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Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 1:43 PM
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Subject: Securing Government Integrity -- Starting with the "Public Trust Act"

Dear Victor,

Following up our conversation a short time ago, here's the link to our webpage posting, with substantiating evidence, our July 19th corruption complaint to Albany County District Attorney David Soares: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/albany-da.htm> . The complaint opens with a summary of the status of the Governor's "Public Trust Act" (Program Bill #3) and his Program Bills #4, #5, & #12 that you assisted me in securing. Thank you.

Please be sure Senator Latimer reads the complaint and reviews the evidence posted on the webpage. It's long past time for action – and the withholding of the "Public Trust Act" from legislators by Senate Majority Conference Leaders Skelos and Klein – aided and abetted by Senate Democratic Conference Leader Stewart-Cousins – should be the final straw, propelling Senator Latimer to speak up AND SHOW LEADERSHIP.

What is Senator Latimer's response to the "Public Trust Act"? Would he have been a sponsor if offered the opportunity by Senate Leaders Skelos, Klein, or Stewart-Cousins? Does he not believe that virtually every Senator would have rushed to sponsor it – supported, as it was, not only by the Governor, but by ALL New York's 62 district attorneys.

As discussed, Senator Latimer should follow the strategy of Senators Hoylman and Espailat, who are now circulating a letter, for signature by Democratic Senators, with respect to tax breaks for billionaires.

We request that Senator Latimer also circulate a letter – one to ALL Senators and concerning the "Public Trust Act", so that it is IMMEDIATELY introduced, referred to committee, discussed, debated, amended, if necessary, voted upon – and moved to the floor of the Senate for debate, discussion, amendment (if necessary) and a Senate vote. The fact that our Legislature is NOT "part time", as is routinely-purported and pretended (obliquely justifying (& obscuring) the disproportionately low salary of its members), only reinforces that this should be done IMMEDIATELY.

Please let me know, by week's end, whether Senator Latimer will do this – and if not, why not.

Thank you.

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