LEONARD B. AUSTIN CHAIR

AVA AYERS VICE-CHAIR

DOLLY CARABALLO JAMES CARAS MICHAEL A. CARDOZO CLAUDIA L. EDWARDS NANCY G. GROENWEGEN SEYMOUR W. JAMES, JR. MEMBERS



540 BROADWAY ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207 ethics.ny.gov SANFORD N. BERLAND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PHONE: (518) 408-3976 FAX: (518) 408-3975 ethics@ethics.ny.gov

December 3, 2024

Ms. Elena Sassower Director elena@judgewatch.org

Dear Ms. Sassower,

On behalf of the New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, we extend our sincere thanks to you for participating in our November 13, 2024 public hearing.

We were pleased to hold this opportunity to hear from members of the public, those subject to our regulations, and those generally interested in our work. We are committed to ensuring that New York remains the leader in workforce-wide comprehensive ethics training, and in lobbying and ethics oversight and regulation. A key factor in maintaining that status is the input and insight we receive from everyone who has participated in the public hearing process. Over the coming weeks, we will carefully consider the feedback we have received as the Commission finalizes its agenda for the upcoming legislative session and sets its priorities for the new year.

As we move forward, we will continue to reach out for suggestions on our proposals and how we can better and more effectively carry out our duties and fulfill our mandate to promote public trust in state government.

We have posted the video of the <u>November 13, 2024 public hearing</u> on the Commission's website. Once again, thank you for your participation and for sharing your views on this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Leonard B. Austin Chair

Sanford N. Berland Executive Director