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**Subject:** **Follow-up -- April 19, 2024 e-mail "Not forwarded? Holly Kirkpatrick -- Evidentiary Rebuttal: "Who Investigates complaints regarding state government. New York State Inspector General Lucy Lang" (April 15, 2024, WBFO)"**  
**Attachments:** [2-7-24-complaint-vs-megna-to-inspector-general.pdf](#)

**TO:** [WBFO/PBS-NPR Radio Station](#)  
**ATT:** Charles Gilbert/Producer

As discussed, I received no response to my below April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> e-mails, with the above attachment, pertaining to the readily-verified corruption of NYS Inspector General Lucy Lang, concealed by Holly Kirkpatrick's "[Who investigates complaints regarding state government? New York Inspector General Lucy Lang](#)" (WBFO, April 15<sup>th</sup>).

Inspector General Lang's corruption is a piece of the larger story I just e-mailed you for WBFO's 2024 elections reporting of the Erie County D.A. race and for 15 state legislative seats.

I now see that WBFO's website features Ms. Kirkpatrick's yesterday's article "[Local organizations partner to mobilize Buffalo voters in low-turnout areas](#)". Do the "local organizations" that are engaged in this mobilization believe that Buffalo voters have sufficient information about the candidates with which to intelligently vote, as, for instance, for Erie County D.A. – and for Buffalo state legislators such as [Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes](#) who is running unopposed?

And shouldn't WBFO be doing an investigative expose of the myriad of uncontested elections in New York – and why no one is running against Assemblywoman Peoples-Stokes, notwithstanding she has been the subject of fully-documented criminal, ethics, and lawsuit complaints against her, for years.

Investigative reporting is imperative.

Thank you.

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**Subject: Not forwarded? Holly Kirkpatrick -- Evidentiary Rebuttal: "Who Investigates complaints regarding state government. New York State Inspector General Lucy Lang" (April 15, 2024, WBFO)**

**TO: [WBFO-National Public Radio Reporter Holly Kirkpatrick](#)**

I have received no response to my below e-mail for you, sent to [news@wbfo.org](mailto:news@wbfo.org). Perhaps, it was not forwarded to you – and also not seen by Managing Editor Brigid Jaipaul-Valenza, herein cc'd.

Please let me hear from you concerning your "[Who investigates complaints regarding state government? New York Inspector General Lucy Lang](#)" (April 15<sup>th</sup>) – including whether you will report on the lawsuit against Inspector General Lang, to be argued on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and whose live-stream you can watch from a link accessible from the Appellate Division, Third Department's [homepage](#). Here's the [calendar listing for the argument of the appeal](#) – and here's the [NYSCEF docket of the appeal, #CV-23-0115](#).

As I see [Managing Editor Jaipaul-Valenza](#) is a certified paralegal, the lawsuit would be ideal for a collaborative story and follow-up.

I am available throughout the weekend – no matter how early or late.

Thank you.

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**Subject: ATT: Holly Kirkpatrick -- Evidentiary Rebuttal: "Who Investigates complaints regarding state government. New York State Inspector General Lucy Lang" (April 15, 2024, WBFO)**

**TO: [WBFO-National Public Radio Reporter Holly Kirkpatrick](#)**

I would like to speak with you about your interview "[Who investigates complaints regarding state government? New York Inspector General Lucy Lang](#)" (April 15, 2024) – as the situation is NOT how IG Lang self-servingly described it to you and the public, when she stated, regarding the over 6,000 complaints her office receives each year:

“Every one of those complaints gets thoroughly investigated. And where there is indicia of fraud or abuse, we open a complete investigation. And that can include investigating on the ground with witnesses and conducting interviews, it can

include conducting surveillance, it can include doing more of a paper based analysis - so we really tailor our investigations to the nature of the allegations.”

Indeed, IG Lang’s wilful nonfeasance with respect to fully-documented complaints of state governmental corruption, at its highest levels, involving Governor Hochul who appointed her, and pay raises, including her own, and New York’s larcenous and “OFF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RAILS” state budget, resulted in a lawsuit, suing her for corruption – [CJA v. JCOPE...NYS Inspector General, et al.](#) [See, *inter alia*, ¶¶8, 59-77 of the [June 6, 2022 verified petition](#) and, among its exhibits, [my November 2, 2021 letter to IG Lang, constituting six interrelated corruption complaints](#), including against the Office of Inspector General and JCOPE, over which she had jurisdiction.

On October 13, 2023, I testified about the case before the (3<sup>rd</sup>) Commission on Legislative Judicial and Executive Compensation ([VIDEO, at 2hrs/31 mins](#)), identifying that it was [on appeal at the Appellate Division, Third Department](#), on a record establishing that the case was “thrown” by fraudulent judicial decisions. This Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the appeal will be orally argued – and you can watch it, as it will be live-streamed.

Meantime, above-attached, sent by the below February 7, 2024 e-mail, is my most recent fully-documented complaint to IG Lang. It continues the saga of high-level state government corruption involving pay raises – and is against (3<sup>rd</sup>) Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation Member Robert Megna, who is president of the Rockefeller Institute of Government. Now, more than two months later, what kind of “complete investigation” do you believe IG Lang has done of the complaint – resting, as it does, on [CJA’s January 18, 2024 Opposition Report](#), establishing the Commission’s December 4, 2023 Report to be a “false instrument”.

I look forward to speaking with you – and soon – about your reporting of this evidentiary rebuttal to IG Lang’s demonstrably false claims to you and the public.

Thank you.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 1:31 PM

**To:** 'inspector.general@ig.ny.gov' <[inspector.general@ig.ny.gov](mailto:inspector.general@ig.ny.gov)>

**Subject: Conflict-of-Interest/Corruption Complaint vs Rockefeller Institute of Government President Robert Megna**

TO: NYS Inspector General Lang

Following up my phone conversation yesterday with Investigative Aide Cortney S., who returned my call, here attached is my conflict-of-interest/corruption complaint against Rockefeller Institute President Robert Megna, which I briefly discussed with her.

Thank you.

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