



Are radical leftist groups in the U.S. receiving money from George Soros-funded organizations **AND** U.S. government grants paid for by U.S. taxpayer dollars?

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Dear Mr. Raines,

The short answer, unfortunately, is **YES**:

Your Judicial Watch is now investigating federal government support of George Soros-funded organizations in the U.S. — again!

Judicial Watch lawsuits already uncovered stunning information into allegations of **millions of U.S. taxpayer dollars improperly funneled to radical billionaire George Soros-funded groups overseas with the help of senior officials inside the State Department!**

Our lawsuits showed how **U.S. taxpayer money was being passed through the U.S. State Department and USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development)** to advance **Soros'** radical leftist agenda in countries including **Albania, Colombia, Macedonia and Romania.**

That's right: We found that a Soros official was helping direct taxpayer money (in the form of U.S. government grants) from our State Department to radical Leftists groups in Europe.

So today, as a **Judicial Watch member** and an **American Citizen** you are being asked if you will show your support for continuing our investigations and litigation into these matters and **George Soros'** massive network of U.S. based, radical left-wing organizations, some of which are also receiving funding from U.S. government grants!

Please sign and return the enclosed **AFFIRMATION OF MEMBER SUPPORT/ HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT FORM.** We're now finding more incredible sides to this **George Soros** story happening here in the United States.

Judicial Watch investigations have found that U.S. taxpayer funds are flowing into **Soros-funded groups** working to advance his agenda here at home on fronts ranging from undermining honest U.S. elections to helping create chaos and crisis on our southern border...



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...and we want to know the full picture of U.S. taxpayer support for these Soros-allied groups!

Your signature on the **AFFIRMATION OF MEMBER SUPPORT/HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT** form does not make you a party to or bind you in any way to the outcome of **Judicial Watch's** lawsuits. But it helps Judicial Watch establish a foundation of individual support in each of the relevant twelve federal circuit court districts across the United States to substantiate sufficient public benefit in pursuing these investigative and legal actions.

Naturally, we believe the use of U.S. taxpayer funds to support any individual's personal political agenda is wrong (details of the financial and staffing nexus between OSF and the U.S. government are available in a Judicial Watch investigative report available on our website at <http://jwatch.us/opensociety2018>)...

Based on our discoveries about **Soros'** activities overseas, we are broadening our investigations (and potentially litigation) to get to what the American public needs to know about the extent to which the **Soros' domestic** interests are profiting from U.S. taxpayer funds...and whether more Soros associates are helping direct U.S. taxpayer dollars in the form of grants to Soros-funded groups here at home!

Your signature allows Judicial Watch to establish an appropriate record of public support of our investigative and any litigation proceedings into taxpayer support for **George Soros' Open Society Foundations**.

If you agree, please sign the enclosed AFFIRMATION OF MEMBER SUPPORT and HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT document and return it using the registered co-complainant envelope provided.

The issues supported by the Soros-funded network of radical-left organizations within the United States...

George Soros' biggest contributions to fundamentally transform America go through his **Open Society Foundations (OSF)**, which provides hefty financial support to groups that work to impact public policy in the United States and share **OSF's** radical-left views.

According to the OSF website, it has contributed \$1.5 BILLION to groups in the U.S. alone. And in a stunning move in late 2017, Soros transferred the bulk of his personal wealth...**\$18 BILLION**...to the **OSF**, which is now second only to the Bill and Melinda Gates's Foundation in U.S. assets.

Now, George Soros has every right to spend his money any lawful way. And he can surely contribute his wealth to any organization (however radical) as he pleases. But it's his huge influence in the U.S. government that concerns us the most...

And so the question is huge as well: Why are many of these radical groups receiving contributions from George Soros' organization ALSO receiving U.S. government grants and U.S. taxpayer dollars to support activities like these?

- Weakening important safeguards like Voter ID laws designed to protect the integrity of our elections in order to make it easier for unqualified individuals (including non-U.S. citizens and felons) to vote in American elections.
- Advocating for mandated “all mail-in” voting, which is nothing more than a cynical exploitation of Covid-19 by the Left financed chiefly by **Soros**-funded groups to eliminate any possibility of verifying voters’ identities at polling stations (“all mail-in” voting has now become the Left’s top political objective as we head toward the November 2020 elections).
- Promoting an open U.S. border with Mexico and healthcare benefits and voting rights for illegal aliens; and opposing all commonsense efforts to enforce our laws against illegal immigration.

This is where U.S. taxpayer funds are flowing to domestic U.S. left-wing groups funded by George Soros...

Judicial Watch investigators have unveiled how the following **Soros-funded groups** also receive support from American taxpayers in the form of government grants:

- 1) **Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAAJ).** Its issue areas include immigrant advocacy, opposition to the citizenship question on the 2020 Census and voting rights. Earlier this year, AAAJ joined a lawsuit against the state of Texas by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund to prevent the state from investigating registered but potentially ineligible voters. **In addition to receiving \$650,000 in 2016 from the Open Society Foundations (OSF), AAAJ has received more than \$2.6 million in grants from the U.S. Government since 2008.**
- 2) **Casa de Maryland.** A radical state lobbying organization for amnesty and expanded rights for illegal aliens in Maryland. **OSF contributed \$370,000 to this group in 2017, while it also received more than \$5 million from various U.S. agencies since 2010.**
- 3) **The Leadership Conference.** This umbrella group of liberal advocacy groups is engaged in a variety of efforts, including fighting voter ID laws, the reinstatement of voting rights for convicted felons, and lobbying for automatic, same-day and online voter registration. Its president has described the group as the “strategic hub of the resistance against President Trump.” **It received \$3.3 million from the OSF in 2016 and 2017 and its Education Fund received a non-competitive \$2.9 million grant from the Department of Commerce in 2008.**
- 4) **National Fair Housing Alliance.** This liberal group describes itself as “the voice of fair housing.” **It received \$475,000 from the OSF in 2016 and nearly \$16 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development since 2008.**
- 5) **National Immigration Law Center.** This organization advocates for full access to government social welfare programs for illegal aliens. **It received \$625,000 from the OSF in 2016, and more than \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice**

since 2008.

- 6) **New Venture Fund.** Another liberal umbrella group, it has been active in voter education, get out the vote mobilization efforts and “redistricting reform.” **It received more than \$2.3 million in grants from the Foundation to Promote Open Society (part of the OSF) in 2016 and 2017, and more than \$1.2 million from U.S government agencies since 2014.**
- 7) **Unidos US (formerly the National Council of La Raza).** Still generally known as **La Raza**, it is one of the most radical and powerful Latino advocacy groups in the country, engaging in large-scale voter registration drives and advocating for a variety of open-borders positions. **It received \$400,000 from the OSF in 2016 and has received a staggering \$36.9 million since 2008 from five U.S. government agencies.**

More facts we’ve learned about George Soros funding of the open-borders and the amnesty movement for illegal aliens...

Through his **Open Society Foundations**, **George Soros** has founded dozens of radical groups dedicated to effectively erasing America’s borders and any legal distinctions between citizens and non-citizens in our country.

A key component of these groups’ strategy is to enact amnesty for illegal aliens, inevitably leading to illegal aliens voting in American elections. Here is a partial list of open-border and pro-amnesty groups Soros’ groups have funded:

America’s Voice (pro-comprehensive immigration reform); **American Bar Association Commission on Immigration Policy** (“opposes laws that require employers and persons providing education, health care or other social services to verify citizenship or immigration status”); **American Immigration Council** (pro-amnesty); **American Immigration Law Foundation** (legal actions in support of amnesty); **Brennan Center for Justice** (legal actions, *pro bono* support to activists, media campaigns); **Casa de Maryland**; **Center for Constitutional Rights** (pro-open-borders); **National Council of La Raza**; **National Immigration Forum** (pro-amnesty for illegal aliens and more visas for individuals wishing to immigrate legally to the U.S.); **National Immigration Law Center.**

Soros and the organizations he funds are also major supporters of “**sanctuary**” policies in cities, counties and states across America. Most **sanctuary** policies undermine and violate federal immigration law by forbidding local police from cooperating with federal immigration authorities. (As you know, **Judicial Watch** is leading the charge against sanctuary policies and is now preparing for trial in a historic challenge to **San Francisco’s** particularly deadly sanctuary policy).

This is what we know about George Soros funding groups that want to weaken ballot integrity and open voting in U.S. elections to ineligible voters...

As a well-informed **Judicial Watch** member, you know that **Judicial Watch** is non-partisan and does not endorse or oppose candidates for public office. We have sued

corrupt Republican and Democratic politicians (and there are plenty in both parties). We firmly believe that our elections should be conducted honestly and free of corruption, and that only eligible voters should be allowed to cast votes. In that regard, we are the national leader in forcing states to clean voter rolls between elections as required by federal law, and we've supported a number of state efforts to enact commonsense election integrity measures like Voter ID.

But the dangers to the integrity of our elections is multiplied many times over.

Today, we are confronted with the organized Left's massive national effort, backed by Soros-funded groups, to effectively eliminate traditional, in-person voting on Election Day and replace it with mandated mail-in voting...not just for 2020 but permanently!

In 2016 when it was revealed he was funding legal challenges across the country to state efforts to ensure honest elections. Under the guise of "protecting minority voting rights" and looking toward the 2020 elections, our investigators have learned that the Left is undertaking a massive legal effort to undermine and oppose commonsense election integrity laws...

And George Soros-backed groups are deeply involved in this effort! This is a partial list of "voting rights" groups that the **Open Society Foundations** fund:

The Advancement Project (which advertises itself as "the next generation, multi-racial civil rights organization"); **Bend the Arc Jewish Action** (condemns voter ID laws as barriers that make it harder for minorities to vote); **Demos** (whose board is now chaired by the daughter of radical U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren); **Project Vote** (the voter-mobilization arm of the discredited ACORN organization, which also received Soros support); **Southern Coalition for Social Justice** (involved in several challenges to voter ID and redistricting legal challenges in the South).

In an example of their current attack on in-person voting veteran Democratic election lawyer Marc Elias is now the key election lawyer in Soros-world...

In the past, he led former Democratic Senator Al Franken's legal team during a controversial 2008 Senate recount in Minnesota that resulted in Franken being elected after Elias' handiwork swung over 1,000 votes in Franken's favor.

Then in 2016 he represented a group that registered dead voters, and worked closely with Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, helped Clinton take over the Democratic National Committee, and smear her opponent with the infamous "Trump Dossier."

At the present time he is leading a legal attack in **Pennsylvania** seeking to prevent election officials from rejecting votes even if a signature on the ballot is completely different from the voter's signature on file.

Incredible. If that isn't an open invitation to voter-fraud, I don't know what is!

At the same time Inflammatory rhetoric from **Soros-funded** groups and echoed by the liberal media and radical liberal politicians argue that commonsense ballot integrity measures like Voter ID and cleaning voter rolls create “barriers” for minority voters. We found these arguments to be baseless (and proven in **North Carolina** recently when minority voting increased after a Voter ID law was enacted). These arguments are used to distract the public from the Left’s objective...which is to make it easier for ineligible individuals (including felons and non-citizens) to vote, presumably for candidates supported by the Left.

Now the Leftist media parrot the argument that the country “needs” to move immediately to “all mail-in” voting...requiring that a mail-in ballot be automatically sent to every registered voter.

This dangerously ludicrous idea, supposedly justified as a “Covid-19 response,” would put our elections into the hands of the U.S. Postal Service, certainly a very troubling idea to all voters...

(Back in 2005, a bipartisan Commission on Federal Election Reform headed by former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker found that **“absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.”**)

And in 2016, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission found that more mail-in ballots were misdirected to wrong addresses or unaccounted for than the number of votes separating Hillary Clinton from Donald Trump...Clinton led Trump by 2.9 million votes yet 6.5 million ballots were misdirected or unaccounted for by the states!

Yet despite everything we know about the inaccuracy of registered voter lists and the Post Office’s dismal record of delivery performance compounded by the disruptions caused by COVID-19...now the Left wants to go to what is in effect elections conducted entirely by absentee ballots and the Postal Service!

And believe me, “all mail-in” voting is not just a left-wing pipedream...far from it. In March this year, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) demanded that a vote-by-mail option be mandated by the federal government to the states as part of the first coronavirus aid bill!

Fortunately, this provision failed to make it into the legislation, but Speaker Pelosi and other liberal leaders remain fully committed to pushing this key provision of the **George Soros** electoral agenda into law.

Even more ominously, liberal California Gavin Newsom recently issued a statewide vote-by-mail mandate binding on every county in the state requiring that every registered voter in California be mailed a ballot ahead of this November’s elections.

That’s when your Judicial Watch lawyers swung into action...

On May 21st on behalf of California taxpayers including former Congressman Darrell Issa, Judicial Watch filed a lawsuit to block this mandate...

Our complaint asserts that Governor Newsom’s mandate violates the U.S Constitution’s

delegation of power to state legislatures, not governors, to set the “***Times, Place and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives.***”

Additionally, we are seeking to block this dangerous mandate on the grounds that it violates a 2016 California law that grants individual counties the option to qualify for and opt into a system of mail-in voting.

It should be clear by now to everyone that George Soros and the Left see weakening ballot integrity an important key to ensuring victories for their leftist allies far into the future.

And in another new area of activity for the Soros network we found that a **Soros** foundation gave \$1 million to an organization that favors electing the president and vice president by popular vote, **effectively abolishing the Electoral College**. The purported mission of the group, National Popular Vote Inc., is to ensure that “every vote counts.”

But, in fact, abolishing the **Electoral College** and electing the president and vice president by popular vote is one more leftist assault on the U.S. Constitution that would **make it easier for non-citizens to vote in U.S. elections**. Attempts to abolish the Electoral College are designed to weaken or eliminate existing legal safeguards for our elections and tilt the electoral playing field permanently in the Left’s favor.)

You’ll find enclosed with my letter a useful **FACT SHEET** detailing many of these leftist groups, including organizations like the **ACLU** and the **National Council of La Raza** who receive funding from the **Open Society Foundations and U.S. government**.

But what is there we don’t know...?

Are U.S. taxpayer dollars being improperly funneled to Soros-funded domestic groups with allied bureaucrats inside our federal government agencies?

- **We also want to know if federal agencies (like the U.S. State Department) are improperly steering U.S. taxpayer-funded government grants to Soros-favored and supported Leftist non-profits?** We already have government documents showing how the Soros operation helped the State Department review grant applications from other groups for taxpayer funding.
- **We also want to know if Soros-funded groups are receiving U.S. taxpayer dollars** to support other elements of the Soros agenda like taxpayer-funded abortion on demand, a government-run health care system, transnational climate change agreements that compromise our sovereignty, and gun-control and other restrictions on Second Amendment rights.

These are important questions that the American people have a right to have answered... and that’s why Judicial Watch is on the case! We firmly believe Americans should know whether or not their taxpayer dollars are being funneled to Soros domestic groups, just as we proved beyond a doubt happened overseas!

We believe that George Soros is a very dangerous man whose

activities should be challenged in court and brought to the attention of the American public.

Commensurate with our mission to support the rule of law, **Judicial Watch** has long been a leader in fighting for enforcement of our nation's laws against illegal immigration and proper enforcement of our nation's laws that protect election integrity. Our ongoing investigative and legal actions in these two closely related areas frequently bring us into direct contact with **Soros-funded** organizations, so we think we "know a thing or two" about the dangers he and his groups represent to our proud Republic.

**Your Signature on the Honorary Co-Complainant/
Member Affirmation Of Support**

Clearly, **George Soros** has parlayed his immense wealth into becoming the biggest and most influential funder of left-wing causes in the United States and the world.

His financial influence in our nation extends not only into a vast array of well-funded organizations but also into the **Democratic Party**, the **mainstream media** and **senior public officeholders and federal government officials**.

It is the question of the day whether more officials in the U.S. government are improperly directing taxpayer dollars to Soros groups at home ...as we proved they did overseas.

Judicial Watch is seeking to answer this question.

But taking on **George Soros** is a monumental task...and in light of his transfer of **\$18 billion dollars into his Open Society Foundations**, our challenge is even greater. And considering the potential for Soros' to leverage our tax dollars to advance his radical agenda at home and abroad, it is vital that we establish an unassailable record of public and member support of our lawsuits and investigations into Soros' activities in all relevant twelve Federal Court Districts.

That's why I am asking for your help today with a special tax-deductible contribution along with your signature on the enclosed Affirmation of Member Support/Honorary Co-Complainant form.

As a non-profit organization, Judicial Watch relies on tax-deductible contributions from generous and committed members like you to continue to be the most successful and effective independent government watchdog in the country.

And I believe that you, as an informed, commonsense conservative, understand that the fight against corruption and for government transparency is constant...that your Judicial Watch cannot afford to let up even briefly from our lawsuits and investigations, no matter who is in the White House or who controls Congress.

Together, we can stand firm for the rule of law...

Strong forces of corruption, influence and power...many of them funded by **George Soros**...are lined up against us, but we are determined to demonstrate to our



government leaders and the courts that it is not just the attorneys and investigators of **Judicial Watch** who are in this fight, but behind us are law-abiding members like you! And the best way to help me do that is for you to:

- Sign the enclosed **AFFIRMATION OF MEMBER SUPPORT /HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT** form to help us establish a record of support in the twelve federal court circuits for our investigations into the radical **George Soros** empire; and show your support of our current and future lawsuits to force the release of government documents the American people have a right to see;
- And please make a generous tax-deductible gift to help sustain this ongoing undertaking and all of **Judicial Watch's** investigations and litigation that fight *for* the rule of law and *against* public corruption.

So let me be clear about this: Your signed **AFFIRMATION OF MEMBER SUPPORT/HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT** form does not make you a party to, or bind you in any way to the outcome of our lawsuits. But your declaration of member support for our work is important. This effort is non-partisan and focused exclusively on our support for the rule of law and educating the American people about the full extent of **George Soros** funding radical groups and how and whether these groups are being supported by **U.S. federal government agencies** and their influence on vital public policies. So please sign your enclosed document and include your contribution to help sustain our work. Thank you for supporting **Judicial Watch!**

Sincerely,



Thomas Fitton
President

P.S. Your Judicial Watch is America's preeminent government watchdog group. Since 1994 we have used our nation's open-records laws, especially the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the courts to challenge government secrecy and expose and prosecute public corruption. Investigating the labyrinth finances of the groups backed by **George Soros, now even more flush with cash after he transferred \$18 billion into his "charity"** is both daunting and expensive. Your signed **AFFIRMATION OF MEMBER SUPPORT/HONORARY CO-COMPLAINANT** document is a powerful tool and so, too, is your most special tax-deductible gift.

P.P.S. Mr. Raines, our investigators also uncovered evidence that groups supported by **Soros' Open Society Foundations** are helping promote, organize and support the unprecedented flood of illegal aliens over our southern border, including the infamous "migrant caravans" from Central America. For your donation I'll send you (while our supply lasts) a copy of our comprehensive report titled ***The Financial and Staffing Nexus Between the Open Society Foundations and the United States Government*** that rips the curtain off the Soros scheme to overwhelm our immigration system and sheds light on the **"revolving personnel door" between the vast Soros network and U.S. government.**