

Ken Pedeleose Op-ed Series

Part 2 – “Only Game in Town” - Senator Charles Grassley

On July 26, 2002 I wrote a 90-page report (disclosure) to Congress titled “Department of Defense Technical Report on Criminal Vulnerability and Fraud.” Two other employees cosigned the disclosure. The distribution was to 57 members of Congress including President George Bush and Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld. Senator Charles Grassley was among the first recipients because Senator Grassley was known to be vocal and active on government fraud issues.

Senator Grassley took immediate action and included long-time Pentagon whistleblower Arthur Ernest “Ernie” Fitzgerald as part of the team. However, other members of Congress were less receptive. The worst responses came from my representatives to Congress.

On October 21, 2002, Congressman Bob Barr (Georgia) responded in part. *“I have reviewed your letter and I want to thank you for keeping me informed about issues which are important to you. Please be assured that I will keep your views in mind when, and if, this issue comes before me in the House of Representatives. If you would like to discuss the matter further, I would like to invite you to several town hall meetings I will be hosting over the next several weeks...”*

Congress Barr took no action I am aware of. Senator Zell Miller (Georgia) was worse. On August 15, 2002 Senator Zell Miller mailed back the July 26, 2002, report to Congress and suggested I send it to the Department of Defense Inspector General. This proves how Congress really works. President Bush provided even worse response.

President Bush forwarded the disclosure back to my agency, where retaliation against me was initiated. That action set the stage for the 13 Falsified Trails (retaliatory acts) against me that formed the basis of my book “The Cost of Weaponized Government and Lawfare.”

During 2005 there was a concerted and covert effort within the Department of Defense to sever my ties with Senator Grassley and end the trail of success I had exposing government corruption. That effort was successful and involved a con game on Senator Grassley’s staffer, Charlie Murphy, who was supporting me. My book explains this in detail. When I tried to find another member of Congress to help me, I was specifically told by a reporter that Senator Grassley is the “only game in town.” This was further proven in January 2006.

On/About January 30, 2006, I interviewed the House Committee on Government Reform. I would have supported the committee and not any individual member of Congress. I was equally shunned and had the impression Congress really didn’t want to open doors on government corruption. Only keep the conversation in an endless loop.

On/about January 10, 2023, the U.S. House Judiciary started a Select Subcommittee, chaired by Representative Jim Jordan, on the Weaponization of the Federal Government. I believed that effort was real and that Congress changed course. It took a while; however, I organized my data into a series of six reports that showed weaponized government does affect the national debt. I thought I was lucky because when I finished organizing the data, my representative to Congress was Marjorie Taylor Greene, who led the subcommittee on the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) in 2025.

On April 24, 2025, I spoke with Congresswoman Greene's staffer for 10 minutes and 53 seconds. Following that conversation, I sent an email with the resume portion of my reports the same day. On April 25, 2025 I sent a follow-on email simply asking if my prior email with my resume was received. I followed up again calling Congressman Greene's staff on April 28, 2025, again asking if my resume was received. There was no confirmation provided.

On May 2, 2025 Kaitlan Collins of CNN interviewed Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett. At one point in the interview there was discussion regarding the Pentagon not passing an audit. The following day, May 3, 2025 I emailed both Kaitlan Collins and Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett indicating I can explain why the Pentagon cannot pass an audit. No response was received. This showed a disturbing negative trend in the government and news media.

During August 2025 I decided to convert my six reports into a book. That book is titled "The Cost of Weaponized Government and Lawfare" and represents the testimony that I would provide to Congress and the President. My website, kenpedeleose.com, has more information on my Op-ed Series along with some sample supporting documents.

The point is, since Congress and the mainstream news media is non-responsive, I have no choice but to use social media, Op-ed articles, and my book to show how government really works; how weaponized government and lawfare effect the national debt; and outline an effective remedy. The Op-eds are planned as a 30-Part Series. The book is my complete testimony.

As a final note, the July 26, 2002 report to Congress included a quote from my office commander, on or before November 1998, that stated "Don't bother to call the Congress or the Senate these people will do nothing for you." So, inaction by Congress traces back to 1998 at the least.

Op-ed 3 will follow and is titled "No Surprise to Me."