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Date: _____

Washington, DC

Re: Your Support is Requested

To the Honorable _____;

I write to you as a member of the American public seeking the aid of those elected to act on our behalf. Because of your support & dedication to the Constitution & the truth I, and the many other supporters of Reality Winner feel it is time to reach out to you & your cohorts for your personal assistance.

The authority of Congress to investigate another branch of government is not directly written in the Constitution, however, it is an implied constitutional power. As I'm sure you are aware, congressional oversight enables House & Senate members to serve as the eyes and ears of the American public, and it is the hope of many Americans that our eyes and ears are not covered and our hands not bound from raising them in protest of the persecution of a fellow American that served and protected our country.

It is my hope that you are aware of who Reality Leigh Winner is, but in case you aren't, the following is a brief explanation of who she is and why we are seeking your aide. Reality Winner is a 27-year-old US Air Force veteran that proudly served her country. After successfully supporting our drone program as a Middle Eastern linguist and receiving a Commendation Medal for her excellence in the

program, Winner decided to work in the private sector and became an NSA contractor.

In May of 2017, while President Trump was still denying any Russian involvement in the attack on our democracy, the then 25-year-old Winner unearthed a single document providing proof of the Russian spear-phishing attack

On certain US election support companies during the 2016 Presidential Election.

Outraged, and not understanding why this information was being kept from the public, young Winner snuck the document out of the building in her pantyhose in order to transfer this verifiable proof to an online news organization, The Intercept.

To that end, Reality and her supporters don't deny her illegally leaking that single document, but there are a few factors that need to be kept in mind when looking at her case:

First, from the beginning, the Department of Justice ran roughshod over Reality's rights. An all-male team of eleven FBI agents, ten of them armed, were directed to raid Winner's Georgia home, seeking to execute search warrants, including a search of her person. And though she was confined to her old, dingy laundry room, her car keys taken from her and forced to ask permission to use the bathroom and tend to her pets, the FBI agents claimed Reality was "not under arrest," and therefore, no Miranda Rights were read to her.

Following her arrest, the conditions of Reality's confinement were unfair and inhumane, characterized by prolonged waits for medical care, food that was

unsuitable for her dietary needs, threats of solitary confinement for actions taken by others (who Reality had no control over,) and unprecedented restrictions on contact with the media, friends, family and supporters. Reality was also subjected to physical violence of detoxing addicts, to which she was unable to defend herself lest she look like a violent criminal.

During the court proceedings, the Department of Justice continued to hamstring Reality's defense by refusing to allow most exhibits for submission and refusing to rule on the FBI's failure to read Reality her rights after they took steps to confine her. After Reality was denied pre-trial bond four times and the biased federal court struck down 40 of the 41 defense witness subpoenas, Reality was bullied into accepting an unfair plea deal resulting in a record-setting 5+ year sentence for releasing one document, one time, with no prior criminal, nor violation history with no chance for an appeal.

In addition to the DOJ's stranglehold on Reality's defense, the document itself was the subject of scrutiny as the information in it, and what it provided proof of, was already public knowledge. Television, internet, and paper news medias were all reporting on the proof of Russian hacking in our 2016 election, yet the DOJ kept the document classified. As another case of overclassification, this allowed the prosecutors to only have to prove that Reality shared classified information, and Reality could not mention the document in her defense, not even to say she did not harm the American public.

Our concerns are two-fold; Every American should be granted her constitutional, civil, and human rights, regardless of being charged with any specific laws or acts. Furthermore, something must be done to stop any department of power from using the Espionage Act as its own personal weapon against American citizens alerting their fellow citizens of political corruption or wrongdoing. Our country supports & protects whistleblowers unless that whistleblower is not in National Security.

Honorable _____, I implore you to not only consider how the Espionage Act is not being used as intended, and instead is suppressing information that every American is entitled to know, but also to open an investigation into the Department of Justice's handling of Reality Leigh Winner's entire case. I have included a few excerpts and sources for your reference at the end of this letter if you would like to know more about her case.

I thank you for serving the American people and urge you to make the correct decision for the rights of every United States citizen, including those truth tellers in National Security not currently protected by whistleblower laws.

Sincerely,

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Article

<http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2017/12/who-is-reality-winner.html>

Excerpt

“Why isn’t this getting out there?” she thought. “Why can’t this be public?” It was surprising to hear that someone hadn’t already done it. “The disclosure system, the whistle-blower system, the ability to bring wrongdoing and questions about policy, is fraught with corruption,” says Drake, who speaks mostly in a kind of outraged abstraction. “It does not protect the whistle-blower, the truth-teller. It’s designed to ferret them out and hammer them from within.” “Why do I have this job, Reality thought, if I’m just going to sit back and be helpless?”

Article

<https://shadowproof.com/2018/08/23/nsa-whistleblower-reality-winner-receives-longest-sentence-ever-unauthorized-disclosure/>

Excerpt

Winner was arrested on June 3, 2017, after FBI agents raided her home. In a small back room in her home, agents controlled her movements, never told her she was “free to leave,” nor did they inform her she had the right to remain silent. The FBI successfully induced a confession that agents recorded. (What happened during the raid was challenged by defense attorneys through a motion to suppress statements, but ultimately, no ruling on the motion was ever issued by the court.)

Article

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/29/politics/reality-winner-media-blackout-prison/index.html>

Excerpt

"They don't want the world to be exposed to the real Reality Winner," Winner-Davis told CNN in a tearful interview at the small home in rural southern Texas where she raised her daughter. "The prosecution painted her to be a very evil person, who hates her country ... who needed to be feared by the American people," Winner-Davis said. "And I honestly believe they are afraid that if America gets to know who Reality Winner really is, they are going to see that wasn't the case at all."

Article

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/reality-winner-whistleblower-sentencing-715064/>

Excerpt

The fact that her case failed to catch on as a cause célèbre for the mainstream left is a tribute, at least in part, to Department of Justice lawyers who made sure particular details — a throwaway comment that she “hate[ed] America” because of capitalism and a note she’d scribbled in her diary expressing a desire to “burn the White House down” — ultimately defined the public narrative about her.