



**Judicial
Watch**

*Be cause no one is
above the law*

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Dear Mr. Raines,

It's not being reported very much by even the conservative media...

.. but there is ample evidence that **the integrity of our electoral system is under assault by the organized radical Left.** In fact, it has been since at least 2008.

It's also true that many of the forces that make up the organized radical Left are part of billionaire **George Soros's network of advocacy organizations called the Open Society Foundations, or OSF for insiders.**

They are massive, well-funded, and their objective is clear:

To permanently weaken our nation's critical election integrity safeguards .. important ones like **Voter ID** laws and other commonsense election integrity measures that ensure the honesty of our elections.

According to our research, there is a preponderance of evidence that the Left is working feverishly right now to dismantle as many electoral safeguards as possible, allow non-citizens to vote, steal elections, upend the U.S Constitution and consolidate their political power.

I realize these are very serious charges, yet they're very real.

But so far, with a relatively small number of lawsuits (and your indispensable help) your Judicial Watch has been stopping them cold in federal court and arguably doing more to enforce federal voter integrity provisions than the Department of Justice has in the last few decades.

You can take great pride in our success exposing the network of organizations funded by radical billionaire **George Soros through his Open Society Foundations as**

they impact the integrity of our electoral system.

I urge you to read the **Executive Summary** of our findings that I've enclosed.

Our lawyers and investigators regularly cross paths with **Soros' Open Society Foundations** funded lawyers in state and federal courts around the country where our nation's critical election safeguards are being challenged and threatened by their Leftist beliefs.

George Soros and other Leftists oppose Voter ID laws and even oppose existing federal election law requiring states to keep accurate voter rolls, an all-important safeguard against voter fraud...and they are even trying to abolish the Electoral College and incredibly, allow non-citizens the right to vote!

This is all beyond outrageous — but it is all true.

Your **Executive Summary** will fill you in on **Soros**-funded groups advancing his radical electoral agenda (which includes enabling non-citizens to vote and making ACORN-style voter fraud easier to commit).

Our **Election Integrity** work is having significant success combating these efforts... including some from groups funded directly by **George Soros**.

I've written to you about this groundbreaking work suing state elections officials (Republicans and Democrats) who fail to follow provisions of the **National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)** that require states to undertake reasonable efforts to clean their voter rolls of ineligible voters (this alone significantly reduces opportunities for voter fraud on a large scale).

Our litigation has already led to historic settlements and resulted in cleaner, more accurate voter registration rolls in **Ohio, Kentucky and California** (where election officials are now in the process of removing nearly two million ineligible names from their voter rolls).

Additionally, our **Election Integrity** investigation has also turned up a host of other left-wing initiatives designed to tilt the electoral playing field in their favor this year and for years to come. Some of these initiatives are very visible, and others are under the radar screen.

But they are all aimed in the same direction...making it easier for voter fraud to occur, especially the truly massive voter fraud of enabling non-U.S. citizens to vote in our elections.

Our investigators identify these radical Leftist initiatives as **9 Critical Challenges to Fair and Honest Elections in 2020 and Beyond:**

1. **Lax Enforcement of the National Voter Registration Act...**that requires that election officials to take reasonable steps to keep their voter rolls

accurate leaves the door open to voter fraud and can result in dishonest elections.

2. **“Ballot Harvesting”**...permits individuals to “collect” ballots and in theory turn them in to a sanctioned voting office. This practice is clearly open to voter fraud and intimidation and is of great concern in California where liberals recently pushed through an “anything goes” ballot harvesting law.
3. **“Opt-Out” Automatic Voting Registration**...is a system that automatically enrolls individuals as voters, usually as part of obtaining or renewing a driver’s license. It is shot through with opportunities for voter fraud, since many states issue driver’s licenses with minimal or no validation of citizenship status.
4. **Abolition of Voter ID Requirements**...has been a goal of left-wing litigation for years, because Voter ID requirements, along with clean voter rolls, is the best way to keep ineligible voters, including noncitizens, out of the voting booth.
5. **Abolition of Voter Residency Requirements**...this is just coming on to the radar screen as left-wing groups are now challenging a North Dakota election law that requires voters to produce an ID that includes a residential address. Removing this requirement will make it easier for unscrupulous individuals to vote multiple times.
6. **Abolition of the Electoral College**...has long been a goal for many liberals, but it is now gaining traction through a Leftist scheme called the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which calls on states to follow the national popular vote results when casting their Electoral College ballots. The objective is the same...to abolish the Electoral College and go to direct popular voting for president and vice president. Direct popular voting would encourage vote fraud on such a massive scale that it could decide the outcome of a presidential election.
7. **Same-Day Voter Registration**...sounds at first like maybe a good idea, but in fact is another invitation to voter fraud, including allowing ineligible individuals to vote by overloading election clerks and volunteers on Election Day.
8. **Out-of-Precinct Voting**...is a derivation of Same-Day Voter Registration and is ripe with the same dangers for potential voter fraud.
9. **“All Mail-In Ballots” Voting**...this system would put the U.S. Postal Service in the position of conducting our elections (a sobering thought) and enhances the chances of voter fraud.

You’ll find both highly visible AND under-the-radar threats in this list of 9 critical challenges to honest elections, but they are all very serious threats to honest elections that the Left is aggressively pushing.

Not surprisingly, many of the groups leading the charge on these initiatives are part of the network of radical Leftist groups funded by **George Soros'** enormous wealth and his **Open Society Foundations**.

Clearly, what **George Soros**, the radical groups he supports, and the corrupt politicians counting on eliminating electoral safeguards have in common is an absolute determination to overturn laws that limit voting to American citizens along with easing any laws or regulations designed to prevent voter fraud. You can be sure that Judicial Watch is working very hard in this key public policy area to promote election integrity where you and every law-abiding American has a critically important stake.

And I know that's what you would want us to do...

Because besides financial support, you and other supporters are sending us a steady stream of phone calls, letters and emails, and they continue to be clear and direct with us:

**"We love what you're doing helping keep our elections honest.
You're the only ones effectively doing anything in Washington.
Don't stop!"**

So please rest assured, we are not stopping...in fact, if anything we're beefing up.

We continue to add new resources and double up on others with our eyes firmly fixed on two great principles: Support for the rule of law (especially our laws ensuring honest elections); and the right of the American people to know what their government is doing.

That means we will continue to fight aggressively through the courts to support our commonsense **election integrity laws** and enforce our just laws against **illegal immigration**; and we will continue to dig into corrupt **Deep State** efforts to destroy President Trump; and it also means we will continue to fight to hold serial lawbreakers like **Hillary Clinton** accountable for their crimes.

And let me be absolutely clear about your role you and what's at stake:
Judicial Watch today is one of the most important public policy organizations
in the country.

And I'm constantly reminded that fighting for fair and honest elections and advancing the rule of law is always a long march. You see...

**There are no shortcuts in finding out and challenging what the
organized Left and our government is up to.**

Uncovering and prosecuting public wrongdoing often involves complex investigations, massive document reviews, legal analyses, court appearances, collecting witness testimony, writing briefs, and more. We fight corruption wherever we find it... at the state level...in Congress...as well as in the Executive Branch.

And the **Election Integrity** work we are undertaking takes on even more importance this year ...particularly as we work to make sure that only eligible American citizens are allowed to vote.

That's why we closely monitor states for their compliance with the voter roll cleaning provisions of the **National Voting Rights Act**, and why we take them to court when they're not in compliance...

...and that's why we also continue to lead the legal fight in the immigration wars. (I'm sure you can appreciate the important connection between our **election integrity** protection efforts in the courts and our courtroom efforts to end **sanctuary policies** and other federal immigration law violations.)

As I write you today, we are also pursuing two critically important legal challenges to unlawful sanctuary policies for illegal aliens, one in **Santa Clara County, California**, and another in **San Francisco**.

Our **San Francisco** case is now 3 years in the making and is now set for this summer.

However, the harsh reality is that these and all of our lawsuits result in long and costly battles.

And that raises a question I frequently ask...through these long legal wars how do we retain the interest and support of our members? How do we persuade them... especially those who support us at lower dollar levels...to stay loyal over time? This is important for two reasons:

First, Judicial Watch members who support us at the \$35 level are as important and necessary to our future as friends like you who are able to support us with larger donations. That's a cold hard fact. They have the same desire you have in supporting us as we battle corruption and uphold the rule of law. Like you, they know that the rule of law is the cornerstone of our democratic republic and our best protection against corruption and tyranny.

And like you, they depend on us to get the job done...because we Americans are all very concerned about honest elections and ballot integrity, about unprecedented efforts to take down a duly elected President of the United States, about unlawful secrecy in government and about the dangers presented to our nation by corrupt politicians like Hillary Clinton in both parties...

You see why it's important that our members stay with us for the long haul. (Because, sadly, corrupt politicians and the radical Left will always be with us and because the "permanent government" will always incline toward secrecy.)

Second, major donors like you can be a big help with that challenge.

That's one important reason why I'm writing:

To ask you to give our regular \$35 donors extra incentive to renew and upgrade their support this year at the same (and hopefully even greater) pace as in years past. And that's why I am issuing this challenge to you and all our major donors for 2020:

To create a special Challenge Grant Matching Gift Fund that will help inspire our regular members to continue to renew their support in 2020.

Your support now for **this Challenge Fund is one of the most powerful investments you can make in Judicial Watch.**

Many organizations use this kind of challenge fund for good reason. Who wouldn't recognize the tremendous leverage in having their \$35 gift matched and be worth \$70? (The challenge also encourages many \$35 donors to increase their donations to \$50 and even \$100.)

We've had great success in the past nine years with this campaign — so much so that you should know one thing special about our **12th Annual Challenge Grant Matching Gift Fund:**

Every dollar you donate in response to my letter today will be matched and doubled by another dollar from someone else.

That's right:

When you make a **Challenge Fund** donation in response to my letter it will be worth twice that amount when it is matched by other Judicial Watch donors you help inspire...so it'll go twice as far and have twice the impact!

When continuing to litigate on issues like common-sense laws that uphold the honest elections, getting to the facts behind **George Soros'** radical agenda at home and abroad, the **Deep State** conspiracy to take down President Trump, **Hillary Clinton's** email and national security issues, corruption at the **FBI**, and **illegal sanctuary policies**, we urgently need this kind of "doubled support" from you.

Our goal is to raise at least \$3.1 million from you and our other major donors and receive a matching challenge amount of another \$3.1 million from our membership — **for a total of at least \$6.2 million in 2020!** This is an increase over our goal from last year, but I know you agree that we must persist in fighting every election integrity challenge we face.

So, since your **Challenge Fund** gift will be worth even more to us this year, you couldn't choose a better time if you've been thinking of increasing your giving to Judicial Watch.

And even more value from funding our work is precisely what's needed...

...because for those of us concerned about the **U.S. Constitution**, the rule of law, ethics and morality in our nation's public life, it is our duty to persist in fighting for honest elections and the principle that only eligible citizens should vote...plus exposing

what I truly believe is the seditious **Deep State conspiracy to prosecute and destroy the Trump presidency.**

At the same time we are pressuring the Trump administration to work harder to live up to its pledges to “drain the swamp” and get serious about respecting the American people’s right to know.

We have a big year ahead of us...

Taking the fight to the **Soros** network, keeping our elections honest through our **Election Integrity** work, pursuing the full and complete truth about the **Deep State**, pursuing accountability in the **Obama administration and Clinton scandals**, battling deadly and dangerous **sanctuary policies**, pressuring President Trump to adhere to his campaign pledges to clean up Washington...these are our top priorities for 2020.

We’re pressing forward with all of our investigations and litigation because we’re confident that our most generous members like you share our belief that no matter which party is in power, the actions of our government and our public officials must be closely monitored.

We’re also increasing our commitment to public education...a vital component of our mission to combat public corruption and support transparency in government.

That puts us on a forced march to stay on track with all of our investigations, lawsuits and public education efforts. And you can be sure that we’ll continue to investigate corrupt politicians from both political parties — **Republican and Democrat** — in the months ahead. Congress requires constant ethical monitoring and scrutiny!

I cannot think of another time when Judicial Watch has had such impact on so many fronts in the ongoing battles against corruption and for the rule of law.

Whether it’s exposing and challenging the **Soros** network and fighting for honest elections...or exposing the **Deep State** scheme to do “whatever it takes” to bring down President Trump...or pressuring **President Trump** and his team to respect the American people’s right to know — or holding them accountable if they don’t — it’s up to Judicial Watch to be your watchdog in Washington.

Knowing we are strong financially makes it much easier to commit to our aggressive anti-corruption and election integrity protection program in 2020. I really cannot think of another time in our twenty-six year history when there has been so urgent a need for Judicial Watch to be at our best (because if we’re not on the job, it simply won’t get done).

We are conservative, we are independent, and we are not beholden to political parties.

We are fighting for you and the rule of law, and we can meet our challenges if you and other major donors of ours stand with us today and help us retain and renew more members through our **2020 Challenge Grant Matching Gift Fund.**

So remember — please — whatever you send now will multiply twice over!

Your contribution today and the Judicial Watch support it will inspire will be a catalyst to keep us doing what we do best. I can assure you that using your contribution to challenge our supporters will lead us to new investigatory and courtroom victories!

Mr. Raines, I am as hopeful for your **2020 Challenge Fund** donation today as I am grateful for your past support.

Sincerely,

Tom Fitton
President

P.S. Honest elections are the bedrock on which our nation is built and without which, it cannot survive. Please remember, your gift today will be worth double to Judicial Watch. Your highest ever gift to Judicial Watch was \$100. Your gift today of \$100 will be matched by another \$100 with our “renewing member challenge” to equal a total of \$200! I hope you can give at least that much again to help fully fund our **Challenge Grant Matching Gift Fund** campaign for 2020.

P.P.S. Mr. Raines, I want to again thank you for your indispensable support, and for helping us take a sustained leadership role in helping uphold the rule of law... especially versus the deep pockets of George Soros and his network's efforts to corrupt our elections. Your loyalty and generosity will help us continue to lead this effort for our nation for many years to come.