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Chief Justice John Roberts
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington D.C. 20543

Dear Chief Justice Roberts;

Accompanying this letter is a copy of a letter to Justice Breyer and three judicial misconduct complaints filed against a district court judge in Utah, a panel of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the chief judge of that circuit. We are very angry about the biased and dishonest way the case was handled and have sent letters to many members of Congress documenting the actions of these judges.

I write to you to address the matter of judicial pay. You have spoken eloquently about the need to raise the salaries of federal judges yet you make no demand that these same judges act ethically. The judiciary has become elitist and arrogant and displays a shocking disregard for the rights of average Americans. Our experience in federal court, described in these complaints, corroborates this assertion. If the actions of the judges involved in our case are typical, and we now believe that they are, then under no circumstances should the judiciary receive a pay raise. You have the duty and responsibility to demand that federal judges apply the law equally and not be blinded by their own ideology before you lobby for a salary increase.

In our case the common denominator was the Federalist Society. Both Judges Paul Cassell and Timothy Tymkovich are known members, Tenth Circuit Chief Judge Deanell Tacha is closely aligned with that extremist organization and may be a member, Judge Claire Eagan is approved by them, the lead attorney representing the Utah Transit Authority is a member and this case originated in Utah where Senator Orrin Hatch is the de facto leader of the Federalist Society. The contempt and hostility shown to working class Americans by members and affiliates of this organization is shocking. Their agenda appears to be to protect the interests of the powerful and politically well connected as well as their colleagues accused of misconduct. They hardly merit a pay raise. Indeed, they have betrayed the principals this nation was founded on.

Chief Justice Roberts, we intend to continue to make the argument that unless the courts moderate and treat all parties equally then there should be no consideration by Congress of increased compensation. It is your duty as Chief Justice to address this matter. I would very much appreciate a response.

Very Sincerely,
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Tenth Circuit Chief Judge Deanell Tacha
Tenth Circuit Judge Timothy Tymkovich
Tenth Circuit Senior Judge Robert McWilliams
District Court Judge Claire Eagan
District Court Judge Paul Cassell
Representative Jim Matheson
Senator Robert Bennett