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Subject: Correcting & Adding to Your "Albany Agenda" (NYT/Feb 20, 2018) -- PROPOSAL FOR NYT INVESTIGATION & REPORT

TO: Vivian Wang/New York Times

RE: "New York Today: Albany Agenda" – February 20, 2018 -- https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/20/nyregion/new-york-today-albany-agenda.html?ref=collection%2Fbyline%2Fvivian-wang&action=click&contentCollection=undefined®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlace ment=1&pgtype=collection.

In summarizing "a few of the proposals large and small to keep an eye on as the [legislative] session unfolds", you state:

"If history serves as a guide, it will all get decided behind closed doors, either during budget negotiations or just before the session ends, with Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo leading the horse-trading." (underlining added).

Shouldn't The New York Times be investigating whether this "history" is constitutional – and accords with Article VII, Sections 1-7 of the New York State Constitution -- and Article III, Sec. 10: "Each house of the legislature shall keep a journal of its proceedings and publish same... The doors of each house shall be kept open ..."?

The unconstitutionality of what has been going on – BOTH with respect to the budget – and New York's legislative "process" – is the subject of a ground-breaking citizen-taxpayer action, suing Governor Cuomo, the Legislature, Attorney General Schneiderman, Comptroller DiNapoli and Chief Judge DiFiore, for corruption and "grand larceny of the public fisc": <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>. I testified about it, at legislative budget hearings, BOTH last year and this year – with my testimony, this year, describing Attorney General Schneiderman's corrupting of the judicial process, by litigation fraud, as to which I furnished, in substantiation, the record of the attorney misconduct complaint I had filed against him with New York's court-controlled attorney-disciplinary committees: <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/complaints-notice/9-16-17-attorney-disciplinary-complaint.htm>.

It is imperative that you – and your New York Times colleagues responsible for reporting on the Albany scene and the coming elections -- view the VIDEOS of my this year's testimony – on January 30, 2018, February 2, 2018, and February 5, 2018. They are posted on CJA's website, www.judgewidth.org, together with the EVIDENCE to which I referred in testifying, and which I handed-up, in support. The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/menu-2018-legislative-session.htm>.

Based thereon, it will be obvious that uppermost on the "Albany Agenda" of ANY cognizably-functioning Legislature would be investigation of testimony received at its budget hearings, particularly when it concerns allegations of fraud and unlawfulness. EVERY member of the Legislature is up for re-election. Who has been tasked with investigating the ACCURACY of my EVIDENCE-supported testimony about the citizen-taxpayer action – and about the unconstitutionality and fraud in the Legislative/Judiciary budget bill for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, stealing hundreds of millions of taxpayer

dollars? At which committee meetings will findings of fact and conclusions of law be presented for discussion and vote by committee members as to appropriate action. The “appropriate” legislative committees include:

The Senate Finance Committee – whose ranking member is Democratic Senator Liz Krueger, from Manhattan;

The Assembly Ways and Means Committee – whose chair is a lawyer, Democratic Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein, from Brooklyn.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, whose ranking member, Democratic Senator Brad Hoylman, from Manhattan, is also a lawyer – with a Harvard Law degree – and who, additionally, is ranking member of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations.

The Assembly Judiciary Committee, whose chair, Democratic Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, also a lawyer, is from the Bronx.

The Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis, and Investigation, whose chair, Democratic Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer, from Westchester, is also a lawyer, and is running in the April 24th special election to fill the 37th senate seat that had been held by former Senator – the now Westchester County Executive -- George Latimer.

I am available to assist you, to the max, in this politically-explosive story, bringing down EVERY incumbent legislator in a leadership position, including Republican Deputy Senate Majority Leader John DeFrancisco – in addition to Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Schneiderman, and Comptroller DiNapoli – ALL of whom are the subject of “open-and-shut”, *prima facie* criminal and ethics complaints that prosecutorial and disciplinary authorities are “sitting on” .

Thank you.

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