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Attachments: constitutional-provisions.pdf; 3-23-16-2nd-supp-complaint-16th-cause-of-action.pdf; 9-2-16-complaint-9th-cause-of-action.pdf; 8-10-17-open-ltr.pdf

Resent to correct the title of the cause of action, which—as reflected by the attached -- is “Three-Men-in-a-Room Budget Deal-Making is Unconstitutional, As Unwritten and As Applied”.

Apologies.

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TO: Shane Goldmacher/New York Times Chief Metro Political Correspondent

Your March 20, 2018 article “[Cynthia Nixon Asks If Cuomo Is a “Real Democrat” at Campaign Debut](#)”, also appearing today, refers to an “April 1 state budget deadline”.

There is NO “April 1 state budget deadline”. April 1st is only the start of the state fiscal year. You can confirm this with Robert Ward, author of the treatise [New York State Government](#) and Comptroller DiNapoli’s deputy comptroller for budget and policy analysis. Referring to the budget as “The State Government’s Biggest Job”, he states:

“The Constitution sets no date for budget adoption; under the State Finance Law, the state’s fiscal year begins on April 1.” (at p. 259)

“The state’s fiscal year is set in statute (not the Constitution) as April 1 through March 31.” (at p. 261)