



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

October 27, 2010

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jeff Sessions, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the 3,083 elected sheriffs nationwide, we are writing to express our strong support for the nomination of Stacia A. Hylton to be the Director of the United States Marshals Service (USMS). We respectfully urge you to confirm her nomination without delay.

Perhaps the most important federal/local law enforcement relationship to the nation's sheriffs is the relationship between the U.S. Marshals Service and the local Sheriff's Office. Sheriffs routinely partner with the USMS in the transportation and detainment of federal prisoners, as well as in the execution of federal warrants and fugitive recovery. The individual selected as the Director must not only understand the critical partnerships between sheriffs and the U.S. Marshals Service, but must also continue to encourage, cultivate, and strengthen the partnerships. Ms. Hylton's extraordinary qualifications, experience, and expertise make her the ideal candidate to lead this elite agency.

Throughout her distinguished and extensive career, Ms. Hylton has served in positions which have provided her with a comprehensive and multi-faceted understanding of the U.S. Marshals Service. She has had the privilege of serving in such managerial positions as the Acting Deputy Director for the entire USMS; the Federal Detention Trustee, responsible for overseeing and managing funding for all federal detention programs and the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS); the Assistant Director of the Prisoner Operations Division of the USMS; the Chief Deputy for the USMS District of South Carolina; and the USMS Chief of Judicial Programs.

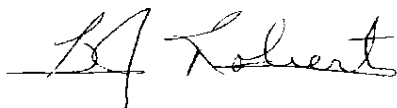
Furthermore, Ms. Hylton's vast experience also extends to the day-to-day "boots on the ground" positions within the U.S. Marshals Service. Serving as both a Deputy U.S. Marshal and an Inspector within the Witness Security Program, this critical experience expands upon Ms. Hylton's thorough and well-rounded knowledge of the agency, enabling her to effectively and successfully lead the U.S. Marshals Service.

The National Sheriffs' Association has had the distinct pleasure to work with Ms. Hylton throughout her thirty-year career in federal law enforcement. During her tenure, she has actively participated with NSA and served as a member of both NSA's Jail, Detention, and Corrections Committee; and Ethics, Standards, and Accreditation Committee. Her participation has been key to ensuring sheriffs' concerns are heard and questions answered regarding detention and transportation partnerships. We are confident that as Director, Ms. Hylton's will continue to

enhance and reinforce the relationship between the U.S. Marshals Service and sheriffs nationwide.

As one of the largest law enforcement organizations in the nation, the National Sheriffs' Association is calling on the United States Senate to swiftly confirm Stacia A. Hylton to be the next Director of the United States Marshals Service.

Respectfully,

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Sheriff B.J. Roberts
President

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PRESS RELEASE

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November 9, 2010 – Private Corrections Working Group & Prison Legal News

For Immediate Release

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The Alliance for Justice is a national association of over 100 organizations dedicated to advancing justice and democracy. For 30 years, the AFJ has been a leader in the fight for a more equitable society on behalf of a broad constituency of environmental, consumer, civil and women's rights, children's, senior citizens' and other groups. AFJ is

premised on the belief that all Americans have the right to secure justice in the courts and to have our voices heard when government makes decisions that affect our lives.

Grassroots Leadership is a multi-racial team of organizers who help community, labor, faith and campus organizations think critically, work strategically and take direct action to end social and economic oppression, gain power, and achieve justice and equity. Hundreds of prisons, jails and detention centers in this country are owned and run by for-profit corporations. For these firms, every prisoner is a profit center, every crime a business opportunity, and rehabilitation is bad for business. Our goal is to put an end to abuses of justice and the public trust by working to abolish for-profit incarceration.

The Justice Policy Institute is a Washington, DC-based policy research organization dedicated to reducing the use of incarceration and promoting strategies to increase community well-being.

The National Lawyers Guild, founded in 1937, is the oldest and largest public interest human rights bar organization in the United States. Its headquarters are in New York and it has chapters in every state.

International CURE is a grassroots organization that has two goals. The first is to use prisons only for those who absolutely have to be in them. Second, prisoners should be given all the rehabilitative opportunities they need to turn their lives around. "Private for-profit prisons and detention facilities go against both these goals," noted CURE director Charlie Sullivan.

The Detention Watch Network is a national coalition of organizations and individuals working to educate the public and policy makers about the U.S. immigration detention and deportation system and advocate for humane reform so that all who come to our shores receive fair and humane treatment.

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Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

As the National President of the 26,000 members of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), I am writing to you in support of President Obama's nominations of Stacia A. Hylton as the next Director of the Marshals Service, and Michele Leonhart as the next Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration. As we are confronted by an escalating rate in violent crime and drug trafficking, it is essential that both the Marshals Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration have confirmed leaders.

Regarding each candidate's credentials, both possess the essential qualification to lead their respective agencies: outstanding institutional knowledge and leadership experience. As crime doesn't take pause, we need directors who can immediately assume their position and serve as effective leaders. Both candidates have already demonstrated their leadership capabilities as career federal law enforcement officers, and I'm optimistic they will excel if confirmed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions regarding our position for either candidate.

Respectfully,

J. Adler

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Coalition Opposed to the Nomination of Stacia A. Hylton

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SENT VIA FAX AND EMAIL

FORMAL COMMENT FOR
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RE: Nomination of Stacia A. Hylton, U.S. Marshals Service

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Initially, we acknowledge Ms. Hylton's lengthy record of federal service in the law enforcement field. Her career, including the time she served as Federal Detention Trustee from 2004 to February 2010, speaks for itself. However, it is her actions while serving as Federal Detention Trustee, and immediately following her retirement earlier this year, which we believe constitutes a conflict of interest that should preclude her appointment.

Specifically, Ms. Hylton developed close relationships with private prison companies that contract with the federal government to house prisoners, including detainees for the U.S. Marshals Service, and she received significant consulting fees from one of those companies.

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second-largest private prison firm. GEO Group holds numerous contracts to house federal prisoners, including U.S. Marshals detainees, worth tens of millions of dollars; at least three of those contracts were issued during Ms. Hylton's tenure as Detention Trustee.

We find it troubling that Ms. Hylton was contemplating paid consulting work for one of the private prison firms she oversaw as Federal Detention Trustee while she was still employed by the federal government. While the public record does not disclose the extent to which the \$112,500 consulting job with GEO Group was discussed or arranged prior to Ms. Hylton's retirement, we believe this creates a clear conflict of interest that cannot be waived or ignored. Clearly, she wasted no time in securing lucrative consulting work from the very industry that she oversaw as Detention Trustee and will be overseeing again should she be appointed to direct the U.S. Marshals.

We are also concerned about Ms. Hylton's other apparent close connections with private prison companies, evidenced by the president of Corrections Corp. of America (CCA), the nation's largest private prison firm, attending Ms. Hylton's retirement celebration; her objections to limiting the amount of profit earned by jails that house federal detainees; and her presentation for a private prison industry advocacy group. These connections are described in greater detail in the enclosed press release issued by our coalition on November 9.

Based on the above information evidencing Ms. Hylton's close ties with for-profit private prison companies – and particularly her acceptance of \$112,500 in consulting fees from GEO Group – we submit that Ms. Hylton has a conflict of interest. If appointed she would oversee contracts with private prison firms, including GEO Group, to house detainees for the U.S. Marshals Service.

The private prison industry has a lengthy track record of influencing government officials through lobbying, hiring former state and federal employees, and making campaign contributions to elected officials. For example, National Public Radio (NPR) recently aired an investigative report linking private prison companies to the introduction of a controversial anti-immigration law in Arizona, SB 1070, which, if upheld, is expected to vastly increase the number of immigration detainees. Many of those prisoners would be held in privately-operated facilities, thus creating additional revenue for the private prison firms that reportedly helped draft SB 1070.

As part of its business model the private prison industry seeks to increase the number of people who are incarcerated – whether that constitutes sound public policy or not. With her documented ties to private prison companies, there are serious concerns that under Ms. Hylton's leadership, in which she would oversee detention services for the U.S. Marshals, there will be an increased reliance on the use of private prisons and a decreased emphasis on reducing levels of incarceration.

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Ms. Hylton’s close business relationship with such a major company doing business with the U.S. Marshals would repeatedly raise conflict of interest concerns under the President’s executive order. Consequently, it would be very difficult for Ms. Hylton to recuse herself from all official actions impacting GEO Group, which militates against her appointment.

As organizations dedicated to human rights, citizens’ advocacy and criminal justice-related issues, the members of the coalition opposed to Ms. Hylton’s nomination believe that she is ill-suited to head the U.S. Marshals Service due to her close ties with the private prison industry in general and more specifically her acceptance of \$112,500 in consulting fees from GEO Group. The public deserves to have someone appointed to this important position who does not have such conflicts.

Thank you for your time and attention in this regard. Please contact Alex Friedmann, Associate Editor of Prison Legal News, a project of the Human Rights Defense Center, at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED] should you require any additional information relative to our coalition’s opposition to Ms. Hylton’s nomination.

Sincerely,

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Grassroots Leadership is a multi-racial team of organizers who help community, labor, faith and campus organizations think critically, work strategically and take direct action to end social and economic oppression, gain power, and achieve justice and equity. Hundreds of prisons, jails and detention centers in this country are owned and run by for-profit corporations. For these firms, every prisoner is a profit center, every crime a business opportunity, and rehabilitation is bad for business. Our goal is to put an end to abuses of justice and the public trust by working to abolish for-profit incarceration.

The Justice Policy Institute is a Washington, DC-based policy research organization dedicated to reducing the use of incarceration and promoting strategies to increase community well-being.

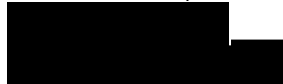
The National Lawyers Guild, founded in 1937, is the oldest and largest public interest human rights bar organization in the United States. Its headquarters are in New York and it has chapters in every state.

International CURE is a grassroots organization that has two goals. The first is to use prisons only for those who absolutely have to be in them. Second, prisoners should be given all the rehabilitative opportunities they need to turn their lives around. "Private for-profit prisons and detention facilities go against both these goals," noted CURE director Charlie Sullivan.

The Detention Watch Network is a national coalition of organizations and individuals working to educate the public and policy makers about the U.S. immigration detention and deportation system and advocate for humane reform so that all who come to our shores receive fair and humane treatment.

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November 16, 2010

Dear Senator:

Local 810 is asking you NOT to support the nomination of Stacia A. Hylton to head the U.S. Marshals Service. She accepted consulting fees of \$112,500 from GEO Group shortly after leaving her post as the Federal Detention Trustee. In short, she accepted a substantial sum from the same private prison industry that she was overseeing as the Federal Detention Trustee and will be overseeing again if her nomination is confirmed.

The US has 5% of the worlds' population and 25% of the worlds' prisoners. Mass incarceration for profit in this country is ruining families, fueling crime, and draining the taxpayers' money. Large, for profit companies are making tremendous amounts of money off the backs of incarcerated individuals, many of whom need drug treatment, mental health treatment, and are simply in pre-trial status, not convicted of any crime.

In Philadelphia, judges adjudicate 70% of their cases to county probation/parole with adult and juvenile probation departments that are severely understaffed by around 140 officers, leaving many officers with caseloads of 400-600 offenders. This system is programmed to make probation offenders recidivate.

When they recidivate, large companies, like Aramark make big profits. The average cost to the taxpayer per offender for a year of incarceration in Philadelphia County Jails is \$35,000.

Probation is 10 times cheaper and saves lives at the same time. However, the less people in jail, the less money Aramark makes. By the way, Aramark is a private corporation that is hiding information about its stockholders from the public.

It is clear that the profit motive is fueling the behavior of everyone in positions to change the inequities. If it is so apparent to us in Philadelphia that no one wants these people rehabilitated, why don't our leaders in Washington know more about it than we do?

Again, Local 810 is asking you to please NOT support the nomination of Stacia A. Hylton to the U.S. Marshals Service.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Carpino
AFSCME, Local 810, President
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November 16, 2010

Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Jeff Sessions
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

On behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, which represents the federal employees who work at the U.S. Marshals Service, I strongly urge you to oppose the nomination of Ms. Stacia Hylton to be Director of the U.S. Marshals Service.

AFGE opposes Ms. Hylton's nomination to head the U.S. Marshals Service because we believe her close relationship with the GEO Group, the nation's second largest for-profit private prison company – particularly her acceptance of a significant consulting fee from the GEO Group – constitutes a serious conflict of interest that should preclude her confirmation.

Ms. Hylton headed the Office of the Federal Detention Trustee (OFDT) from June 2004 to February 2010. The OFDT was established in September 2001 by Congress to centralize responsibility for detention of federal prisoners and aliens awaiting trial and/or removal from the United States. According to the OFDT website, a key objective of the OFDT is "to address the diminishing detention capacity [of the U.S. Marshals Service, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons] in an environment of an ever-increasing detention population resulting from aggressive immigration and other law enforcement initiatives." (www.justice.gov/ofdt/about-ofdt.htm)

During Ms. Hylton's tenure as Federal Detention Trustee, the GEO Group was awarded a number of lucrative contracts to house federal prisoners, including detainees of the U.S. Marshals Service. These included a sole-source ten-year contract at GEO's Western Region Detention Facility in San Diego, CA, generating approximately \$34 million in annual revenue; a 20-year contract to operate the 1,500-bed Rio Grande Detention Center in Laredo, TX, with an estimated \$34 million in annual revenue; and 20-year sole-source contract to manage the Robert A. Deyton Detention Facility in Lovejoy, GA, generating \$16-20 million in annual revenue.

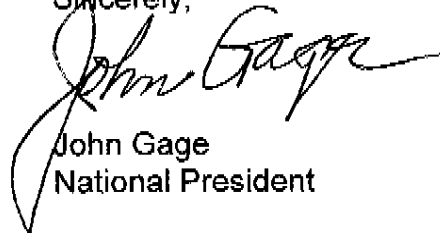
On January 13, 2010, more than a month before she retired from her position as Federal Detention Trustee, Ms. Hylton formed a Virginia-based consulting firm Hylton Kirk & Associates LLC. Shortly after her February 2010 retirement, Ms. Hylton's firm received \$112,500 from her sole client, GEO Group, for consulting services for detention matters, federal relations, and acquisitions and mergers.

We at AFGE find it troubling that Ms. Hylton was considering consulting work for the GEO Group, a for-profit private prison company she oversaw as the Federal Detention Trustee, while she was still employed by the federal government. While the public record does not disclose the extent to which the \$112,500 consulting job with the GEO Group was discussed prior to Ms. Hylton's retirement, we believe this creates a clear conflict of interest that cannot be waived or ignored. Clearly, she wasted no time in securing lucrative consulting work from the very industry that she oversaw as Federal Detention Trustee – **and will be overseeing again should she be confirmed as Director of the U.S. Marshals Service.**

As a labor union that takes seriously its responsibility to foster effective and ethical government service, AFGE strongly urges you to oppose Ms. Hylton's nomination to be Director of the U.S. Marshals Service. She is ill-suited to lead the U.S. Marshals Service because her close relationship with the GEO Group, the nation's second largest for-profit private prison company – particularly her possible consulting before her retirement from the Federal Detention Trustee position and her actual acceptance of a \$112,500 consulting fee from the GEO Group soon after her retirement – constitutes a serious conflict of interest that should preclude her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gage", with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

John Gage
National President

Chairman Patrick Leahy
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Stacia Hylton Not Fit for U.S. Marshall

Greetings Chairman Leahy,

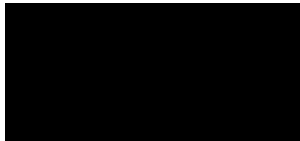
As someone concerned about this country's shamefully high rate of incarceration and the revolving door of government workers become highly paid industry lobbyists, I am asking you to oppose Stacia Hylton's name as nominee for U.S. Marshall.

This year, after awarding private prison companies millions of dollars as a top DOJ employee, Ms. Hylton made more than \$112,000 as a consultant for the private prison industry -- which stands to gain the most by increasing the number of people imprisoned in our country. We need someone in this important position who is committed to reducing the number of people behind bars in Federal prisons, and someone committed to shrinking the influence of private prison companies.

Please close the "revolving door;" please demonstrate this commitment to both good government and criminal justice reform by rejecting this nomination.

Thank you,

T. Alessandra Bevier-Thiem





November 17, 2010

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
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RE: Nomination of Stacia A. Hylton, U.S. Marshals Service

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions,

We write today to express grave concerns about the nomination of Stacia Hylton to head the U.S. Marshals Service. The actions of Ms. Hylton in her former capacity as Federal Detention Trustee and as a private consultant for the GEO Group raise serious questions about conflicts of interest. These troubling questions should be satisfactorily answered prior to the appointment of Ms. Hylton as leader of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Specifically, we are concerned with reports that Ms. Hylton formed a consulting company while still serving as the Federal Detention Trustee. Further, her Public Financial Disclosure Report reveals that this consulting company had as its sole client one of the largest private prison firms in the nation, the GEO Group. Significantly, the GEO Group holds lucrative contracts with the U.S. Marshals Service to house federal prisoners.

If Ms. Hylton were to assume the leadership of the U.S. Marshals Service, we submit that she would be faced with a conflict of interest. Ms. Hylton's very recent acceptance of consulting fees from private prison firms who currently hold contracts with the U.S. Marshals Service creates a clear and unavoidable conflict.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Ali Noorani
Executive Director
National Immigration Forum

cc: Judiciary Committee Members

Coalition Against Stacia Hylton's Nomination

November 30, 2010

SENT VIA FAX ONLY

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
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RE: Nomination of Stacia A. Hylton, U.S. Marshals Service

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

As a coalition of human rights, citizens' advocacy and criminal justice-related organizations opposed to the nomination of Stacia A. Hylton to head the U.S. Marshals Service, we are contacting you to express our continued concerns regarding Ms. Hylton following her November 17 hearing, relative to her apparent conflict of interest involving the private prison industry.

Despite Ms. Hylton's assurances that she followed all ethical rules in regard to the formation of her consulting company – Hylton Kirk & Associates, LLC – before retiring from federal service, we remain concerned that she accepted \$112,500 in consulting fees from GEO Group, a company she oversaw while employed as Federal Detention Trustee and would be overseeing again should she be confirmed to direct the U.S. Marshals.

Although Ms. Hylton may not be directly involved in the contracting process, the fact remains that thousands of Marshals detainees are housed in privately-operated facilities, including facilities managed by GEO Group. Thus, Ms. Hylton would be in a supervisory role over her former client that paid her to consult on detention-related issues. This presents a clear conflict.

We are not alone in our concerns. In addition to the members of the coalition opposed to Ms. Hylton's nomination (listed below), the National Immigration Forum, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) have expressed opposition to Ms. Hylton's nomination. The AFGE's position is particularly notable as they represent members of the U.S. Marshals Service.

We believe that additional information is needed from Ms. Hylton to explain the formation of her consulting company while she was still employed as Federal Detention Trustee; to explain when she first entered into discussions with GEO Group to provide consultancy work and whether those discussions took place while she was employed as Federal Detention Trustee; and to explain her acceptance of \$112,500 from GEO Group almost immediately after she retired.

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We further believe that the public deserves to have someone appointed to this important position who does not have such an apparent conflict of interest.

Thank you for your time and attention in this regard. Please contact Alex Friedmann, Associate Editor of Prison Legal News, a project of the Human Rights Defense Center, at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED] should you require any additional information relative to our coalition's opposition to Ms. Hylton's nomination.

Sincerely,

Nan Aron, Alliance for Justice
Andrea Black, Detention Watch Network
Donna Red Wing, Grassroots Leadership
Paul Wright, Human Rights Defense Center
Charlie Sullivan, International CURE
Tracy Velázquez, Justice Policy Institute
Heidi Boghosian, National Lawyers Guild
Ken Kopczynski, Private Corrections Working Group
Craig Holman, Public Citizen

cc: Judiciary Committee Members