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Subject: **BEHIND-THE-SCENES: Tomorrow's Democratic AG Candidates Debate at Cooper Union -- "A Point of Disclosure" as to Preet Bharara & Questions for the Candidates**

Attachments: 5-4-18-message-jumaane-williams.pdf; 8-17-18-to-persico-maloney.pdf; 5-18-18-ltr-to-interim-ag-candidates.pdf

Following up the "behind-the-scenes" scoop I e-mailed you on August 28th about that day's debate between the four Democratic attorney general candidates,
here's another "behind-the-scenes" scoop concerning tomorrow's debate.

Feel free to call me with any questions.

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Subject: Tomorrow's Democratic AG Candidates Debate at Cooper Union -- "A Point of Disclosure" as to Preet Bharara & Questions for the Candidates

TO: Brian Lehrer/WNYC Radio Host & Co-Moderator of the September 6, 2018 Debate between Democratic Attorney General Candidates at Cooper Union

Thank you for your intelligent conversations on important issues of public concern on WNYC Radio – and your inclusion of the public in those conversations.

On August 28th e-mail, I sent you an e-mail entitled "Behind-the-scenes of tonight's Democratic AG candidates debate -- Challenging the brazen lies & distortion of the AG's constitutional function -- WITH EVIDENCE". It is even more relevant to tomorrow's debate between the Democratic AG candidates that you are co-moderating with former U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara – as not only did the four candidates continue their lies and distortions at the August 28th debate – without the slightest challenge from Spectrum News moderators Error Louis and Liz Benjamin – but no less flagrantly in their subsequent appearances, including on your own WNYC radio show, on August 29th, featuring Candidate James, and on August 31st, featuring Candidate Teachout.

In the event you did not previously read my August 28th e-mail to you, it is below – beneath the e-mail I sent yesterday to two journalists who have raised serious questions, based on EVIDENCE, about Mr. Bharara's record as a fearless prosecutor of Wall Street corruption. My e-mail to them requests that they verify and report on Mr. Bharara's record of dishonesty and cover-up as a prosecutor of Albany

corruption – and furnishes the summarizing particulars and EVIDENCE, over and beyond what was presented by the included August 28th e-mail.

I note that eight years ago, when you last hosted a debate between Democratic candidates for attorney general, you admirably began, as follows:

> "A point of disclosure. Mr. Schneiderman's father, Irwin Schneiderman, who has been a significant donor to his son's campaign, is a long-time member of the WNYC board of trustees and has been a generous donor to the station over the years. We thought it right to disclose."

Will there be any disclosure at tomorrow's debate of what, by these e-mails, you and the four Democratic AG candidates all know about former U.S. Attorney Bharara, but the public does not, *to wit*, his pivotal role in perpetuating Albany's corruption and in covering up for the rigged and fraudulent Commission to Investigate Public Corruption?

Suffice to say, and germane to tomorrow's debate, there is NOTHING difficult about ending Albany's corruption. It includes ensuring that New York's 62 district attorneys and the New York state attorney general – and, as a back-up, New York's U.S. attorneys – are appropriately investigating and prosecuting the public corruption complaints they receive – rather than, as they do, and as the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption concealed, dumping or "sitting on" them.

Kindly forward this e-mail to Mr. Bharara, so that you and he can discuss the below recited particulars and EVIDENCE, which, as relates to him, begins with the fully-documented April 15, 2013 corruption complaint I filed with him and which he "sat on" http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/corruption-complaint-to-us-attorney-bharara2.htm – as did all other investigative, criminal, and ethics authorities to whom I furnished it in support of complaints to them – excepting the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, which dumped my complaint as "outside [its] mandate". This gave rise to the two citizen-taxpayer actions and the motion to intervene in the declaratory judgment action against the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption -- recited by my May 16, 2018 NOTICE/complaint to now Attorney General Underwood: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/complaints-notice/5-16-18-notice-to-underwood.htm -- whose massive substantiating EVIDENCE and devastating causes of action underscore the magnitude of what Mr. Bharara could have accomplished, based on the April 15, 2013 complaint, wiping out New York's "culture of corruption", virtually overnight, and sending to jail, at that time, the corrupt incumbent public officers on this year's ballot – Governor Cuomo, Comptroller DiNapoli, and a huge swath of legislative incumbents, Democrat and Republican alike. ALL will have to be prosecuted – or referred for prosecution – by whoever becomes our newly-elected attorney general, consistent with the promises each has been making to voters about "equal justice" and "following the evidence wherever it leads".

My May 16, 2018 NOTICE/complaint alerted Attorney General Underwood to the larceny of hundreds of millions of dollars in the state budget for THIS FISCAL YEAR and *expressly* requested (at p. 6) prosecutions of Governor Cuomo, Comptroller DiNapoli, and legislative incumbents, pursuant to "The Public Trust Act" (Penal Law §496) – the statute whose enactment was the pretense for shutting down the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption in March-April 2014. Such request was in the SAME paragraph as identified that Albany County District Attorney Soares, a member of the Commission to

Investigate Public Corruption, had been "sitting on" a March 6, 2018 corruption complaint I had filed with him, for enforcement of "The Public Trust Act" pertaining to THIS FISCAL YEAR's budget – and, likewise, was "sitting on" three prior complaints I had filed with him, dated July 19, 2013, January 7, 2014, and June 21, 2016: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/enforcing-public-trust-act.htm.

As I advised all four candidates, Attorney General Underwood's response to my May 16, 2018 NOTICE/complaint has been to ignore it – and to continue the complained-about *modus operandi* of attorney general litigation fraud it details to thwart the public's rights in the appeal of the second citizen-taxpayer action because she has NO defense to ANY of its ten causes of action.

Will you – or Mr. Bharara – ask the four Democratic attorney general candidates about the May 16, 2018 NOTICE/complaint – furnished to each, as below recited, under the above-attached May 18, 2018 letter articulating the standard:

> **"no candidate may be deemed qualified who takes no investigative and remedial action upon being given NOTICE AND EVIDENTIARY PROOF that the attorney general's office not only fails in its duty to uphold the law, but actively subverts the law and abets corruption at the highest levels of our state government."** (bold and capitalization in the original).

And how about asking the candidates whether they agree or disagree with the standard?

So that the four Democratic AG candidates may be prepared for your questioning, this e-mail is being sent to them, *via* such e-mail addresses as I have. If you have other, more direct e-mail addresses, kindly forward, using same.

Feel free to call me with any questions – or if I may otherwise assist. I note that there does not appear to have been any opportunity for the public to submit questions for tomorrow's debate, either to you, Mr. Bharara, or to the "panelists from New York-based nonprofits that belong to New Yorkers for Responsible Lending (NYRL) coalition": https://www.eventbrite.com/e/candidates-for-ny-attorney-general-debate-at-the-cooper-union-tickets-49561177817 – and I have searched, throughout the past week, to discover same.

Thank you.

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Subject: Correcting your July 10th article "The Flawed Legend of Preet Bharara" by answering its "loom[ing] large" question in the context of "the race to replace Schneiderman"

TO: William D. Cohan
***cc*: Jesse Eisinger**

I am director and co-founder of a non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), and have first-hand experience with U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara and "the Moreland Commission", germane to your excellent article "*The Flawed Legend of Preet Bharara*" (The Nation, July 10, 2018): https://www.thenation.com/article/flawed-legend-preet-bharara/ – which I just discovered yesterday.

In pertinent part, you state:

> "But quite apart from the race to replace Schneiderman, the question still looms large as to whether the legend of Bharara is deserved…. He certainly had his share of victories as US Attorney for the Southern District. There were his successful prosecutions of Albany corruption—taking down Sheldon Silver, the Assembly speaker, and Dean Skelos, the Senate majority leader. He was rightly outraged when Cuomo abruptly shut down the Moreland Commission, which was investigating Cuomo's bad behavior."

It would appear you are relying on Jesse Eisinger's 2017 book *The Chickenshit Club: Why the Justice Department Fails to Prosecute Executives* for this assessment, as you describe the book as crediting U.S. Attorney Bharara "for going after corruption in Albany". This is error. U.S. Attorney Bharara's Albany prosecutions were, in fact, as small-bore and corruption-perpetuating as his Wall Street prosecutions, about which you quote Mr. Eisinger as saying:

> "But it is an utter myth that he has managed to ride that he did anything about Wall Street…The insider-trading cases are a side note. It's a misdemeanor crime. It's a secondary issue. It doesn't have anything to do with systemic corruption of the banks, and when it comes to prosecuting Wall Street and large corporations, they 'chickenshitted out,' to coin a phrase. They barely did it."

Indeed, you can, swiftly, verify that U.S. Attorney Bharara's prosecutions of Assembly Speaker Silver and Senate Majority Leader Skelos, in 2015, were "peanuts" – compared to what he was duty-bound to have indicted them for, back in 2013 – and, additionally, that "the Moreland Commission" was, from its outset, sham and rigged to advance a "progressive" agenda, while otherwise maintaining a corrupt *status quo* to which U.S. Attorney Bharara was complicit – and whose cover-up of his corruption, he

would thereafter reward by covering up its corruption. All you need do is examine the fully-documented corruption complaint I filed with U.S. Attorney Bharara on April 15, 2013 – about which I testified, on September 17, 2013, before "the Moreland Commission", whose brazen conflicts-of-interest and corruption my testimony made manifest and which I thereafter comprehensively particularized, with full documentary proof, by an April 23, 2014 order to show cause to intervene in the declaratory judgment against the Commission, brought by Silver and Skelos.

For your convenience, the link to CJA's webpage posting my April 15, 2013 corruption complaint, with all its referred-to substantiating EVIDENCE, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/corruption-complaint-to-us-attorney-bharara2.htm. The link to the webpage posting the VIDEO clip of my September 17, 2013 testimony before "the Moreland Commission", with all its referred-to substantiating EVIDENCE, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/people-evidence/sassower-elena.htm. And the link to the webpage posting my fully-documented April 23, 2014 order to show cause to intervene in the declaratory judgment action against the Commission is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/holding-to-account/4-23-14-osc-with-notice-to-produce.htm.

Based upon this GOLD-MINE of primary-source EVIDENCE – and the equally spectacular balance pertaining to JCOPE, accessible from CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, *via* the prominent center link "Exposing the Fraud of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption -- & Preet: NY's UNTOUCHED 'culture of corruption': Pay Raises, JCOPE, Judicial & Attorney Discipline, Etc." – can the public expect that you will correct the error in your July 10th article – and simultaneously answer the question it posits as "loom[ing] large", based on your easy-to-accomplish verification of what is obvious from that EVIDENCE, *to wit*, that more than five years ago U.S. Attorney Bharara could have "cleaned up Albany", essentially overnight, based on what the April 15, 2013 complaint furnished him, "on a silver platter". Indeed, your doing so, as immediately as possible, could not be more vital for New York voters, as the now "Distinguished Scholar in Residence" at NYU School of Law and podcast host Bharara is now part of "the race to replace Schneiderman", being a co-moderator of this Thursday's September 6th debate at Cooper Union, with WNYC's Brian Lehrer: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/candidates-for-ny-attorney-general-debate-at-the-cooper-union-tickets-49561177817.

As reflected by my below August 28th e-mail to Mr. Lehrer with the subject line: "Behind-the-scenes of tonight's Democratic AG candidates debate -- Challenging the brazen lies & distortion of the AG's constitutional function -- WITH EVIDENCE", each of the four Democratic attorney general candidates -- Teachout, James, Maloney, and Eve – was furnished the EVIDENCE of the collusion of U.S. Attorney Bharara and "the Moreland Commission" in covering up the corruption of all the many state public officers now running for re-election – Governor Cuomo, Comptroller DiNapoli, and incumbent Albany legislators, the highest being Silver's and Skelos' successors – Heastie and Flanagan – and including Senator Krueger – none of whom can be re-elected because, based on the EVIDENCE of the April 15, 2013 corruption complaint -- and reinforced by the mountain of EVIDENCE thereafter embodied in two citizen-taxpayer actions and in successive corruption complaints filed with Albany County District Attorney Soares, a former Commission member, and, most recently, by the above-attached May 16, 2018 NOTICE/complaint to then Acting Attorney General Underwood – all must be indicted – and will be convicted, including pursuant to "The Public Trust Act" (Penal Law §496) – the statute that was the pretense for "the Moreland Commission" shutdown, enacted following behind-closed-doors, "three men in a room" budget dealmaking.

Kindly advise, as immediately as possible – including as to other journalists who will run with this untold, electorally-explosive story, in the event you are unable or unwilling to do so.

By copy of this e-mail to Mr. Eisinger, with whom I would hope you would collaborate, I invite his response, as well. Indeed, I wholeheartedly agree with his premise that what U.S. Attorney Bharara did, *vis-à-vis* Wall Street prosecutions, resulted in a popular disaffection that led to the election of President Trump – though I would expand this to include what U.S. Attorney Bharara comparably did – together with his accomplice, U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch -- by their utterly unimpressive prosecutions of state public officers, from whom, apparently, they failed to offer any deals in exchange for the most basic information to topple the top tier of New York's government and a corrupted *status quo*, a subject about which my May 13, 2013 corruption complaint to U.S. Attorney Lynch offered a roadmap http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/5-13-13-complaint-lynch.htm -- and as to which, to date, there has been ZERO or near-ZERO critical reporting by our supposedly non-fake-news press, despite my herculean, unremitting efforts throughout these past five years: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/press/menu-fake-news.htm.

Later today, I will forward this e-mail to Mr. Lehrer, with a request that he forward it to Mr. Bharara. Simultaneously, I will send it to the four Democratic attorney general candidates, with cc's to you and Mr. Eisinger when I do.

Thank you.

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What's happening behind-the-scenes of tonight's debate between Democratic candidates for attorney general?

Below is the e-mail, sent this morning, to all four Democratic attorney general candidates, calling upon them to refute the EVIDENCE of their brazen lies & distortion of the attorney general's constitutional function. The explicating e-mail sent two days ago to debate co-moderators Errol Louis and Liz Benjamin of Spectrum News is beneath it – and below it, two prior e-mails to them, all with the above three attachments.

All four e-mails – and the EVIDENCE in substantiation – are posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's webpage entitled: "The Posturing Liars who are the Four Attorney General Candidates for the Democratic Party Line". The direct link is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/democrat-ag-candidates.htm.

Please do your part to discharge your own constitutional function to investigate and inform the public – and forward this to your TOP editors for their review and evaluation.

I am available to assist you, to the max.

Thank you.

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Subject: Today's Democratic AG Debate at CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice: Challenging Your Brazen Lies & Distortion of the AG's Constitutional Function WITH EVIDENCE

TO: Democratic Candidates for New York State Attorney General
Zephyr Teachout, Letitia James, Sean Patrick Maloney, Leecia Eve

In the event the co-moderators of today's debate – Errol Louis and Liz Benjamin – did not furnish you with the below e-mail entitled "Challenging Brazen Lies & the Distortion of the AG's Constitutional Function by the 4 Democratic AG Candidates", as I requested them to do, I am furnishing it to you now, so that you can prepare for questioning by them. I invite your refutation – especially as I will be circulating it to other journalists to obtain your answers, on behalf of the voters, if Mr. Louis and Ms. Benjamin do not do so, at the debate. To assist you, all the EVIDENCE substantiating the e-mail, including its above three attachments, are posted on CJA's website, here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/democrat-ag-candidates.htm.

I note that on August 21st – the day before your August 22nd debate moderated by Ben Max, at which – according to the transcript (at p. 18) -- Candidate Teachout answered "yes" to his question "Does Governor Cuomo deserve reelection?", Liz Benjamin interviewed Senator Liz Krueger about her endorsement of Candidate Teachout, who was sitting beside her. In her VIDEO interview: http://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/capital-region/capital-tonight-interviews/2018/08/21/teachout-krueger-endorsement#, Ms. Benjamin mentioned that Cynthia Nixon and Candidate Teachout had endorsed each other. This is what I would have expected, not the least reason because Candidate Teachout was Cynthia Nixon's campaign treasurer, prior to announcing her run for attorney general. As it was difficult to hear Candidate Teachout's answer from the VIDEO of the August 22nd debate, I relied on the transcript in writing my below e-mail. However, upon re-watching that portion of the VIDEO several times (at 43:50 mins), I believe that the transcript may be erroneous and that the answer that Candidate Teachout actually gave was "no". If so, Candidate Teachout should contact Mr. Max and have the transcript corrected. The VIDEO and transcript of the August 22nd debate, both of which are posted on CJA's website, are additionally here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05Lge7BKabM.

Of course, there are so many contradictions and incongruities in Candidate Teachout. And reflecting this are my succession of e-mails to her in 2014, 2016, and March 2018: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/zephyr-teachout.htm – to which she did not respond, notwithstanding the EVIDENCE they furnished would have enabled her, in 2014, to have swiftly, and in one fell swoop, ended a corrupt *status quo* and knocked out Cuomo – and to have done the same for Cynthia Nixon, back in March – and now. Certainly, Candidate Teachout's endorsement of Comptroller DiNapoli at the August 22nd debate – and her "proud" "honored, really honored" public acceptance of Senator Krueger's endorsement on August 21st – are utterly indefensible, based on that same EVIDENCE – and, even more so, by virtue of the appeal brief and three-volume record on appeal that I furnished her on July 16th. Likewise, her ongoing heralding and advocating for a reprise of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption.

As Candidate Teachout is presumed to know, Senator Krueger is Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee – and her corruption with respect to the commission-based judicial salary increases and the state budget is particularized by the pleadings of the two citizen-taxpayer actions – and further EVIDENCED by the VIDEOS of my testimony before Senator Krueger at the Legislature's budget hearings: on February 6, 2013, January 30, 2017, January 31, 2017, and January 30, 2018. On February 5, 2018, Senator Krueger slipped out shortly before my testimony, which concluded with my words "These are Penal Law violations". All five VIDEOS are accessible here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/menu-2018-legislative-session.htm

A further VIDEO is also relevant – the VIDEO of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption's September 17, 2013 public hearing: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LP1GeOYKRas#t=12353. Not

only is the Commission's corruption made manifest by my testimony (at 2:15:40 – 2:28:04), but Candidate Teachout heard and saw that testimony LIVE, with her own testimony following less than ten minutes later (at 2:37:32 – 2:38-36). Indeed, the HUGE stack of EVIDENCE, which was beside me in testifying – and which I called upon the Commission to investigate, stating it was "open and shut. It can be done in a matter of minutes" – included copies of the very EVIDENCE I had handed up for Senator Krueger seven months earlier at the February 6, 2013 budget hearing: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm, upon which all the criminal and ethics complaints I thereafter filed, brought to the hearing, and recited as starting with US. Attorney Bharara and culminating with Albany District Attorney Soares, rested.

Wouldn't you agree that students and professors of CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice have just the expertise to confirm, for the benefit of New York voters – and The New York Times editorial board – that such EVIDENCE more than sufficed, *at that time*, for indicting and convicting Cuomo, DiNapoli, and Krueger – and a who's who of other "electeds" seeking re-election this year – for "grand larceny of the public fisc"?

As my April 15, 2013 criminal complaint to U.S. Attorney Bharara not only identifies Senator Krueger by name and position, but concisely summarizes what preceded and followed my testimony at the February 6, 2013 budget hearing and the dispositive nature of what I handed-up, which it also itemizes, I suggest that the complaint be "required reading" by all, including John Jay College of Criminal Justice examiners. The link to CJA's webpage, on which it appears, with all the overwhelming, *prima facie* EVIDENCE substantiating it, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/corruption-complaint-to-us-attorney-bharara2.htm.

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Subject: August 28th Debate: Challenging Brazen Lies & the Distortion of the AG's Constitutional Function by the 4 Democratic AG Candidates

TO: Spectrum News Political Reporters Errol Louis & Liz Benjamin – Co-Moderators of August 28, 2018 Debate between Democratic Candidates for New York State Attorney General

This follows up my e-mails to you of yesterday and the day before, appearing below and substantiated by the above three attachments – to which, disappointingly, I have received no call or e-mail from you.

The August 28th debate between Democratic attorney general candidates must not be another venue for the four candidates to mislead voters by repeating, yet again, their standard rhetoric, without challenge.

A good place to start is by challenging the answers they gave to the first two questions of the "lightening round" at the August 22nd debate, sponsored by Manhattan News Network, New York State League of Women Voters, and Gotham Gazette. In response to the first question, "Does Governor Cuomo deserve reelection?", their answers were:

> Letitia James: Yes.
> Zephyr Teachout: Yes.
> Sean Maloney: I believe so, yes.
> Leecia Eve: Yes.

Their answers to the second question, "Does Comptroller Tom DiNapoli deserve reelection?", were:

> Zephyr Teachout: Yes.
> Sean Maloney: You bet.
> Leecia Eve: Yes.
> Letitia James: Yes.

These answers from candidates seeking the state's premier law enforcement office, all of whom are lawyers and all of whom herald their absolute commitment to rooting out public corruption, are frauds upon an unsuspecting public. Likewise, the praise of Attorney General Underwood, expressed by Candidate Teachout: "First, I want to say that I have been incredibly impressed with the work that Barbara Underwood has done as our Attorney General"; and by Candidate Maloney: "I think she's fantastic. I'd love her to stay on in any capacity, if she wants" – and the concealment, by all four candidates, of the significant corruption problem, infesting the ranks of supervisory and managerial levels of the attorney general's office, corrupting the judicial process with litigation fraud, to shield from accountability corrupt public officers, Governor Cuomo and Comptroller DiNapoli among them, disabling our state government and stealing our money.

The facts and EVIDENCE are as follows:

On May 16, 2018, by NOTICE, invoking "The Public Trust Act" (Penal Law §496), I filed with Attorney General Underwood – who was then acting attorney general, seeking interim appointment by the Senate and Assembly – a corruption complaint against, *inter alia*, Governor Cuomo, Comptroller DiNapoli, Senate and Assembly members, and former Attorney General Schneiderman for their "massive, ongoing larceny of taxpayer dollars, *via* the state budget" – including the budget for this fiscal year. The NOTICE/complaint detailed that our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), acting "on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest", had sued these highest constitutional officers for constitutional and other violations in three lawsuits: a declaratory judgment action relating to commission-based judicial salary increases and, thereafter, two citizen-taxpayer

actions pertaining to the budget – all three defended by Attorney General Schneiderman, himself a defendant, who, in collusion with corrupt judges, corrupted the judicial process with litigation fraud, because he had NO defense to causes of action to which plaintiffs had a summary judgment entitlement. The NOTICE/complaint asserted that "cases are perfect paper trails" and that, in addition to the original litigation records in the possession of the attorney general's office, the litigation records of the three lawsuits were readily accessible from CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, together with a fourth lawsuit, a declaratory judgment action against the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, purportedly brought by the Senate and Assembly, in which CJA, acting "on behalf of the People of the State of New York & the Public Interest", had moved to intervene. Apart from requesting investigative and remedial action by Acting Attorney General Underwood – most immediately with respect to the only lawsuit that was still-live, CJA's second citizen-taxpayer action – the NOTICE/complaint stated that her response would simultaneously be a TEST of her fitness for appointment as interim attorney general – and that, to enable the other interim attorney general candidates to also be TESTED as to how they would respond, if appointed, the NOTICE/complaint would be sent to them, as well. This I did, two days later, by a May 18th letter, which I also sent to Acting Attorney General Underwood. In bold-faced type, it identified a standard for evaluating fitness for the office of attorney general applicable not only to candidates for interim appointment, but to candidates who would stand for election:

> **"no candidate may be deemed qualified who takes no investigative and remedial action upon being given NOTICE AND EVIDENTIARY PROOF that the attorney general's office not only fails in its duty to uphold the law, but actively subverts the law and abets corruption at the highest levels of our state government."**

On July 16th, Candidates Teachout, James, and Eve participated in a Democratic AG candidates forum in White Plains, each touting her own qualifications, including courage, independence, and anti-corruption zeal. In my question, from the audience, I asked whether they would demonstrate those qualifications by "whistle-blowing" as to the attorney general's lead role as an enabler and perpetuator of Albany's corruption. For that purpose, I gave to each, *in hand*, a copy of the May 18th letter with its attached May 16th NOTICE/complaint. I also gave Candidates Teachout and James the substantiating appeal brief and three-volume reproduced record on appeal in the second citizen-taxpayer action that I had been burdened with writing and compiling because Attorney General Underwood had not responded to the NOTICE/complaint. As for Candidate Eve, who declined to take the appeal papers, I informed her that she could review them from CJA's website and that if she changed her mind and wished a hard copy, I would send them to her.

On August 15th, these same three candidates -- Teachout, James, and Eve -- participated in a Democratic AG candidates forum in Manhattan, at which there was no live audience questioning. Nonetheless, I gave to both Candidates Teachout and James, *in hand*, a second copy of the May 18th letter with its attached NOTICE/complaint and apprised each that not only had Attorney General Underwood still not responded, but that she had corrupted the judicial process at the Appellate Division with litigation fraud – repeating the *modus operandi* of such conduct by Attorney General Schneiderman's office, particularized by the May 16th NOTICE/complaint.

Four days later, on August 19th, I furnished the May 18th letter with the NOTICE/complaint, by e-mail, to Candidate Maloney's senior campaign advisor. This followed upon my lengthy phone conversation with

him about it, also apprising him of Attorney General Underwood's failure to respond and her litigation fraud at the Appellate Division.

How, in view of the foregoing, do the four Democratic attorney general candidates justify their endorsements of Governor Cuomo and Comptroller DiNapoli at the August 22nd candidate debate? What facts and law presented by the May 16th NOTICE/complaint do they deny or dispute? What examination did they do of the *prima facie* EVIDENCE, cited therein? Which, if any, of the verified pleadings in the three lawsuits to which Governor Cuomo and Comptroller DiNapoli are named defendants did they read – and what defense do they have to the flagrant constitutional, statutory, and rule violations those pleadings particularize with respect to the budget and the commission-based judicial salary increases it embeds? How about the referred-to VIDEOS of my testimony before the Legislature at its January 30, 2018 and February 5, 2018 budget hearings pertaining to the budget for this fiscal year? Did they view the VIDEOS and examine the EVIDENCE I handed-up in substantiation, including Article VII, §§1-7 of the state Constitution delineating how the state budget is to be fashioned and enacted and Article III, §10 pertaining to openness?

I am sure these are the very questions that students of CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice – being schooled in evidentiary standards and the evaluation of complaints alleging criminal conduct – would be expecting you to ask of each candidate – and likewise their professors -- if they knew of the foregoing facts and EVIDENCE. And why should you, the co-moderators of the debate, NOT inform the debate hosts, a public college funded by taxpayer dollars – and the taxpaying public – of such facts and EVIDENCE, when they resoundingly establish each of the four candidates as unworthy of so solemn a responsibility as safeguarding our state Constitution – a responsibility that NONE of the Democratic attorney general candidates even enunciates.

Instead, throughout the August 22nd debate, as throughout their AG campaigning – and in the complete absence of any "adult in the room", as, for example, the voice of scholars of the state Constitution, or of a press that is so-guided – all four Democratic candidates have been shamelessly politicizing and transforming the office of state attorney general beyond the intent of the framers of the state Constitution, *to wit*, the People of the State of New York who voted on its provisions. Surely, this is yet another reason why the four Democratic candidates have been silent about the May 16th NOTICE/complaint, as it identifies, with underlining for emphasis:

> "The attorney general's duty – first and foremost – is to ensure compliance by state public officers with the state constitution and with statutory and rule provisions in conformity therewith." (at p. 2).

In other words, the office of attorney general is, primarily, a dry, legal one. It is NOT to be a super legislator, pushing a political, ideological, or personal policy agenda – or to morph into an investigator/prosecutor of a dangerous president, which is what each of the four Democratic candidates espouses.

Indeed, it is precisely because the state attorney general long ago abandoned his essential constitutional function to preserve and protect the system of checks and balances amply provided by our state Constitution, that our state government is pervasively "dysfunctional" – this being the euphemism for corrupt. This is what I said, publicly, at the July 16th Democratic AG candidates forum, further stating, publicly, that – contrary to claims that the attorney general's job is to "defend the state", when it is sued – that is NOT true. Executive Law §63 sets forth the attorney general's "general duties" – and these do not include a "knee jerk" defense of the state

or its public officials, when sued. Rather, the very first subsection of §63 explicitly states that the attorney general shall "Prosecute and defend all actions and proceedings in which the state is interested… in order to protect the interest of the state". In other words, the attorney general's litigation posture is contingent on "the interest of the state". Thus, when citizens turn to the attorney general with evidence that a public officer is violating the state Constitution and statutes and rules or that given statutes and rules are violative of the state Constitution, the attorney general's duty, unless he disagrees that the evidence establishes violations, is to bring suit – or, if the citizen has brought suit, to assume or join in its prosecution. And, of course, under no circumstances can the attorney general do what lawyers are forbidden to do – engage in fraud, deceit and misrepresentation – to defend, in the absence of a legitimate defense. Where the attorney general has no legitimate defense – indeed, where he has no "merits" defense to evidence of unconstitutionality and unlawfulness -- his duty is not to defend, but to prosecute. And other statutory provisions reinforce this, as for instance, State Finance Law, Article 7-A, entitled "Citizen-Taxpayer Actions", which, while empowering any citizen-taxpayer to bring suit to prevent "illegal or unconstitutional disbursement of state funds" by a state officer or employee, expressly contemplates that the attorney general will either be the plaintiff or join "on behalf of the people of the state". Do the candidates deny that this is what the May 16th NOTICE/complaint that I furnished to them summarizes – and what the appeal brief additionally demonstrates?

In keeping with the attorney general's core constitutional function of ensuring that state governance complies with the mandates of the state Constitution, your debate between attorney general candidates should, in the main, feature questioning on such constitutional issues as are the causes of action in CJA's verified pleadings in the four lawsuits delineated by the May 16th NOTICE/complaint. A good starting point would certainly be the ten causes of action in CJA's second citizen-taxpayer action whose fate, at the hands of the attorney general and judge, is the EXCLUSIVE subject of the appeal brief to which the four Democratic attorney general candidates should be expected to be conversant – and none more so than Candidates Teachout and James, with their own physical copies of it and the substantiating three-volume record since July 16th. And, of course, there is no candidate who would seemingly be better able to address constitutional issues than Candidate Teachout – the sole candidate who is a constitutional scholar and anti-corruption expert, to whom I furnished notice of the lawsuits, repeatedly, from 2014, by a succession of e-mails, and then again, in 2016 with more e-mails, and then again in March 2018 – physical copies of which I brought to the August 15th Democratic AG candidates forum and furnished to Candidate Teachout *via* one of her campaign staffers, to whom I gave them, *in hand*. Among the e-mails, in March 2016, and then again in March 2018, were my requests for her opinion on CJA's cause of action challenging the constitutionality, *as unwritten and applied*, of "three men in a room" budget dealmaking – the first ever such constitutional challenge – and citing to, and quoting. her own 2014 law review article "*The Anti-Corruption Principle*" – to which she did not respond. Peculiarly, at the August 22nd debate – notwithstanding her review of the appeal papers would have revealed to her that neither the attorney general nor judge had any defense to that historic, first-ever cause of action – the ninth cause of action in our second citizen-taxpayer action – all she chose to say on the subject of "three men in a room" was that as attorney general she would be "a leader on changing the three men in a room culture in Albany".

Of course, it would also be relevant to start by probing the constitutionality of Governor Cuomo's Commission to Investigate Public Corruption – improperly dubbed the "Moreland Commission", including by Candidate Teachout – to which she repeatedly refers in campaigning as if it were a

legitimate body, rather than – as she knows it was -- rigged to achieve a "progressive" political agenda, no matter how empirically-unfounded, AND unconstitutional because, *inter alia*, the duties that Governor Cuomo conferred upon it by his Executive Order #106 are actually "duties of a properly-functioning legislature, discharging its oversight and law-making functions" (underlining in the original). Candidate Teachout knows this because it is so-stated in the first cause of action of CJA's April 23, 2014 verified complaint in support of intervention in the purported Senate and Assembly declaratory judgment action against the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, as to which, from June through September 2014, I reached out to her, by phone and e-mail, again, and again, and again, in a fruitless attempt to secure her input and expertise, as a scholar. This includes as to my assertion that Governor Cuomo's shut-down of the Commission did not "moot" the declaratory judgment action because his Executive Order #106 establishing the Commission was still live, having not been rescinded by him.

Candidate Teachout has made the fact that Executive Order #106 was not rescinded a campaign stumping point, usually also pointing out that in July 2014 she wrote a letter to then Attorney General Schneiderman about it – not mentioning that what she might have done – as a lawyer, connected to lots of other lawyers – was to set forth the constitutional and legal issues in an intervention motion, or at least in an *amicus curiae* brief in the declaratory judgment action against the Commission, then still unfolding by reason of CJA's further motion. Her comments on the subject at the August 22nd debate, from which she was cut off because of time, were as follows:

> Zephyr Teachout: …when the Moreland Commission was shut down four years ago I spoke out loudly against that, I actually testified at the Moreland Commission. Actually I don't know that all people realize this, that Andrew Cuomo shut the Moreland Commission down in a press call. He never formally rescinded executive order 106, and laws are laws, you gotta follow the correct procedure, so there're existing authorities within the New York State Attorney General's office to investigate corruption in Albany, and I will use those authorities, I will use them right now. I will use them the minute I take office.
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> Ben Max: And so you think that executive order still holds? You don't need referrals to go after the type of public approval?
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> Zephyr Teachout: Well I'm just beginning.
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> Ben Max: Okay, well 10 more seconds-
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> Zephyr Teachout: Right, okay, so it hasn't been rescinded, second we need the governor to issue a new Moreland Commission to make totally clear that the work is not done."

To date, more than four years after Governor Cuomo's shut-down of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, there has been NO scholarship, including by Candidate Teachout, as to the constitutionality of Executive Order #106, *as written*, challenged by the first cause of action of CJA's April 23, 2014 verified complaint, nor, *as applied*, challenged by its second cause of action – nor of its third cause of action that the Commission's December 2, 2013 preliminary report is void, *as a matter of*

law, and "manifests actual bias and interest, endangering the public in material respects". There is not even scholarship as to whether Governor Cuomo's shut-down of the Commission was motivated by the likelihood that Executive Order #106 was poised to be declared unconstitutional by the court, which is what I stated in my April 23, 2014 affidavit in support of intervention, the purpose of which – as I also expressly stated -- was to secure declarations of the constitutional issues for which New York taxpayers had paid tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of dollars to the counsel representing both sides. Yet, the total absence of ANY scholarship or judicial declaration as to the separation-of-powers and other constitutional questions has not constrained Candidate Teachout from campaigning for a further such commission, should she become attorney general – a position echoed by Candidate James: "The Moreland Commission has ended, but the reality is that corruption continues, and what we need is another Moreland Commission".

To enable the four Democratic attorney general candidates to be prepared for your questioning about the serious EVIDENTIARY and constitutional issues here presented, I request that you notify all four candidates of this e-mail by such direct phone numbers as presumably you have for them or for their campaigns – and also forward this e-mail to them at such e-mail addresses as you have, also presumably more direct than any I have. Tomorrow afternoon, I will forward this e-mail to the addresses that I do have – and will cc you, when I do.

So that Spectrum News may have the LEAD on this game-changing electoral story, I will not circulate this e-mail to other press until Tuesday morning – unless I hear from you before then that I should not hold back from circulating it – or that you are requesting that I postpone circulation until after the debate. So that other Spectrum News political reporters who have reported on the attorney general race may also have the benefit of this LEAD – as, for instance, the "Off Topic/On Politics" NY1 Political Podcast Team, Grace Rauh, Zack Fink, and Juan Manuel Benitez, who, on August 15th, appeared on WNYC's Brian Lehrer show in his segment entitled "Primarily New York: The Race for Attorney General" –
I am cc'ing them on this e-mail.

To all, I am ready to assist, to the max. For your convenience, I will post this letter, on its own webpage, posting links to all referred-to evidence – and to a webpage entitled "Educating the Candidates & the Public about the Attorney General's Role" . The link to the webpage for this e-mail will be accessible from the webpage entitled: "The Posturing Liars who are the Four Attorney General Candidates for the Democratic Party Line", which is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/democrat-ag-candidates.htm.

Thank you.

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Subject: FW: The Aug 28 debate between Democratic AG candidates that you are co-moderating

TO: Liz Benjamin/Host-Capital Tonight/State of Politics Blog

As you are co-moderating the Spectrum News/NY1 August 28th debate with Errol Louis, at CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice, I am forwarding you the below e-mail I sent to him early yesterday morning, to assist you, as well, in preparing for the debate.

More will be coming.

Meantime, I invite you and he to call me, with any questions you have concerning the below e-mail and above three-attachments – especially if you are uncertain as to the extent to which it exposes the outright lies and fraud of all four democratic attorney general candidates at the August 22nd debate sponsored by Manhattan Neighborhood Networks, NYS League of Women Voters, and Gotham Gazette, on which they would have voters rely.

Thank you.

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TO: Errol Louis/Political Anchor-Spectrum News NY1

I am director and co-founder of a non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization – Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) – and myself a graduate of New Rochelle High School – class of 1974. I am delighted to see, from your Spectrum News/NY1 bio: http://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/on-air/2017/09/26/errol-louis, that you, too, are a graduate of New Rochelle High School – and from there, went on the Harvard College, graduating with a B.A. in government, and then earning an M.A. in political science from Yale University – and a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

Perhaps that explains your excellent comment, in your August 21st interview of Lieutenant Governor Candidate Jumaane Williams, responding to his vision of the lieutenant governor as "public advocate", that the office of lieutenant governor combines "elements of executive and legislative powers": http://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/inside-city-hall/2018/08/22/jumaane-williams-talks-personal-finances-kathy-hochul-backing-out-debate-ny-lieutenant-governor-race.

Later today, I will be sending you further information pertaining to the attorney general's race and my significant direct, first-hand experience with all four Democratic attorney general candidates whose August 28th debate you will be co-moderating at CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice. So that you can get started, beginning with my direct-first-hand experience with Democratic AG Candidate Teachout, as of May 4, 2018, attached is my message of that date to Lt. Gov. Candidate Williams, bearing the title "WINNING against Lt. Gov. Hochul is EASY and requires NO MONEY – You only have to Use the 'BULLY PULPIT' of your candidacy to 'BLOW THE WHISTLE'", sent to him *via* the message feature of his campaign website. The direct link to CJA's webpage on which the message is posted, and from which you can access my referred-to e-mail correspondence to Teachout, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/jumaane-williams.htm.

Below is my May 4, 2018 e-mail to Lieutenant Governor Hochel, transmitting to her, for response, my above attached message to Lt. Gov. Candidate Williams.

I received no response from either Hochel or Williams – and I invite you to confirm that neither responded and to inquire why that was. What investigation did they undertake of my above attached May 4th message to verify its truth? What do they deny or dispute? Did they watch the VIDEOS of my testimony at the Legislature's January 30, 2018 and February 5, 2018 hearings on the budget, "specifying hundreds of millions of dollars in larcenous appropriations – ALL of which [were] retained, intact, in the budget enacted on March 30, 2018"?

There is more, much more – but the above will suffice for you to recognize the magnitude of what is before you, upending, in one fell swoop, the attorney general's race and the races for governor, lieutenant governor, comptroller, and every state senate and assembly seat – a truly monumental story for which I urge you to enlist the students to whom you teach "political and investigative reporting" at CUNY's Graduate School of Journalism, as well as the aspiring political and investigative reporters of our beloved shared alma mater, New Rochelle High School.

I invite you to call me – especially, if you'd like me to IMMEDIATELY furnish you with a copy of the appellants' brief and three-volume reproduced record on appeal that I gave to both Candidate Teachout and Candidate James on July 16th, and which Candidate Eve declined to take from me on that date – knowing, however, that it is accessible from CJA's website: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/appeal/7-4-18-appellants-brief.htm and that I would mail her a copy should she so-request. As for Candidate Maloney, he has known that I would mail him a copy, should he so-request, since August 19th -- and my summarizing e-mail of that date to his AG campaign senior advisor is attached, together with its most important attachment: my May 18th letter to candidates for interim attorney general, transmitting to them my May 16th NOTICE to then Acting Attorney General Underwood – about whom all four AG Democratic candidates have heaped high public praise. CJA's webpage for Attorney General Underwood, from which you can access the May 16th NOTICE and my subsequent correspondence to her underlying my being burdened with perfecting the appeal and my requests to the Appellate Division, Third Department for sanctions and disciplinary and criminal referrals of her, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/underwood.htm.

Thank you.

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The below was sent *via* the "contact" page message feature of the www.kathyhochul.com website, at 6:21 pm. Kindly forward to Lieutenant Governor Hochul, with the attached message to Lieutenant Governor Candidate Jumaane Williams, sent to him earlier today, so that she may respond, accordingly. CJA's webpage on which all is posted is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/jumaane-williams.htm.

Thank you.
Elena Sassower/Director-Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

TO: **Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul**

SUBJECT: **Your 2018 re-election campaign**

Although you have stated you are running for re-election as lieutenant governor, I have not been able to find a website for your 2018 re-election campaign. I found only this website, https://kathyhochul.com/, whose "news", "bio" and other postings pertain to your 2014 initial run.

The "contact" page, that I am using to send this message, lists a phone number for "Friends for Kathy Hochul", 212-551-9441. However, upon calling it twice, I got a recording stating "Lines are temporarily busy. Please try again later. 0106."

In an effort to reach you, I searched for your webpage as lieutenant governor. Alas, it is quite skimpy, and just an appendage of the governor's New York State website, https://www.governor.ny.gov/aboutlieutenantgovernor. No contact information for you is provided, though there is, at the bottom, a phone number for Governor Cuomo – or maybe for New York's executive branch -- 518-474-8390. From it, I reached an operator who gave me the phone number of your lieutenant governor's office, 518-402-2292, following which she transferred the call. I spoke with Lauren, of your office.

Lauren told me that she could not provide me with any contact information for your 2018 re-election campaign – notwithstanding I stated that the only reason I was calling was because I was unable to find campaign contact information for you on the internet, which is all that I was requesting. Lauren also told

me that, in your capacity as lieutenant governor, you have no publicly available e-mail – and that the only way to send you anything is by postal mail.

Lauren did take my name and phone number and said that she would pass on my message – which was that I was seeking an e-mail address for your 2018 re-election campaign, so as to furnish you with the message I had sent to your Democratic re-election opponent, Jumaane Williams, earlier in the day, in which I had stated that I would be furnishing it to you for your response. I further told Lauren that the message was posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org – but she was uncomfortable with going onto the website so that I could show her where, stating she had to "watch out for [her] job".

My phone conversation with Lauren was at approximately 4:10 p.m. today, Friday, May 4, 2018. It is now nearly 6:15 p.m.

The direct link to where my today's message to Lieutenant Governor Candidate Williams is posted, with substantiating EVIDENTIARY LINKS, is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/jumaane-williams.htm -- part of CJA's collection of webpages entitled "OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office – WITH EVIDENCE". That is also where I will be posting this message to you.

Finally – and by way of postscript – after writing the foregoing, I re-examined your www.kathyhochul.com website. By clicking the "Donate" tab, I did find a phone and fax number for "Cuomo – Contribute to our campaign", with a text reading: "Andrew Cuomo delivers on the promise of progressive government for all New Yorkers. Will you join the fight? Show your support by donating now." At the bottom is "Andrew Cuomo 2018" and "© 2018 Paid for by Andrew Cuomo for Governor".

I called the phone number 212-257-6405 – and spoke with Hailee Greene who stated she is deputy finance director for the governor and state campaigns. Although she seemed initially surprised by my question as to whether this was also the phone number for your campaign, she did say it was – and furnished me the e-mail for your campaign finance director, Abby Erwin, and, upon my request, her own e-mail for the message I told her I wished to e-mail for you pertaining to your re-election.

Thank you.

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