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Conyers, Judiciary Members Ask AG for Documents, Information on Alabama's Siegelman Case and Allegations of Other Selective Prosecutions

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(Washington, DC)- Today, House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) and Reps. Linda Sánchez (D-CA), Artur Davis (D-AL), and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) sent a letter to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, asking him to provide documents and information about several prominent prosecutions and convictions of Democratic officials or operatives across the country. The committee is exploring claims that former Alabama Democratic Governor Don Siegelman's recent conviction, among others, may have been part of a pattern of selective, political prosecutions by a number of U.S. Attorneys across the country.

In the letter, the lawmakers cite the Siegelman case; the recently overturned conviction of Wisconsin state official Georgia Thompson; and the prosecution of Dr. Cyril Wecht, a coroner in Pennsylvania, whose trial was set in October 2006, shortly before congressional elections. The full text of the letter is below:

Request from Conyers, Judiciary Members to AG for Documents

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