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# **COURT DATE: OCT 1**

We have asked the courts to stop the background checks – not for money. A ruling is expected before JPL's October 5 compliance deadline.

Reasonable identity checks (such as a NAC) are fine, but these investigations go far beyond that. The waiver you're forced to sign authorizes "**any investigator** ... to obtain **any information**" about you, from any source. It says that the types of information that might be gathered are "not limited" to the list included on the waiver. Any information about you – **no matter how personal** – is fair game, "regardless of any previous agreement to the contrary."

Then, your suitability for employment will be determined by anonymous contractors using a "**suitability matrix**" that sounds like Senator McCarthy wrote it himself. Among its reasons for finding an employee "unsuitable" are these:

- "Carnal knowledge."
- Sodomy.
- Writing a bad check.
- Attitude.
- Personality conflict.
- Traffic violations.
- Poor credit history (e.g., a bankruptcy).
- Illegal gambling (such as informal betting pools).
- Getting drunk.

Some of these items are not sufficient, in themselves, to find you unsuitable. But items can combine to make you unsuitable. So if you get drunk on weekends and you participated in a football pool, you're no longer "suitable" to explore Saturn. (Do you think we're kidding? **See the suitability matrix for yourself** at our site, [www.hspd12jpl.org](http://www.hspd12jpl.org).)

**Is this what you thought you were signing up for?** They can't start investigating you until you physically sign the waiver. **Consider delaying signing** until the court has a chance to rule. If you're not comfortable delaying, or if you've already signed, show your displeasure by **wearing a "No HSPD-12" T-shirt** on the last non-RDO day of each week. Even the Ethics Office says it's okay!

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