

Dear Senator Leahy:

My name is Richard Chichakli, I am an American citizen, an honorably discharged disabled US Army veteran, a husband, a father, and a CPA serving taxpayers and small businesses in North Texas community. On April 26, 2005 I was included on OFAC SDN list on allegation that I was an employee of Victor Bout, a person sanctioned by the US government in July 2004 by Executive Order 13348.

Upon my inclusion in the SDN list my businesses were closed, my assets were confiscated, my bank accounts were frozen, my car was taken, and I was kicked out of my house. I was effectively executed without a trial, without charges, without being questioned, and without having the opportunity to defend myself. All my constitutional and legal rights were aborted and all I was permitted to do is to leave the US and go into exile. Furthermore, and at the request of the US State Department, the United Nations Security Council issued added me to the lists of worldwide travel ban and assets freeze in connection to Liberia, a country I never visited, seen, or had anything to do with.

On August 25, 2006 I filed a law suit demanding trial in connection with OFAC's action; the Federal Court in North Texas refused to try my case and granted the government a summary judgment without meeting or talking to my lawyer. Senator, OFAC alleged that I was a the CFO managing the day-to-day activities of a global business while I was a soldier serving in the United States Army, or a GS employee serving in the US Department of Justice, or a lecturer in US university and a CPA servicing 500 clients out of my practice in the US. All I know is that I was to be sacrificed outside the reach of the US legal system and I was not permitted to ask why. All I am asking for is the common sense, and if not a trial as stated in the US constitution. OFAC is a political tool not a judge and jury, if I am guilty of I am ready to pay the price but at least put my case to trial, please I need help this is worthy of facts finding.

The Congress held hearings about the alleged Bout's activities but they invited people with no qualifications or experience about the subject to testify, none of those testified had ever seen Bout, have spoken to him, or examined any of his business records. The government alleged that I am the most knowledgeable about Viktor Bout but they never asked me about him, never invited me to testify, and never even interviewed me concerning this matter? All the government heard were unproven theories and unsubstantiated allegations made by people benefiting from the story. I am not writing to defend Bout, but to ask for a chance to defend myself, a day in court, a hearing without politics, all I am asking for Senator is justice...

I am writing you asking for your help to be removed from OFAC's SDN list in the name of justice and fairness, and if that is too much to ask, please allow me a trial in a US court of law in accordance with the US constitution. I am a law abiding citizen, a decorated and honorably discharged, disabled war veteran of the United States Army, I was never charged or indicted for a crime, and all I am asking for is justice. Please relief me or let me be tried in a court of law.

Respectfully

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