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Subject: Evidence Establishing that NYS' Black & Hispanic Legislators are Being Invidiously & Selectively Investigated & Prosecuted for Corruption

Dear Mr. Barkan,

I am intrigued as to why your May 11th article "*State Senator Speculates & Debates: 'Attack on Black Leaders: Corruption or Conspiracy'*" does not identify that Senator Sander's May 10th program on that topic provided for questions from audience members – or that there were a great many questioners who lined up with questions for the panelists. Did you think that NONE of their questions were noteworthy?– and NONE of the responses to their questions? Such is all the more remarkable as your article ends as follows:

“Councilman Leroy Comrie, a black southeastern Queens representative, arrived late to watch the debate. As Mr. Comrie was leaving, we asked the chairman of the Queens Council delegation if he believed there was an actual conspiracy against minority elected officials. He equivocated.

‘I’m not rejecting any notion,’ Mr. Comrie explained. ‘All I’m saying is, it’s not my job to be concerned about corruption or conspiracy. All I’m trying to do as an elected official is do right thing and encourage other people to be involved in government. Make people unafraid of government and make sure the government is responsive to people.’”

Why were you questioning Councilman Comrie who missed the debate? Why were you not reporting on the questions and comments of audience members, publicly-stated? Aren't they the “people”, who, by their presence and questions were “involved”, “unafraid” and seeking “responsive” government?

Do you remember the first question from the audience: a woman who commented that more information was needed and asked about whether the Governor should appoint a Moreland Commission? Do you remember the response of Michael Benjamin, the lead panelist on the “corruption” side? Didn’t he say something to the effect that ALL the corruption would then be exposed – and that the result would be that the difference between legal and illegal graft (or was it bribery?) would disappear.

I was the third questioner on line – and perhaps the most challenging. Do you remember that I identified EVIDENCE that Black and Hispanic legislators were being invidiously and selectively investigated and prosecuted – *to wit*, the many, many corruption complaints that our nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens’ organization had filed over more than 20 years, culminating in a corruption complaint to US Attorney Bharara against New York State’s all-white highest constitutional officers: the Governor, the Attorney General, the Comptroller, the Chief Judge, the Temporary Senate President, and the Assembly Speaker, all named defendants in a lawsuit we had brought against them for corruption. Do you recall that I handed-up a copy of that document-supported complaint against those all-white public officers, expressly so that the debate’s moderator – St. Johns Law School Professor Leonard Baynes – could have it reviewed by 1st year St. Johns law students? And do you recall that Senator Sanders himself thereafter placed it before the panelists...on the “corruption” side?

As you may recall, I did not step away until I had announced to audience members that they themselves could verify the serious and substantial nature of the complaint, as it is posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the top panel “Latest News”, on the webpage entitled “Holding Government Accountable for its Grand Larceny of the Public Fisc”.

In the event you have not yourself examined the complaint, hand-delivered to U.S. Attorney Bharara on April 15th, here’s the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/grand-larceny-of-public-fisc.htm>. That is where you will also find our April 19th letter to Senator Malcolm Smith and our May 7th letter to ALL Senators and Assembly Member, which I also handed-up with the complaint.

Please call me once you’ve reviewed these – and I will fill you in on WHO now has the very copy of the complaint and correspondence that Senator Sanders placed before the panel, reflective of his awareness of their evidentiary significance in establishing invidious and selective investigation and prosecution of Black & Hispanic “little fish”, while “big white whales” go free.

Thank you.

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