

STATEMENT OF GEOFFREY FIEGER  
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SHORTLY AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 2004, AND AFTER ALBERTO GONZALES WENT TO THE ICU OF A WASHINGTON, D.C. HOSPITAL IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO HAVE THEN ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT SIGN OFF ON ILLEGAL WIRE TAPPING, BUSH APPOINTED ALBERTO GONZALES AS ATTORNEY GENERAL. SINCE THAT TIME, GONZALES HAS EMBARKED ON AN UNPRECEDENTED CAMPAIGN TO TURN THE UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INTO A POLITICAL ARM OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

RECENT INVESTIGATIONS BY BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE HAVE REVEALED THAT ALBERTO GONZALES IS BOTH CORRUPT AND HAS REPEATEDLY DECEIVED CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

IN 2005, GONZALES, WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF KARL ROVE AND OTHERS WITHIN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION, BEGAN A CAMPAIGN TO DESTROY THE FUND RAISING ABILITY OF DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOHN EDWARDS BY ATTEMPTING TO INTIMIDATE HIS SUPPORT BY TRIAL LAWYERS. AS EVERYONE KNOWS, JOHN EDWARDS WAS A WELL KNOWN TRIAL ATTORNEY BEFORE HE BECAME A UNITED STATES SENATOR.

OVER 100 FBI AGENTS RAIDED MY OFFICES AND THE HOMES OF MY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS IS 50 MORE AGENTS THAN WERE ASSIGNED TO CATCH OSAMA BIN LADEN IN AFGHANISTAN AT TORA BORA SINCE THAT TIME, AND FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS, GONZALES' POLITICAL

AGENTS HAVE THREATENED AND HARASSED MY FRIENDS, FAMILY AND EMPLOYEES. THEY HAVE REPEATEDLY THREATENED TO PROSECUTE MY EMPLOYEES UNLESS THEY LIE ABOUT ME.

IT IS A TRULY SAD DAY IN AMERICA WHEN POLITICAL PROSECUTIONS ARE BECOMING A COMMON PLACE OCCURRENCE.

GONZALES' DETROIT OFFICE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN FALSELY TARGETING DEMOCRATS, AS HAS BEEN WELL DEMONSTRATED BY THE INCREDIBLE PROSECUTION OF LOCAL DEMOCRATS CARL MARLINGA AND THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FOUR-YEAR INVESTIGATION OF WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE EDWARD MCNAMARA.

THE TIMING OF THESE UNPRECEDENTED CHARGES, THAT HAVE NO SUPPORT IN FACT OR LAW, DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN, IS SOLELY INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE DEMOCRATIC SUPPORTERS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

THE FALSE CHARGES MADE AGAINST ME AND MY PARTNER TODAY WILL ULTIMATELY FAIL. WHEN THEY DO, IT WILL BE INCUMBENT UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO REMOVE FROM OFFICE ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS POLITICAL CHARADE BECAUSE THEY PRESENT A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER TO OUR AMERICAN FREEDOMS AND OUR NOTION OF JUSTICE FOR ALL.