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Nan Weiner, Executive Director Governor Pataki's Judicial Screening Committees The Capitol, Room 242 Albany, New York 12224

RE:

- (1) CJA's April 16, 2003 F.O.I.L. request to the Governor's Records Access Officer
- (2) CJA's March 30, 2001 letter to you for information and documents to which we received no response from you

Dear Ms. Weiner:

Enclosed is a copy of CJA's F.O.I.L. request of today's date to the Governor's Records Access Officer, Mark Ustin – to which you are an indicated recipient. This, because – as reflected by the Governor's February 28, 2002 press release – you are Executive Director to his "Federal Judicial Screening Committee". Presumably, you were also Executive Director of his "Federal Appointments Screening Committee" – whose creation was announced by a March 16, 2001 press release – and about which we requested information and documents by letter to you dated March 30, 2001.

We have received no response from you to that letter – including its concluding paragraph:

"Finally, a propos of the Governor's March 16, 2001 press release announcing the formation of a 'Federal Appointments Screening Committee' to 'screen and review candidates for nomination by President George W. Bush to serve as U.S.

Attorney and for federal judgeships', CJA requests information as to who, in addition to the Governor's appointed chairman, Court of Claims Judge John O'Mara, will be serving on the Committee. Please also provide information as to the new Committee's screening and review procedures, including a copy of the blank questionnaires, if any, that applicants will be required to complete, as well as a telephone number for the Committee so that we may communicate with it directly."

For your convenience, a copy of CJA's March 30, 2001 letter to you is enclosed. Please confirm that you did not previously respond - and explain the reason.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator

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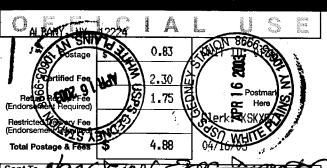
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