

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Roslynn R. Mauksopf
Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts
Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States
One Columbus Circle, NE
Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Judge Maukopf:

We write to bring to the attention of the Committee on Financial Disclosure new accounts of Justice Clarence Thomas's failure to disclose gifts required to be reported under federal law. Recent ProPublica reporting revealed that Justice Thomas has failed to disclose years' worth of lavish gifts from billionaire benefactors, including free travel on private jets, helicopters, and yachts; lodging at commercial properties; and "VIP passes to professional and college sporting events."¹ As with other gifts to Justice Thomas unearthed over the past several months,² there appears to be no justification for Justice Thomas's omission of many of these gifts from his annual financial disclosure reports required by the Ethics in Government Act.

Coupled with the reports of multiple undisclosed gifts from Harlan Crow to which we previously alerted the Committee, these new revelations reveal an unmistakable pattern of noncompliance by Justice Thomas that supports a finding of reasonable cause to believe that these omissions were willful. As the Committee considers our request to refer Justice Thomas to the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 13106(b), it must consider the full scope of Justice Thomas's omissions, including these new revelations.

We hope the Committee on Financial Disclosure moves quickly to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,



SHELDON WHITEHOUSE
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on
Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action,
and Federal Rights



HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.
Ranking Member, House Judiciary
Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual
Property, and the Internet

¹ Brett Murphy & Alex Mierjeski, *Clarence Thomas' 38 Vacations: The Other Billionaires Who Have Treat the Supreme Court Justice to Luxury Travel*, ProPublica (Aug. 10, 2023), <https://www.propublica.org/article/clarence-thomas-other-billionaires-sokol-huizenga-novelly-supreme-court>.

² See Joshua Kaplan et al., *Clarence Thomas and the Billionaire*, ProPublica (Apr. 6, 2023), <https://www.propublica.org/article/clarence-thomas-scotus-undisclosed-luxury-travel-gifts-crow>; Justin Elliott et al., *Billionaire Harlan Crow Bought Property From Clarence Thomas. The Justice Didn't Disclose the Deal.*, ProPublica (Apr. 13, 2023), <https://www.propublica.org/article/clarence-thomas-harlan-crow-real-estate-scotus>; Joshua Kaplan et al., *Clarence Thomas Had a Child in Private School. Harlan Crow Paid the Tuition.*, ProPublica (May 4, 2023), <https://www.propublica.org/article/clarence-thomas-harlan-crow-private-school-tuition-scotus>.