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Subject: **ELECTIONS ARE A TIME OF ACCOUNTABILITY: Your Performance, in Office, as a NYS Senator & Your 2025 Electoral Race for NYC Mayor**

TO: [Senator](#) & [Would-Be New York City Mayor](#) Zellnor Myrie, ESQ.

Elections are a time of accountability. Based on your on-the-job performance as a state senator, why do you believe yourself fit to be mayor of New York City – or for any office of public trust?

In reports issued in [2004](#), [2006](#), and [2008](#), New York University's Brennan Center for Justice described New York's Legislature as the most dysfunctional in the nation. This dysfunction, reflected in sham committees that do not meaningfully discharge their lawmaking and oversight responsibilities, would have been obvious to you – a lawyer – upon taking office in January 2019 and, certainly, by the next month, from my first e-mail to you, as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. That was my [February 28, 2019 e-mail](#), sent to you and your legislative director, entitled "AGENDA: Judiciary budget & budget of the Commission on Judicial Conduct for Fiscal Year 2019-2020", attaching my [written testimony for the Legislature's February 11, 2019 budget hearing on "local government officials/general government"](#). I received no response. Six and a half months later, I forwarded these e-mails to your chief of staff, twice, by two further e-mails, on [September 9, 2019](#) and [September 17, 2019](#), in the context of trying to arrange a meeting with you, including in your capacity as chair of the Senate Elections Committee relative to my [testimony at the September 10, 2019 hearing of the Public Campaign Financing and Election Commission](#) – a commission enacted *via* the FY2019-20 budget whose recommendations would have the "force of law". We had no meeting.

The next year, following enactment of the FY2020-21 budget, I filed with Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez a [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) against you and your fellow state legislators representing Brooklyn districts for larceny and fraud with respect to the state budget and its embedded "false instrument"/"force of law" pay raises – including for your salary. Three and a half months later, by a [September 21, 2020 e-mail](#), I sent the complaint to NY's "local journalism", cc'ing you, your fellow legislators, and D.A. Gonzalez who, as now, was himself running for re-election. Entitled "Brooklyn Elections 2020 – Informing Voters with EVIDENCE...", the e-mail identified that D.A. Gonzalez was "sitting on" the complaint, knowing that it established that you and your fellow legislators had to be indicted – and would be convicted. I received no response.

I also received no response to any of my subsequent e-mails to you, as a Senate Judiciary Committee member:

- [my June 1, 2021 e-mail](#) – "Senate Judiciary Committee procedures for vetting Gov. Cuomo's nominations of Singas & Cannataro to the NY Court of Appeals -- & request to testify in strong opposition at their confirmation hearings, with EVIDENCE, decisive of their unfitness";
- [my June 7, 2021 e-mail](#) – "Your tomorrow's 'meeting' on the nominations of Singas & Cannataro to the NY Court of Appeals -- UNCONSTITUTIONAL & FRAUDULENT, as it has not been preceded by vetting of the EVIDENCE decisive of their unfitness, of which you have had NOTICE";

- [my April 16, 2023 e-mail](#) – “Request to testify in opposition to Rowan Wilson's confirmation as chief judge & Caitlin Halligan's confirmation as associate judge, plus FOIL request”;
- [my April 17, 2023 e-mail](#) – “AGAIN: Request to testify vs Rowan Wilson's confirmation as chief judge & Caitlin Halligan's confirmation as associate judge -- & the duties of the Senate Judiciary Committee”;
- [my January 19, 2024 e-mail](#) – “Judiciary Budget ALERT: \$34.6M at pp. 18-19 of Budget Bill #S.8301/A.8801 must be stricken, as it is the product of statutory violations & fraud by the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation”;
- [my January 25, 2024 e-mail](#) – “Today's ‘public protection’ budget hearing -- & your questioning of Chief Administrative Judge Zayas & Commission on Judicial Conduct Administrator Tembeckjian”.

And here's another e-mail that I sent you, this as a member of the Senate Codes Committee, to which I also received no response:

- [my Jan. 24, 2024 e-mail](#) – “Tomorrow's ‘Public Protection’ Budget Hearing -- ALERT: \$34.6M at pp. 1819 of Budget Bill #S.8301/A.8801 must be stricken, as it is the product of statutory violations & fraud by the Commission on Legislative, Judicial & Executive Compensation”.

In addition to my [written testimony for the Legislature's February 11, 2019 budget hearing](#) that I had e-mailed you three times, here's my written testimony for the Legislature's subsequent budget hearings:

- [my \(written\) oral testimony at the February 10, 2021 budget hearing on “public protection”](#);
- [my \(written\) oral testimony at the January 25, 2022 budget hearing on “public protection”](#);
- [my written testimony for the February 7, 2023 budget hearing on “public protection”](#);
- [my written testimony for the January 25, 2024 budget hearing on “public protection”](#);
- [my written testimony for the February 6, 2024 budget hearing on “local gov't officials/general gov't”](#);
- [my written testimony for the February 4, 2025 budget hearing on “local gov't officials/general gov't”](#);
- [my written testimony for the February 13, 2025 budget hearing on “public protection”](#);
- [my written testimony for the February 25, 2025 budget hearing on “higher education”](#).

The ONLY difference in the testimony, from year to year, is that, with each year, there is that much more evidence in substantiation of the previous year's testimony and the [June 9, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint](#) that, to date, remains pending before Brooklyn D.A. Gonzalez. Are you unaware of all this testimony – and the two citizen-taxpayer action lawsuits I commenced “on behalf of the People of

the State of New York & the Public Interest, in [June 2022](#) and [March 2024](#), suing all three government branches, including you, as a member of the Senate – and seeking declarations of unconstitutionality, unlawfulness and cessation/claw-backs of larcenous disbursements. Has it not been discussed by your legislative colleagues, including at the closed-door party conferences that substitute for discussion and debate at open committee meetings?

New York City voters, whose votes and financial support you are soliciting for your mayoral run, are entitled to your responses to the above e-mails, testimony, and lawsuits because they establish corrupt, posturing, and larcenous conduct by you and your fellow legislators, inexplicable except as a manifestation of self-interest, over the public interest. What, if anything, do you deny or dispute?

To assist you in furnishing that measure of accountability by your answers, I have created a [webpage for your mayoral run](#) from which the foregoing is accessible, plus the complaints I have filed with ethics and criminal authorities against you and your co-conspirators. It is part of a series of webpages, featured by the first prominent center link on CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, entitled "[ELECTIONS 2025 -- INFORMING THE VOTERS -- ALERT: Corrupt candidates & incumbents are on the ballot](#)".

To further encourage your response, this e-mail will be posted on CJA's webpage for your mayoral candidacy – and furnished to the other New York City mayoral candidates and the media.

Thank you.

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