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Nan Weiner, Executive Director Governor Pataki's Judicial Screening Committees The Capitol Albany, New York 12224

RE: <u>Publicly-Available Information Regarding Governor Pataki's Appointment of Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman James J.</u>

Lack to the Court of Claims

Dear Ms. Weiner:

This is to request a copy of the State Judicial Screening Committee's "written report" of the qualifications of Senate Judiciary Chairman James J. Lack to serve on the Court of Claims. Pursuant to Governor's Pataki's Executive Order #10.1, ¶2d, such report is supposed to be "available for public inspection" "upon the announcement by the Governor of an appointment". The Governor appointed Chairman Lack to the Court of Claims two days ago.

As I have been informed that Chairman Lack's confirmation "hearing" by the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senate confirmation vote may be as early as Tuesday, December 17, 2002, time is of the essence. Please, therefore, immediately fax me a copy of the State Judicial Screening Committee's "written report", as well as any other publicly-available information regarding this appointment.

Finally, please advise whether there have been any changes to the "Uniform Rules" of the Governor's Judicial Screening Committees since March 30, 2001 and furnish me with a copy of the blank questionnaire forms which comprise the Appendices to those Rules.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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