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Ro Wilson, General Manager
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Washington, D.C. 20003

RE: Verifying Accuracy of Transcription: Senate Judiciary Committee's May 22, 2003 "hearing" to confirm the nomination of New York Court of Appeals Judge Richard C. Wesley to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals

Dear Ms. Wilson:

This confirms our phone conversation yesterday morning, May 29th (10:55 a.m., 202-546-6666)¹, in which I identified myself as the "unidentified woman in the audience", whose "voice" is noted by your transcript of the Senate Judiciary Committee's May 22nd "hearing". I requested that you verify the accuracy of your reporter's transcription of my words, which I do not believe to be accurate or complete.

Although your reporter accurately reported my repeated question to the Committee's Presiding Chairman, Senator Saxby Chambliss: "Are you directing that I be arrested? [Tr. 66, Ins. 3, 4, 7] -- which I asked as Capitol Police was pulling me from the "hearing" room -- it is not my recollection that I initially said:

"Mr. Chairman, we are in opposition to Judge Wesley based on his documented corruption at the New York Court of Appeals." [Tr. 65, Ins. 19-22].

¹ This followed our previous phone conversation two days earlier -- at 9:10 a.m. Tuesday morning, May 27th (the first business day after the three-day Memorial Day holiday) -- in which you told me that the transcript would be available for purchase from the company on Thursday, May 29th at \$2.25 per page, the day it was due for delivery to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Rather, my recollection is that I said precisely the words written in my notes from which I read²:

“Mr. Chairman, there’s citizen opposition to Judge Wesley based on his documented corruption as a New York Court of Appeals judge. May I testify?”

As I was at the far end of the last row of the audience, these words may have been somewhat inaudible to your reporter – and I ask that he/she confirm if that was the case.

It is particularly important that your reporter acknowledge any difficulty he/she may have had in hearing what I said because, as discussed, I was arrested, incarcerated for 21 hours, and now have a criminal charge pending against me for “Disruption of Congress”. This, because of what I am purported to have said at the May 22nd “hearing”. According to Capitol Police’s May 22nd “Arrest/Prosecution Report”, I stood up and shouted “Judge Wesley, Look into the corruption of the New York Appeals Court” and further stated I “wanted to ‘testify’”.

Finally, this will confirm that you will preserve the audiotape of the May 22nd “hearing, which you stated you had – and, likewise, your reporter’s raw, untranscribed notes.

Please advise, as soon as possible.

Thank you, in advance, for your anticipated cooperation.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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cc: U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch
U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Patrick Leahy
Senator Saxby Chambliss, Presiding Chairman, May 22nd “Hearing”

² The U.S. Attorney’s May 23rd statement of “Discovery” annexes a copy of the note page, referring to it as “def’s hand-written statement from which she was reading during disruption”.

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Home-State Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton
U.S Attorney for the District of Columbia
Capitol Police

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