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Exposing Bob Corker's Lies about his Votes on NDAA Authorizing Military Detention of American Citizens -- An Open Letter to All Tennessee Voters

IS BOB CORKER ATTACKING OUR FREEDOMS ON PURPOSE AND THEN LYING ABOUT IT? WILL HE GET AWAY WITH IT?

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DEAR VOTER:

Tennessee Republican Senator Bob Corker [voted](#) for the 2012 [National Defense Authorization Act](#) ("NDAA") which authorizes the military to detain American citizens indefinitely FOR MERE SUSPICION of assisting in some vague, unexplained activities against the United States.

With Senator Corker's vote in the Senate, U.S. Citizens can be now jailed by the military without charges, without trial, without right to counsel, and without any Constitutional due process. What this means to the average person is that the government does not even need to keep a public record or explain to his or her family that the citizen is arrested. Nobody will ever even know where they are!

Here today, then gone — vanished. That does not sound like the American way to me, and I didn't think that it would to you either.

But Bob Corker denies this. In a recent letter responding to a question whether a citizen could be detained under NDAA without the protections of the Bill of Rights, Senator Corker claimed that the NDAA did not change existing law or authority in the slightest. Senator Corker's [letter](#) stated:

I can assure you, **nothing** in this bill **changes current law or practice** in any way as it relates to U.S. citizens or the military's ability to operate within the United States.
[Emphasis added.]

BUT IS BOB CORKER REALLY TELLING THE TRUTH? Is that really all that the NDAA did — merely restate existing law – OR did the NDAA make up a new attack on our cherished rights?

Here, we have caught Bob Corker in a bald-faced lie. There was NO statute authorizing such citizen detentions in the first place, so what exactly did Bob Corker mean by "existing law"? I will tell you what happened.

Bob Corker does not understand the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, so he asked some lawyers to tell him what to do. The lawyers told Bob Corker about a series of Supreme Court cases, but you and I know that court cases do not take away our basic rights!

We are not saying whether or not Obama or Romney would actually use the power which Bob Corker voted for them to be able to take away our rights. When Bob Corker voted to give President Obama the new power, neither the President nor Romney even wanted the power – but Bob Corker would not listen to anybody but bad lawyers and so he pushed on to take America to a new evil day.

Thanks to Bob Corker forcing the NDAA, this is what a bad president will be able to do one day if we have a bad president – he or she could hold American Citizens

- x without charges
- x without trial
- x without right to counsel
- x without any Constitutional due process.

Some Presidents in the past may have attacked freedom in this manner before, but THIS IS THE FIRST TIME that the Congress attacked this way – and Bob Corker was in the middle of it all.

But a hero stood up against Bob Corker! Democratic Senator [Mark Udall](#) of Colorado! Senator Udall introduced an [amendment](#) to the NDAA which would take out the bad part. **So what did Senator Corker do? Bob Corker voted against the good amendment that would have taken out the bad part, and you and I lost!**

Yes, Democratic Senator [Mark Udall](#) of Colorado proposed the good amendment that would stop Bob Corker and take out the bad part and even called the bad part an “unprecedented threat to our constitutional liberties.” But Bob Corker would not be stopped by the Constitution – Bob Corker voted AGAINST the good amendment which would have taken out the bad part.

Yes, the best senator for Tennessee that day was not even from Tennessee. *Senator Udall from Colorado was protecting Tennesseans while Bob Corker was on the attack against us.* It was a very sad day.

Why would Senator Corker try to stop an amendment that protects American citizens – why would Bob Corker strike a blow against the rights of Tennesseans when a Senator Udall, *from another state*, was begging Bob Corker not to go ahead? **Why did Bob Corker keep attacking when everyone was begging him to stop?**

I am so sorry to tell you that there can be only one horrible answer — Bob Corker wants another President Bush, but he wants that president to have MORE POWER AGAINST AMERICANS so that we will be more like a dictatorship. In Bob Corker's new dictatorship-style America where we have no rights; a new, bad president will have complete and unfettered discretion to detain American citizens like we are all in the Taliban, even though there is no proof.

Yes, now you know the bad news, and I am so sorry that I had to tell you. **Because of Bob Benedict Arnold Corker, Americans can be suspected of terrorist activities with no proof, just as if they were the Taliban.**

When Bob Corker used strong-arm force against President Obama to make him sign NDAA into law, the president issued a [signing statement](#) that he would not exercise such power against an American citizen. Aside from a veto, that was all that President Obama could do that day. But even

though President Obama may have been trying to help, the signing statement will not save us. Bob Corker has struck a mighty blow against our rights, and now it is almost too late.

Senator Corker should come clean with the people of Tennessee and ADMIT WHAT YOU AND I CAN PROVE -- **that Bob Corker voted to allow the President of the United States to override the Bill of Rights at his whim by detaining U.S. citizens without any due process.**

I do not know who the next president will be any more than you do, but we have to help all of the presidents, now and in the future, to help them get away from this bad provision which Bob Corker forced onto presidents.

It is IMPOSSIBLE for me to be able to tell you why some Republicans like Bob Corker after he betrayed us worse than Benedict Arnold. My parents helped fight for Ronald Reagan when I was little, and I am proud of this. Ronald Reagan would have stopped Bob Corker – no question about it.

I believe that Democrats, Independents, AND Republicans, as long you can pass along this letter, will realize how badly Bob Corker has betrayed us.

Bob Corker THINKS that he is going to get away with throwing our rights out of the window – but you and I are going to show him something else and throw him out of office.

Bob Corker is against the Bill of Rights just as much as Dick Cheney – maybe even worse.

This betrayal against us is very serious and is reason alone for us all to join forces and vote Senator Corker out of office – once and for all. Bob Corker has directly betrayed the U.S. Constitution, Tennesseans, and God. Yes, Bob Corker has betrayed our trust. **Bob Corker has stripped the rights of our children so that an evil tyrant can rise up and throw them in jail without a trial or without telling anybody where they are!**

And Bob Corker wants us to lick his boots the same way that he lusts to lick the boots of a new bad president – a bad president of sorts whom Bob Corker hopes will one day rise up in pure evil to enforce Bob Corker's malignant provisions of the NDAA against innocent and unsuspecting Americans, he hopes like you and me, who will be powerless to defend themselves.

We urge you not join Bob Corker and his hateful boot-lickers in Washington, DC. Please VOTE FOR ME and I will fight tooth and nail to reverse Bob Corker's betrayal against us. My first day in office I will introduce a new bill to reverse the bad part of the NDAA, just like Senator Udall from Colorado – but this time WE will win, and then Bob Corker can sit at home and watch us beat his evil agenda even more on TV.

Please support and defend our cherished rights from Bob Corker's betrayal and VOTE Mark Clayton for U.S. Senate on November 6, 2012. According to my very best and most earnest efforts, I will protect you from Washington, DC's betrayals and will stay loyal to both you and your family .

Sincerely,

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