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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
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Dear Chairman Conyers:

I would like to bring to your attention the story of my husband, Peter Palivos. This story represents serious issues of injustice from the criminal justice department. Peter Palivos, a respected attorney of more 22 years in Chicago, Illinois was recently tried and convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice charges. The charges brought by U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald's office stemmed from my husband's unwillingness to cooperate as a witness against former Governor George Ryan.

Since my husband did not cooperate, federal prosecutors and agents created a crime, intimidated witnesses into testifying falsely against my husband and intimidated attorneys into not disclosing that their clients were forced to testify falsely.

A detailed explanation of crimes created, the actors involved is attached in my report. The actions of the U.S. Attorney's office must not go unchecked. To do so, would lead to an erosion of democracy and fundamental fairness. I urge you to use the power of your committee to investigate the issues surrounding the conviction of my husband, Peter Palivos.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I am available to discuss this matter at your convenience.

Respectfully,


Vicky Palivos

Enclosures

Cc: The Honorable Bobby Scott (D-VA)
The Honorable Bobby L. Rush (D-IL)
The Honorable Danny K. Davis (D-IL)