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Dear Professor,

As you were the first scholar with whom I discussed the observation that the purposes of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption are actually the duties of a properly-functioning legislature, discharging its oversight and lawmaking functions, I wanted you to see the below e-mail that I sent yesterday to the Governor's "Special Counsel for Public Integrity & Ethics Reform", Jeremy Creelan – with whom I believe you said you were acquainted.

May I furnish your name to media with whom I am speaking about that observation and others, presented by CJA's August 21<sup>st</sup> letter to the Governor, entitled "Achieving BOTH a Properly Functioning Legislature & Your Public Trust Act (Program Bill #3) – the *Sine Qua Non* for 'Government Working' & 'Working for the People'". You are a perfect choice – having been a member of the Legislature for 18 years and now teaching "Oversight & Investigation", "Ethics & Accountability" at CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

I do hope your answer will be yes. But if not, please advise who are the other scholars of New York's Legislature who you would recommend. Certainly, too, we need scholars to not only weigh in on these issues by furnishing the media with comment, but by their scholarship and by testimony before the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption. Were you planning to testify? How about other scholars of the Legislature?

I greatly look forward to our continuing our conversation together at the earliest date that is convenient for you. Let me know when you would be available – and I will happily travel to New York City to meet you at your office at John Jay College.

Thank you, again.

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**Subject: Achieving BOTH a Properly Functioning Legislature & Your Public Trust Act (Program Bill #3) -- the Sine Qua Non for "Government Working" & "Working for the People"**

Dear Mr. Creelan,

Attached is the letter I hand-delivered to the Governor's office yesterday (to the receptionist Tay), in an envelope addressed to your attention.

It has been corrected to delete the "d" at the end of your name (apologies for that) – and is posted on our website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), on the webpage especially created it. It can be accessed from our "Latest News" top panel, which also features the interview I gave about the letter yesterday on The Capitol Pressroom with Susan Arbetter. Here's the direct link to our "Latest News" webpage: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm>.

I would look forward to the opportunity to speak with you directly about the letter – either before or after you furnish it to the Governor and Mylan Denerstein and discuss it with them, which I respectfully request you to do.

Thank you.

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