

**The Honorable Senator Russ Feingold  
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Dear Senator Feingold:

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 in 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. OFAC's action was in-part the result of your efforts concerning the allegedly 80 aircraft-strong, and world-spanning empire of Viktor Bout. An empire that I was allegedly managing the day-to-day operations of while I was a soldier in the US Army, an Employee of the US DOJ, a lecturer in US universities, a full-time student, and a CPA managing 500 client practices in Texas, among other things I did! **Senator, your efforts, despite how noble they might be, were directed against the wrong person and were based on untrue, incomplete, or falsified information or intelligence.** I hope you agree that wrong intelligence may exist.

Senator, you and the Senate have been listening to one side only, and I wonder, for you being a man of fairness, principles, and conviction, if you are ready to hear the complete story. What I have to say is not the hear-say you heard before and it does not involve references to a "source" or any alleged face-less and secret witnesses. I shall present a set of corroborated facts, identifiable, traceable, and supported by live and existing people, and by unquestionable third-party evidence and records. **Senator, in all of the government investigations you actually have never heard from any person who personally knew Victor Bout!**

Senator, if you are interested in getting the facts, I shall deliver the facts untainted. However, if you are satisfied with what you have, fully aware of its possible falsity, then I shall let it be and stop wondering why would the Congress in 2005 invite witnesses like Douglas Farah to testify about persons he has never seen, and a matter he does not know while neglecting to summon a person like me to testify, a person you acknowledged to be allegedly the most knowledgeable about Viktor Bout. Probably, that hearing was not conducted to find the truth; but it was just a pretext for a planed action against a political scapegoat through OFAC two months later.

I am writing you asking for a hearing, a trial in a US court of law under the US constitution, a chance to be heard without the politics and a chance to clear my name.

Respectfully

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