



Republican National Committee

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Attorney General Eric Holder
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

Over the past months we have heard several different versions of whether or not Congressman Joe Sestak was offered a federal job or appointment if he were to forgo his campaign for the United States Senate.

Beginning in February of this year, Congressman Sestak, while refusing to go into any specifics, has repeatedly claimed he was offered a high-level position in the current Administration were he to end his campaign for the United States Senate.

A May 28 report by the White House Counsel Robert F Bauer confirmed that former President Bill Clinton approached Congressman Sestak to discuss positions within the Administration should Sestak end his campaign.

Yet, just last week, at a campaign event in Scranton, Pennsylvania, President Clinton said he never approached Sestak. His comments directly contradict the White House Counsel's report.

The offering of any federal position for political purposes raises questions of criminal law and goes against the foundations of our government and its integrity. The American people have a right to know if any such offer was made and by whom. It has become clear that the only way to get to the bottom of this is for the Department of Justice to begin a formal investigation. I call on you to begin such an investigation immediately so that the voters of Pennsylvania, and voters throughout the nation, can have full confidence that our elections are not tampered with and that those in the highest positions of power do not for political purposes abuse the office with which they are entrusted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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