

To The Honorable Senator from Vermont
Patrick Leahy

I would like to start this letter by congratulating you on the resounding victory the democrats enjoyed in the midterm elections of 2006. The American public has presented the Democrats with a mandate for change, and it is my sincere hope that this opportunity will not be squandered.

It is for this reason that I would like to petition your office, as Chair of the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee, to follow up on a verbal pledge you made to ask the difficult questions associated with the events of September 11, 2001.

Specifically, you stated in September of 2006:

“The two questions that the congress will not ask, because republicans wont allow it, is why did 9/11 happen on George Bush's watch when he had clear warnings that it was going to happen? Why did they allow it to happen? And secondly, when they had Osama Bin Laden cornered why didn't they get him?”

But, the questions do not stop there. On August 12, 2006 the Washington Post reported that the 9/11 Commissioners themselves considered filing criminal charges with the Justice Department against NORAD, for knowingly providing them with false information regarding our failed air defenses on that day.

Yet, the 9/11 Commission Report was allowed to go forward, under the leadership of Executive Director Phillip Zelikow, with these known inaccuracies included. Zelikow, as you know, headed up George W. Bush's presidential transition team in 2000-2001, and co-authored a book with Condoleeza Rice. Hardly an unbiased and independent Executive Director.

“The US government and 9/11 Commission are covering up – 42%”

**Results from nationwide poll
Zogby America, 5/12/06 through 5/16/06**

“16% of Americans think the government is telling the truth about 9/11”

According to a New York Times/CBS News poll,

Polls clearly indicate that the American public is unwilling to accept or believe only partial answers to these questions. The implications of this are staggering.

It is for this reason that I would like to petition your office to reopen 9/11 for congressional criminal investigations under your leadership. I believe it is of vital interest to the people of Vermont, and the Republic itself, that the American public be provided with full accountability and transparency on the issue of 9/11.

Sincerely,
