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Following up my e-mail, just sent, below is my yesterday's e-mail to Miner, Volpe, etc. regarding tonight's NY gubernatorial debate – proposing a question to be asked of the candidates, in the absence of independent "whistle-blowing"

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Subject: Tomorrow's gubernatorial debate CAN make the difference -- & propel "long-shot" competitors to front-runners

TO: <u>Gubernatorial Candidates</u>:
     Marc Molinaro, Stephanie Miner, Howie Hawkins, & Larry Sharpe
    <u>**Panel Questionners**</u>:
     Susan Arbetter, Ken Lovett, Josefa Velasquez, & College of Saint Rose journalism student Takora McIntyre
    <u>**Moderator**</u>:
     NYS League of Women Voters Executive Director Ladd Bierman

The numbers don't look good for the four gubernatorial candidates participating at tomorrow's debate. The widely-reported October 1st Siena poll gave incumbent Governor Cuomo a 22-point lead over his closest competitor Marc Molinaro – with third-party candidates Stephanie Miner, Howard Hawkins, and Larry Sharpe all scoring in the low single digits – very low single digits – of percentage of likely votes they will garner.

Tomorrow's debate can change this – and catapult the "long-shot" competitors to front-runners. All that is necessary is for any one candidate to "whistle-blow" about the EVIDENCE of Cuomo's corruption, which each of them has – or for any of the three participating professional journalists, each of whom also has this EVIDENCE, to question the candidates about it. Alternatively, for the journalism student from the College of Saint Rose, included in the panel of questioners, to inquire about the EVIDENCE – accessible from the Center for Judicial Accountability's webpage for Cuomo's 2018 re-election run, here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm

In the event the gubernatorial challengers, who talk the talk about rooting out public corruption, do not themselves come forward and "whistle-blow" – as is the duty they owe their parties' members, contributors, and voters, the question I propose is as follows:

> Voters reasonably expect that any candidate seeking to oust an incumbent would probe his record in office – and eagerly examine complaints filed against him with criminal and ethics authorities – as, likewise, lawsuits suing him for corruption and other abuses of his office.
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> What examination have each of you made of complaints and lawsuits against Cuomo – and, in particular, those filed by the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) against Cuomo for "grand larceny of the public fisc" and other corruption involving commission-based judicial pay raises and the state budget?
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> What have you concluded about these complaints and lawsuits? Is it true that prosecutorial and ethics authorities have been "sitting on" the complaints, for years – and that the lawsuits were all "thrown" by fraudulent judicial decisions? Also, have you examined the culminating lawsuit, presently before the Appellate Division, Third Department, whose ten causes of action include the first-ever challenge to the constitutionality of Governor Cuomo's three-men-in-a-room budget deal-making? Is it true that the record with respect to that cause of action – and the other nine – establishes that the state has had NO legitimate defense and has engaged in litigation fraud by its attorney, the state attorney general, rewarded by fraudulent judicial decisions?

By the way, the League of Women Voters, hosting the debate, has a hard copy of the appeal brief and three-volume record on appeal in the lawsuit that is before the Appellate Division, Third Department – transmitted to it by my above attached August 13th letter. Executive Director Bierman confirmed this to me when I spoke with her on October 25th, requesting that the brief and record be made available to those involved in formulating questions for the gubernatorial candidates, who, as I advised, were all knowledgeable of the case from my communications with them.

For the convenience of all, CJA's webpages for the race for governor, with links to webpages for the candidates, posting my e-mails to them about the EVIDENCE – and linking to a webpage specifically for tomorrow's debate – is accessible from CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, via the prominent homepage link: "OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office – WITH EVIDENCE". The direct link is here: http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/menu-2018-governor.htm.

I am available to assist you, to the max. Feel free to call me with any questions, no matter how late this Halloween night or early tomorrow morning.

Thank you.

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