we have budget constraints. Elise Bean suggested using the list of organizations that made independent expenditures. Lois Lerner said that it is her job to oversee it all, not just political campaign activity.”

Judicial Watch previously reported on the 2013 meeting. Senator McCain then issued a statement decrying “false reports claiming that his office was somehow involved in IRS targeting of conserva-



AP IMAGES
Senator John McCain (R-AZ)

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Audits

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tive groups.” The IRS previously blacked out the notes of the meeting but Judicial Watch found the notes among subsequent documents released by the agency.

Judicial Watch separately uncovered that Lerner was under significant pressure from both Democrats in Congress and the Obama Justice Department and FBI to prosecute and jail the groups the IRS was already improperly targeting. In discussing pressure from Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) to prosecute these “political groups,” Lerner admitted, “It is ALL about 501(c)(4) orgs and political activity.”

The April 30, 2013 meeting came just under two weeks prior to Lerner’s admission during an American Bar Association meeting that the IRS had “inappropriately” targeted conservative groups. In her May 2013 answer to a planted question, in which she admitted to the “absolutely incorrect, insensitive, and inappropriate” targeting of tea party and conservative groups, Lerner suggested the IRS targeting occurred due to an “uptick” in 501(c)(4) applications to the IRS, but in actuality there had been a decrease in such applications in 2010.

On May 14, 2013, a report by the treasury inspector general for tax administration revealed: “Early

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Former IRS official Lois Lerner

in Calendar Year 2010, the IRS began using inappropriate criteria to identify organizations applying for tax-exempt status” (e.g., lists of past and future donors). The illegal IRS reviews continued “for more than 18 months” and “delayed processing of targeted groups’ applications” in advance of the 2012 presidential election.

All these documents were forced out of the IRS as a result of an October 2013 Judicial Watch Freedom of Information (FOIA) lawsuit filed against the IRS after it failed to respond adequately to four FOIA requests sent in May 2013 (*Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Internal Revenue Service* (No. 1:13-cv-01559)). Judicial Watch is seeking:

- “All records related to the number of applications received or related to communications between the IRS and members of the U.S. House of Representatives or the U.S. Senate regarding the review process for organizations applying for tax-exempt status under 501(c)(4);
- “All records concerning communications between the IRS and the Executive Branch or any other

government agency regarding the review process for organizations applying for tax-exempt status under 501(c)(4);

- “Copies of any questionnaires and all records related to the preparation of questionnaires sent to organizations applying for 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status; and
- “All records related to Lois Lerner’s communication with other IRS employees, as well as government or private entities outside the IRS regarding the review and approval process for 501(c)(4) applicant organizations.”

“The Obama IRS scandal is bipartisan — McCain and Democrats who wanted to regulate political speech lost at the Supreme Court, so they sought to use the IRS to harass innocent Americans,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. “The Obama IRS scandal is not over — as Judicial Watch continues to uncover smoking-gun documents that raise questions about how the Obama administration weaponized the IRS, the FEC, FBI and Justice Department to target the First Amendment rights of Americans.” 

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In the Media

McCain's office urged IRS to use audits as weapons to destroy political advocacy groups — UPDATED

Washington Times
June 22, 2018

A new report from [Judicial Watch](#) reveals a concerted effort from Sen. John McCain's office to urge the IRS under Lois Lerner to strike out against political advocacy groups, including tea party organizations.

Thanks to the results of an extensive Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that has been delayed for many years, [Judicial Watch](#) has obtained several key emails from 2013 that chronicle McCain's and Democrat Sen. Carl Levin's efforts to reign in the advocacy groups that sprouted immediately following the Citizens United decision from the Supreme Court.

The documents uncovered by [Judicial Watch](#) include notes from a high-level meeting on April 30, 2013 between powerful members of McCain's and Levin's staffs and Lerner, then-director of tax exempt organizations at the IRS under Barack Obama. The notes reveal the suggestions from McCain's former staff director and chief counsel on the Senate Homeland Security Permanent Subcommittee, Henry Kerner, who urges Lerner to use IRS audits on the advocacy groups to financially ruin them.

Here's One Unverified File the Feds Won't Leak: About Loretta Lynch

Real Clear Investigations
June 26, 2018

The FBI had little problem leaking "unverified" dirt from Russian sources on Donald Trump and his campaign aides — and even basing



Tom Fitton (right) on *Lou Dobbs Tonight*

FISA wiretaps on it. But according to the Justice Department's inspector general, the bureau is refusing to allow even members of Congress with top security clearance to see intercepted material alleging political interference by President Obama's attorney general, Loretta Lynch.

That material — which has been outlined in press reports — consists of unverified accounts intercepted from putative Russian sources in which the head of the Democratic National Committee allegedly implicates the Hillary Clinton campaign and Lynch in a secret deal to fix the Clinton email investigation.

"It is remarkable how this Justice Department is protecting the corruption of the Obama Justice Department," said Tom Fitton, president of Washington-based watchdog [Judicial Watch](#), which is suing for the material.

Kennedy's Retirement Will Reshape the Court

U.S. News and World Report
June 27, 2018

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, a centrist conservative who

occupied arguably the most powerful seat on an ideologically divided institution, has announced his retirement — a surprise move that will unleash an epic political battle over the future of the nation's highest court — and whether President Donald Trump gets to anchor it further to the right.

Conservatives, meanwhile, urged Trump and the Senate to nominate another conservative like Gorsuch, and put the candidate on a fast track to confirmation.

Tom Fitton, president of the right-leaning [Judicial Watch](#) concurred, urging Trump to quickly "put forward another nominee who has a demonstrated record of applying the rule of law rather than legislating from the bench. The Senate," he added, "should move quickly to work with President Trump to consider and approve a new justice who will apply the U.S. Constitution as written and understood by our Founding Fathers."

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Fitton: Getting the Supreme Court Back on Track Breitbart op-ed by Judicial Watch President, Tom Fitton July 2, 2018

Judicial Watch is pleased that Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement from the Supreme Court will provide President Trump another opportunity to nominate a constitutional conservative who will honor the Constitution and the rule of law, rather than legislate from the bench.

And the U.S. Senate should move quickly to work with President Trump to consider and approve a new justice who will apply the U.S. Constitution as written and understood by our Founding Fathers.

The importance of solidifying a conservative majority on the Supreme Court was made clear this



Chris Farrell, Director of Research and Investigation

week in the court's 5-4 vote to uphold President Trump's so-called travel ban. The wording of the law under which he established the ban, and which politically motivated anti-Trump lower court judges simply ignored, could not be clearer.

Justice Department sued for records of FBI's 'abusive' raids on Michael Cohen Washington Examiner July 2, 2018

A conservative advocacy group is demanding the Justice Department hand over all of its records dealing with the FBI's raids of Michael Cohen, President Trump's longtime personal lawyer.

Judicial Watch said the raids were "abusive" and "out of line" and filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on Monday. The group said the department ignored three information requests from the nonprofit organization pertaining to the FBI's April 9 raids of Cohen's New York City home, office and hotel

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JW Earns Nationwide Media Coverage

June 19, 2018 - July 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

6/19	WTVN	Columbus, OH – mention
6/20	Hawaii Public Radio	Honolulu, HI – mention
6/20	WAMU	Washington, DC – mention
6/22	WMAL	National – Live
6/22	Main Street Radio	National – Live
6/25	Fox News Radio	National – Live
6/25	WJR	Detroit, MI – Live
6/25	WLW	Cincinnati, OH – Live
6/26	WIND	Chicago, IL – Live
6/27	WINA	Charlottesville, VA – Live
6/28	KIDO	Boise, ID – Live
6/28	WMAL	National – Live
7/1	KXNT	Las Vegas, NV – mention
7/3	Mike Gallagher	National – Live
7/3	Sirius XM	National – Live
7/5	WTIC	Hartford-New Haven, CT – Live
7/5	WABC	New York, NY – mention
7/5	WLS	Chicago, IL – mention
7/9	National Public Radio	National – mention
7/10	WDEL	Wilmington/Philadelphia, PA – Live
7/10	KNST	Tucson, AZ – Live

TV

6/19	Fox News Channel	National – Live
6/20	Fox News Channel	National – Live
6/21	Fox Business Network	National – Live
6/21	OANN	National – Live
6/22	Fox News Channel	National – Live
6/22	Fox Business Network	National – Live
6/23	CSPAN2	National – mention
6/26	Fox Business Network	National – Live
6/27	Fox News Channel	National – Live
6/27	Fox News Channel	National – Live
6/27	Fox Business Network	National – Live
6/28	Fox News Channel	National – Live
7/1	Fox News Channel	National – Live
7/1	CNN	National – mention
7/3	Fox Business Network	National – Live
7/4	Fox News Channel	National – mention
7/5	Fox News Channel	National – Live
7/5	OANN	National – Live
7/5	Fox Business Network	National – Live
7/5	Fox News Channel	National – Live
7/6	Fox News Channel	National – Live
7/6	Fox News Channel	National – mention
7/8	Fox News Channel	National – mention
7/10	Fox Business Network	National – Live
7/13	Fox Business Network	National – Live

Online

7/6	NRA TV	National – Live
7/8	Hill TV	National – Live

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room.

The FBI conducted the raids as part of an ongoing criminal investigation into Cohen's conduct as Trump's "fix-it" man, which was launched by the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York. Cohen has not been charged with a crime, but New York federal prosecutors are probing whether he committed bank and wire fraud or broke any campaign finance laws.

Watchdog says Maxine Waters inciting 'mob violence,' presses ethics complaint

Fox News

July 5, 2018

The head of a conservative watchdog group said Thursday that Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters is inciting "mob violence" with her call for protesters to confront Trump officials

in public, as he urged a formal ethics investigation on Capitol Hill.

"When you're out there ... inciting mob violence against sitting Trump Cabinet members, that doesn't obviously reflect credibly on the House," Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton told *Fox & Friends*. "And the House has to decide whether it's going to allow its members to use the House as a platform and its power and position to attack and incite violence."

Judicial Watch earlier sent a letter to the House Office of Congressional Ethics calling for an investigation into whether the California Democrat violated ethics rules with remarks she made in Los Angeles telling supporters to "push back" on Trump officials seen in public.

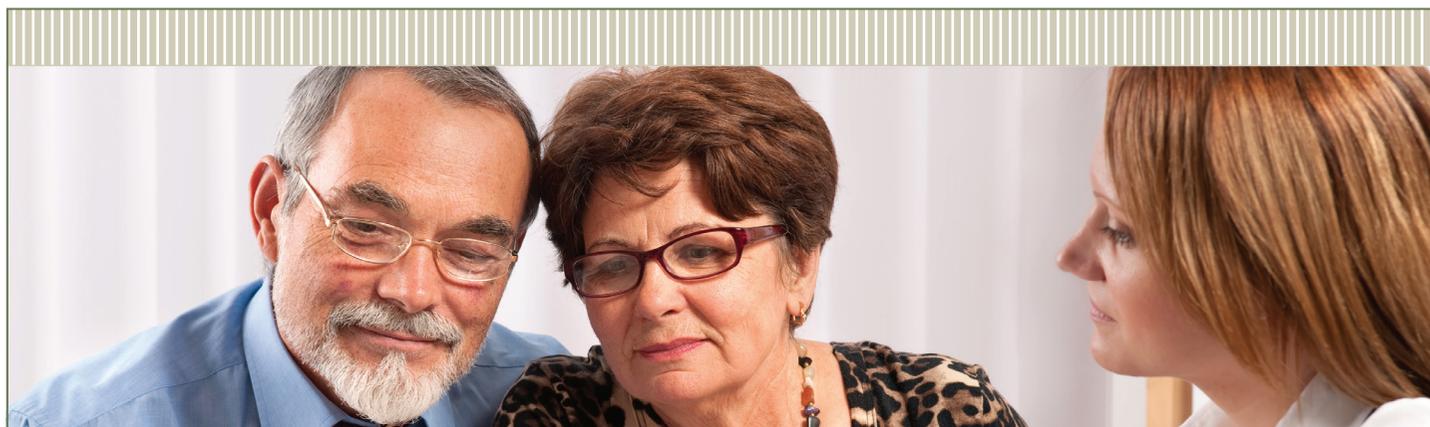
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get out and you create a crowd and you push back on them! And you tell them that they are not welcome, anymore, anywhere," Waters said last month. JW



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