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Dear Ms. Abramson,

I look forward to answering any questions about the "disruption of Congress" case – and its electoral significance for Georgia voters, as well as for President-Elect Obama, who has not yet announced his choice of Senator Clinton as Secretary of State.

Meantime, I take this opportunity to furnish you with the pertinent text of the e-mail I have sent today to four other Georgia newspapers, summing up the response of the Jim Martin campaign in its title line:

"Chambliss-Clinton Judgeship Scandal has Martin Campaign on the Sidelines".

Attached is the article about Senator Chambliss' corruption in office, as presiding chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's May 22, 2003 hearing, initiating a completely bogus criminal charge against me for "disruption of Congress" – for which I was incarcerated for six months.

Because the story directly implicates Senator Clinton & the Senate Democratic leadership in the corruption of federal judicial selection, the Jim Martin campaign will not expose what Senator Chambliss did.

My correspondence with the Martin campaign – as likewise with the Associated Press and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, which have been sitting on this story since last week – is posted on www.judgewatch.org, the website of our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA). Click on the top panel "Latest News" or the side panel "Elections: Informing the Voters".

All the documents substantiating this *readily-verifiable* story are posted on our "Paper Trail to Jail" link. This includes the Senate Judiciary Committee videotape of the May 22, 2003 hearing, the police reports bearing Senator Chambliss' name as the complainant, and Senate Counsel's March 26, 2004 motion to quash my subpoena for Senator Chambliss' trial testimony and the testimony of other high-ranking senators, including Senator Clinton.

I am available throughout the holiday and weekend to answer questions and otherwise assist you. You can reach me either at 914-421-1200 or by cell 646-220-7987.

Thank you & Happy Thanksgiving.

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From: Susan Abramson [mailto:sabramson@ajc.com]
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Ms. Sassower,

Thanks for the information you have provided about Saxby Chambliss.
Reporters have it and are taking a look. They will call or email you if they have have questions.

Thanks again,
Susan Abramson



Help Hold Senators Saxby Chambliss And Hillary Clinton Accountable

An Appeal From Doris L. Sassower, President/Co-Founder, Center For Judicial Accountability

In its January 10, 2008 issue, *The Guardian* published an article about the Center for Judicial Accountability's (CJA's) opposition to Senator Clinton's presidential aspirations. It summarized misconduct by Senator Clinton, now reportedly being considered by President-Elect Obama for Secretary of State, as well as misconduct by Georgia Senator Saxby Chambliss, now facing a December 2, 2008 run-off election for a second term.

The article described the chain of events Senator Clinton set in motion – and Senator Chambliss executed – by which my daughter, Elena Sassower, then CJA's coordinator, was arrested on a completely bogus charge of “disruption of Congress”, and prosecuted in a court funded by Congress where she was railroaded to trial and wrongfully-convicted, following which she was sentenced to the maximum jail term of six months after she refused to write apology letters to Senators Clinton and Chambliss, among others.

Her crime? At the Senate Judiciary Committee's May 22, 2003 public hearing to confirm five federal judicial nominees, she respectfully requested to be permitted to testify in opposition to one of those nominees. Her exact words, not uttered until after the hearing was already announced adjourned, were:

“Mr. Chairman, there's citizen op-

position to Judge Wesley based on his documented corruption as a New York Court of Appeals judge. May I testify?”

The chairman presiding, Senator Chambliss, did not answer my daughter's question. Nor did he answer her immediately following question, “Are you directing that I be arrested?”, which Elena repeated three times as Capitol Police led her from the hearing room. Instead, he put on his reading glasses and reached for a paper which, once my daughter was out of the room, he read from:

“Outside witnesses are welcome to submit letters supporting or opposing nominees for the Committee's consideration, but it is not our usual procedure to invite outside witnesses to testify either in support or in opposition to the nomination.

I realize that this lady is disappointed that she is not able to make any statement this afternoon, but her disappointment in no way condones any disruption of this hearing. Again, we will stand adjourned. Thank you very much.”

Such was a deceit. A citizen's respectful request to testify at a public congressional hearing is not “disruption of Congress” -- even were the hearing not already adjourned, which it was. Moreover, two months before the hearing, my daughter, as CJA's coordinator, had asked the Committee, in writing, for its rules, procedures, and standards, simultaneous

with her written request to be permitted to testify in opposition at the confirmation hearing. The Committee never sent any rules, procedures, and standards, or any letter denying her request to testify.

Indeed, it was precisely because the Committee had ignored, without any findings of fact or conclusions of law, the particularized written statement that my daughter had filed with the Committee,

thereafter filed, Senator Chambliss was the “complainant” against my daughter for her alleged “disruption of Congress”. This absolutely entitled her to his testimony at trial. However, with the other Senators, including Senator Clinton, he wrongfully invoked his immunities under the Constitution's “speech and debate clause” to quash her trial subpoena.

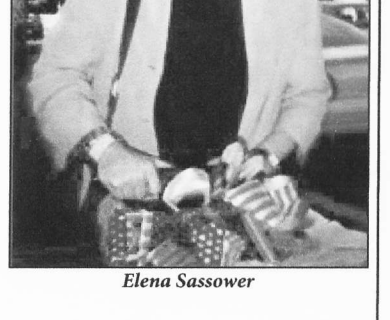
The record of what Senator Chambliss did is readily-verifiable from the primary-source evidence posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, www.judgewatch.org, and accessible via the sidebar panel “Disruption of Congress”. It includes the Senate Judiciary Committee's own videotape of the May 22, 2003 hearing, presided over by Senator Chambliss, as well as the “Paper Trail to Jail” containing my daughter's correspondence with Senator Chambliss and the other big-name Senators, in addition to the litigation papers in D.C. Superior Court.

laying out Judge Wesley's corruption on the New York Court of Appeals, for which she had also transmitted the substantiating documentary proof, that my daughter went down to Washington to request to testify about it. In so doing, my daughter notified the Committee, in advance, that she would be coming to the hearing and would request to testify, if the presiding chairman did not himself ask whether there was anyone who wished to testify – as had been done in the past. For this reason the Committee prepared a script for Senator Chambliss to read – but not until AFTER my daughter had requested to testify and was taken out and arrested.

Minutes after reading the script, Senator Chambliss exited from the backdoor of the hearing room to the corridor, where my daughter was standing in handcuffs. He walked right past her, keeping silent as she asked him “Are you directing that I be arrested? Do you wish me to be arrested?”

According to the police reports

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Such evidence would support criminal prosecutions of Senator Chambliss, as likewise his fellow Senators for their brazen corruption of federal judicial selection and betrayal of the public trust.

It is evidence the voters of Georgia need to know about.



Senator Saxby Chambliss