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Subject: Follow-up -- The dishonest, cover-up journalism of NPR/PBS correspondents Karen DeWitt & Matt Ryan, ongoing and unabated
Attachments: constitutional-provisions.pdf; 3-23-16-2nd-supp-complaint-16th-cause-of-action.pdf; 9-2-16-complaint-9th-cause-of-action.pdf; 8-10-17-open-ltr.pdf; 12-23-15-emal-wrvo-dewitt-ryan.pdf

TO: Catherine Loper/Adjunct Professor-Newhouse School of Journalism

This follow up our phone conversation on December 23, 2015, when you were News Director of WRVO Public Media – and the fact-specific, evidence-supported e-mail I sent you later that day pertinent thereto.

The e-mail is attached. As I have no record of any response, please advise whether you responded – and, if not, why not – and what you did to verify the facts of which I advised you, both in the phone conversation and the e-mail.

Additionally, kindly furnish me with the requested contact information for “editors and executives at NPR and Public Media” responsible for oversight over Albany correspondents Karen DeWitt and Matt Ryan – each recipients of my December 23, 2015 e-mail, from whom I also have no record of response – and whose dishonest, cover-up journalism has continued, unabated, to the present date, misleading the public on issues of governance and about incumbent public officers, would-be public officers -- and rigging elections.

By copy of this e-mail to Ms. DeWitt and Mr. Ryan – each recipients of many e-mails from me subsequent to December 23, 2015 – the most recent being the below March 29, 2018 e-mail, with the above (1st four) attachments -- I invite their responses – and, in any event, the names of those having oversight of their work-product and news judgment.

As time is of the essence – the April 24th special elections being just two weeks away – I would appreciate prompt responses from all.

Thank you.

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Subject: CORRUPTION ALERT: Does Albany "Outsider" Cynthia Nixon think the "three/four men in a room" budget deal-making, happening now & behind-closed-doors, is constitutional? How about The New York Times?

TO: [REPORTERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENTS' ASSOCIATION](#)

CORRUPTION ALERT: Does Albany "Outsider" Cynthia Nixon think the "three/four men in a room" budget deal-making, happening now & behind-closed-doors, is constitutional? How about The New York Times?

Why not ask Cynthia Nixon's campaign treasurer, Zephyr Teachout, a constitutional scholar and lawyer – who was sent the attached & below, including its March 21st e-mail to [The New York Times](#).

And why not ask [The New York Times](#) why it has not questioned Professor Teachout and other constitutional and legal experts about the attached provisions of the New York State Constitution and the cause of action of action based thereon – and not reported on what they have said.

Isn't this the kind of "real news" and "real journalism" that is the press' responsibility, safeguarding the rule of law and government integrity from posturing public servants and wannabes?

As I have received NO response from Professor Teachout or [The New York Times](#), your follow-up is VITAL.

Thank you.

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Subject: RESPONSE? -- & TIMING FOR GREATEST IMPACT: -- "The Anti-Corruption Principle" -- WINNING for Cynthia Nixon -- & for ALL the People of the State of New York

TO: Zephyr Teachout – Constitutional Scholar, Lawyer -- & Cynthia Nixon’s Campaign Treasurer

How disappointing to have received no response from you to my below March 21st and March 22nd e-mails. Kindly acknowledge receipt -- and confirm that you have forwarded to Cynthia, as I have requested.

As the “three men in a room” budget deal-making, with its amending of budget bills – all behind closed doors – is happening NOW with respect to the fiscal year 2018-2019 state budget, shouldn’t Cynthia be “whistle-blowing” about its unconstitutionality NOW, for greatest IMPACT? Likewise, isn’t this the OPTIMUM TIME to “whistle-blow” about the other unconstitutionality, unlawfulness, and fraud of that budget – replicated from past fiscal years and reiterated by my written and oral testimony at the Legislature’s January 30, 2018 and February 5, 2018 budget hearings: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/menu-2018-legislative-session.htm>.

Of course, the starting point is the EVIDENCE. Have you yet contacted other constitutional and legal scholars to assist you in reviewing the verified pleadings and record of CJA’s two citizen-taxpayer actions: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/1st/menu-1st-citizen-taxpayer%20action.htm>; <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/citizen-taxpayer-action/2nd/menu-2nd-citizen-taxpayer-action.htm>. Just give me a list of names and I would be happy to call them on your behalf.

I am available to speak with you anything during the weekend, day or night.

Thank you.

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Subject: "The Anti-Corruption Principle" -- WINNING for Cynthia Nixon -- & for ALL the People of the State of New York

TO: Zephyr Teachout – Constitutional Scholar, Lawyer -- & Cynthia Nixon’s Campaign Treasurer

Please call me about the below, sent to you yesterday – but only to your Fordham Law School e-mail address.

I am eager to help you win – for Cynthia & ALL the People of the State of New York. New York’s corrupt and posturing incumbent public officers – from Governor Cuomo, on down – must be taken out – and this can be accomplished, EASILY & WITHOUT MONEY by a press conference featuring constitutional scholars and legal experts, such as yourself, “blowing the whistle” about the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE presented by the verified pleadings and record of CJA’s citizen-taxpayer actions and by the FULLY-DOCUMENTED corruption & ethics complaints that criminal and disciplinary authorities have been “sitting on”, since 2013: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm> – mandating their indictment and guaranteeing their convictions, including under the vaunted “Public Trust Act”: Penal Law 496 (“corrupting the government”): <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/enforcing-public-trust-act.htm>.

Please forward this e-mail to Cynthia, with whom I would be most grateful to speak, directly – consistent with what she has promised about “a people-powered, grass-roots, from the bottom-up campaign”.

More to follow.

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Subject: Cynthia Nixon's campaign treasurer, Zephyr Teachout, is a lawyer & constitutional scholar. Shouldn't she know about the citizen-taxpayer actions & complaints vs Cuomo that you have known of, since Jan 17th -- but not reported on

Resent to correct the title of the cause of action, which—as reflected by the attached -- is “Three-Men-in-a-Room Budget Deal-Making is Unconstitutional, As Unwritten and As Applied”.

Apologies.

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TO: Shane Goldmacher/New York Times Chief Metro Political Correspondent

Your March 20, 2018 article “[Cynthia Nixon Asks If Cuomo Is a “Real Democrat” at Campaign Debut](#)”, also appearing today, refers to an “April 1 state budget deadline”.

There is NO “April 1 state budget deadline”. April 1st is only the start of the state fiscal year. You can confirm this with Robert Ward, author of the treatise [New York State Government](#) and Comptroller DiNapoli’s deputy comptroller for budget and policy analysis. Referring to the budget as “The State Government’s Biggest Job”, he states:

“The Constitution sets no date for budget adoption; under the State Finance Law, the state’s fiscal year begins on April 1.” (at p. 259)

“The state’s fiscal year is set in statute (not the Constitution) as April 1 through March 31.” (at p. 261)

“The state Constitution does not specify when the budget must be adopted, but State Finance Law sets the fiscal year as April 1 through March 31.” (at p. 264)

Surely, Deputy Comptroller Ward would also confirm that the reason the New York State Constitution “does not specify when the budget must be adopted” is because, pursuant to Article VII, Sec. 4, the budget is enacted bill by bill – each bill, other than the legislative/judiciary bill, becoming “law immediately without further action by the governor”, once the Senate and Assembly reconcile their separately amended versions.

For your convenience, Article VII, Sec. 4 is attached, as are adjacent sections of Article VII and Article III, Sec 10 – the same as I handed up to the Legislature in testifying at its February 5, 2018 budget hearing – and to which I referred in testifying at its January 30, 2018 budget hearing: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/menu-2018-legislative-session.htm>. Nothing more is needed to discern that the budget is “off the constitutional rails” – and the significance of CJA’s citizen-taxpayer actions against Governor Cuomo, the Legislature, Attorney General Schneiderman, Comptroller DiNapoli, and Chief Judge DiFiore, challenging what’s been going on. Illustrative is the attached cause of action entitled “Three-Men-in-a-Room Budget Deal-Making is Unconstitutional, *As Unwritten and As Applied*”, from both CJA’s first citizen-taxpayer action and second.

As Zephyr Teachout’s scholarly law review article “*The Anti-Corruption Principle*” is cited, quoted, and relied upon by this landmark cause of action (at para. 466) -- and she is Cynthia Nixon’s campaign treasurer – I am cc’ing Professor Teachout on this e-mail so that she can be alerted – and can alert Ms. Nixon -- to what I first alerted you to by my below January 17, 2018 e-mail, namely, that Cuomo cannot be re-elected because he must be indicted – and that a candidate seeking to oust him can do so EASILY and WITHOUT MONEY, simply by using his/her “bully pulpit” to “blow the whistle” about Cuomo’s corruption, chronicled, with open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE by CJA’s citizen-taxpayer actions, to which he is the first named defendant, and by CJA’s FULLY-DOCUMENTED corruption and ethics complaints against him that criminal and disciplinary authorities have been “sitting on” since 2013: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm>.

It is now more than two months since I sent you my below January 17th e-mail, followed by other e-mail, as recently as yesterday: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/press/nytimes.htm>. What have you done to verify the dispositive nature of CJA’s citizen-taxpayer actions and the complaints– and not only against Cuomo? Will it be necessary for Ms. Nixon to hold a press conference, featuring Professor Teachout and other constitutional and legal scholars, to attest to their significance in mandating not only Cuomo’s indictment, but his conviction – and that of Schneiderman, DiNapoli, and so many others? Or will you be reporting on the verification you have done – or must yet do -- consistent with your constitutional responsibilities to inform the People about what they most need to know about their public officers and the law that is supposed to govern them.

Please advise.

Thank you.

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Subject: The "slow to develop" race for governor -- Your today's article "Cuomo Amasses \$30 Million War Chest"

TO: Shane Goldmacher/New York Times Chief Metro Political Correspondent

Your today's article "*Cuomo Amasses \$30 Million War Chest*" states that "the governor's race has been slow to develop". You attribute this to Cuomo's huge funding that "has helped him scare away serious rivals in his bid for a third term" – on top of which are his favorable poll ratings, which you also report. In your words, "The combination of Mr. Cuomo's cash and polling strength has proved daunting for would-be challengers."

Yet, IF a challenger had *prima facie* EVIDENCE of a serious and substantial corruption scandal directly involving Cuomo, his \$30 million war chest would be of no avail – likewise his poll ratings. Cuomo could be knocked out for re-election as governor well before the party conventions in May – and the race would be WIDE OPEN. And how much money would a challenger require to vanquish Cuomo? None! All a challenger needs is the "bully pulpit" of candidacy to call a press conference and demand criminal investigation and Cuomo's response. Wouldn't the "watchdog" press do the rest?

On this very topic is my below yesterday's e-mail to Republican gubernatorial challenger Joel Giambra, entitled "Knocking out Cuomo requires NO MONEY & NO PARTY BACKING -- & can be done IMMEDIATELY from the 'Bully Pulpit' of your candidacy". Beneath it is a chain of e-mails including to Republican Party Chair Ed Cox, and Republican staffers and county chairs, and my September 20, 2017 e-mail to then-Republican prospective challenger Harry Wilson. From their links you can readily verify the *prima facie* EVIDENCE of Cuomo's corruption, not only bringing him down, but Attorney General Schneiderman, Comptroller DiNapoli – and virtually every legislative incumbent, Democratic and Republican both – all of whose races become competitive.

Time is of the essence. No need to wait for challenger Giambra's press conference. Get started NOW with a Times investigation by watching the VIDEO of my 10-minute testimony at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 budget hearing. What were Governor Cuomo's findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the October 27, 2011 opposition report, addressed to him, that I had hand-delivered to his office so that he could take steps to protect the public. The ONLY findings of fact and conclusions of law that were possible suffice for indicting him, Schneiderman, DiNapoli and scores of legislators with "grand larceny of the public fisc" and other corruption. The link to CJA's webpage with the VIDEO and October 27, 2011 opposition report is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm>.

I am available to assist you, to the max.

Thank you.

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Subject: **Knocking out Cuomo requires NO MONEY & NO PARTY BACKING -- & can be done IMMEDIATELY from the "BULLY PULPIT" of your candidacy**

TO: Gubernatorial Candidate Joel Giambra –

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak with you this morning and to give you a brief tour of CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org. As I showed you, the webpages accessible from our homepage links: "**OUSTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending Their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office – WITH EVIDENCE**" and "**CJA's Citizen-Taxpayer Actions to End NYS' Corrupt Budget 'Process' and Unconstitutional 'Three-Men-in-a-Room' Governance**" post EVIDENCE that will enable you to EASILY – and without ANY money or party backing – knock CUOMO out of the race – and, simultaneously, SCHNEIDERMAN, DiNAPOLI, and a HUGE swath of legislative incumbents, KOLB and DeFRANCISCO among them.

Indeed, the EVIDENCE requires that all these incumbent public officers be indicted for "grand larceny of the public fisc" and other corruption. This should be the subject of a press conference, by you, as a candidate – with a call for investigation by the prosecutorial authorities that have been "sitting on" corruption complaints against them, for years, *to wit*, the U.S. Attorneys for the Southern, Eastern, and Northern Districts of New York, and the Albany County District Attorney -- perhaps also announcing the formation of a new party – the ANTI-CORRUPTION PARTY – with a public solicitation for STRONG candidates for attorney general, comptroller, and for legislative seats – candidates who will demand that the incumbents account for what is chronicled by the citizen-taxpayer action lawsuit to which they are ALL defendants.

As I stated to you, the Republican party needs YOU more than you need it. Quite simply, in this "Excelsior State", it has NO ONE to run against SCHNEIDERMAN and DiNAPOLI – and, excepting KOLB, who, in addition to being corrupt, is incompetent and ineffectual, no one to run against CUOMO. If you are willing to "drain the swamp" of the corruption that is EVIDENCED by the citizen-taxpayer action, you are the Republican Party's rightful standard-bearer under a Trump presidency.

Below is my yesterday's e-mail to Daily News political reporter Ken Lovett – to which the Republican Party was an indicated recipient, as likewise Harry Wilson. Although the e-mail is posted on the webpage for Harry Wilson that I showed you: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/harry-wilson.htm>, it will be more convenient for you to review it by this e-mail, since all the referred-to links are live.

I am available to assist you, to the max – and you should feel free to call me anytime. Meantime, I have created a webpage for you, as part of the "Testing the 2018 Challengers" series of webpages that you saw. The direct link to the "2018 Challengers", now including your name, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/testing-incumbent-challengers.htm>.

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Subject: THE MISSING BACKSTORY to your today's story on the Jan 10th GOP strategy meeting: The corruption "right at (Cuomo's) doorstep"

TO: Ken Lovett/New York Daily News

This follows our brief phone conversation earlier this afternoon – itself following the voice mail message I left for Manhattan GOP Chair Andrea Catsimatidis (212)-517-8444, occasioned by your today's story about the meeting she held on Wednesday, January 10th, "with more than 15 GOP operatives", to pursue a strategy of "focusing relentlessly on the issue of corruption when challenging Cuomo this year": <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/lovett-retail-union-offers-endorsement-cuomo-re-election-article-1.3757408>.

Below is the e-mail I sent on Monday January 8th to Chair Catsimatidis and other GOP county chairs, as well as to State GOP Chair Ed Cox and party staff. Did GOP Chair Catsimatidis NOT receive it? How about the other "more than 15 GOP operatives" at the January 10th meeting? Was this January 8th e-mail NOT on the agenda of the January 10th meeting – if NOT the very reason the meeting was called? And what was done to verify its truth, to wit, that the Republican Party could "EASILY DEFEAT CUOMO, et al. -- & at NO COST"?

Presumably, your sources for your story were the “New York Republican consultants” – and, in particular, “Consultant O’Brien Murray” who “attended the meeting”. They appear NOT to have told you about my January 8th e-mail, including because Mr. Murray refers to the corruption issue as being “right at (Cuomo’s) doorstep”. That is NOT correct. **The corruption particularized by my January 8th e-mail involves CUOMO, directly – as likewise, SCHNEIDERMAN, DiNAPOLI – the three statewide Democrats against whom the Republican Party is struggling to field candidates. Not a cent of campaign monies is required to bring them down politically – and to secure their indictment for “grand larceny of the public fisc” – than for a Republican candidate to hold a press conference and demand their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to CJA’s October 27, 2011 opposition report, about which I testified at the Legislature’s February 6, 2013 budget hearing before then Senate Finance Committee Chairman John DeFrancisco – the VIDEO of which is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm>.**

By the way, here’s the webpage I have created for CUOMO, SCHNEIDERMAN, and DiNAPOLI – each named defendants in CJA’s citizen-taxpayer action, suing them for corruption with respect to the state budget, whose origin is the judicial and district attorney salary increases that, since April 1, 2012, have stolen from taxpayers approximately \$300 million dollars:

CUOMO: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/cuomo.htm>

SCHNEIDERMAN: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/schneiderman.htm>

DiNAPOLI: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/dinapoli.htm> .

These links are now accessible from CJA’s webpage for former Republican gubernatorial contender Harry Wilson: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/harry-wilson.htm> -- from whom I have heard nothing in response to the January 8th e-mail, which I sent him, expressly, for response. Surely, Daily News readers would be interested in knowing whether the Republican Party received any response from Mr. Wilson – and, if none, why it didn’t demand one of him. Or does GOP Chair Cox, the county chairs, and other GOP operatives think they were well-served by Mr. Wilson’s leading them on for so many, many months about his intentions, until January 1st, when he bowed out by his ridiculous and dissembling Facebook post.

Thank you.

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Subject: Alert to NYS Republican Party: YOU CAN EASILY DEFEAT CUOMO, et al. -- & AT NO COST

In the event my below e-mail to Chairman Cox has not yet been forwarded to you – the county chairs of the New York State Republican Party – it is below. I am available to assist you, to the max, in ousting corrupt incumbent public officers – beginning with Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Schneiderman, and Comptroller DiNapoli.

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TO: NYS REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN ED COX --

This morning's Politico bulletin began as follows:

“The words we heard from Republican leaders, operatives and apparatchiks this weekend were stark: ‘panic, ‘desperate,’ and ‘depressing.’ NYGOP Chairman Ed Cox will convene his chiefs at the Fort Orange Club this morning to hear out the three remaining men seeking to challenge Gov. Andrew Cuomo and lead the 2018 ticket and, perhaps, brainstorm ideas for down-ballot contests. ‘I think everything's got to be on the table,’ Erie County GOP chairman Nick Langworthy said.

Thus far, the stories about the GOP ticket are the names not on the table. First it was Harry Wilson, the business adviser from Westchester, who was regarded as the party's best horse in no small part because he was willing to put up \$10 million of his own money. (Cuomo, next week, is expected to declare he has about \$30 million.) Then Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, too, waved off last week. Even as New York Republicans rise in Washington - there's Donald Trump, and people like Rep. Chris Collins of suburban Buffalo who are grabbing onto his star - they're struggling in New York.

'The truth of the matter is, it's very late,' said strategist Susan Del Percio. 'Anyone who is interested, unless they're extremely well-funded, needed to start running a year ago to raise money, get their name out there and raise awareness. And in this current environment, having President Trump in charge will scare away a lot of people - just look at the county executive races in Westchester and Nassau counties.'

We'll see if Cox, by this afternoon, will have some news and some names." (bold in original).

It plainly appears from this, from news articles, and from Harry Wilson's January 1st Facebook post, announcing his decision not to run for governor – and his reasons why – that you and the State Republican Party you lead are unaware of my below September 20, 2017 e-mail to Mr. Wilson, detailing how EASILY Cuomo and his fellow democratic statewide incumbents, Attorney General Schneiderman and Comptroller DiNapoli, can be defeated – and at NO COST – and that two candidates that the Republican Party should NOT be considering are Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb and Senate Deputy Minority Leader John DiFrancisco. Did Mr. Wilson NOT share it with you – and discuss what steps he took to verify its accuracy?

For immediate purposes – and so that you can understand how easy it was for Mr. Wilson to verify the TRUTH of my September 20th e-mail to him -- here's the link to the webpage of my testimony before Senator DiFrancisco at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 budget hearing, calling upon him to secure from Governor Cuomo, from Attorney General Schneiderman, and from Comptroller DiNapoli, among others, their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the October 27, 2011 opposition report I handed up to him: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm>. And what were Senator DiFrancisco's findings of fact and conclusions of law, with respect thereto – and Assembly Leader Kolb's, whose knowledge of the October 27, 2011 opposition report preceded Senator DiFrancisco's. You are a lawyer – and such findings of fact and conclusions of law as you yourself can readily make should suffice for you to recognize that the public officers involved – from Governor Cuomo on down – must be indicted for corruption whose cost, with respect to the statutorily-violative, fraudulent, and unconstitutional judicial and district attorney salary increases that were the subject of the October 27, 2011 opposition report, has been, to date, approximately \$300 million dollars, stolen from the taxpayers – a figure that presently increases by about \$60 million each year.

I have called Mr. Wilson's office this morning (914-623-8211), asking whether he shared my September 20th e-mail with you and what steps he took to verify its truth. The message I left was with his assistant Elena Milano, who confirmed for me – as she had previously – that she had furnished my September 20th e-mail to Mr. Wilson. I told her that I would now send the September 20th e-mail on to you and would cc her on the transmittal so that she could forward it on to Mr. Wilson for response.

Following that call, I telephoned the Albany headquarters of the State Republican Party (518-462-2601), gave a brief message to your administrative assistant, Deborah Smith, who assured me that she would forward this e-mail on to you, without delay.

I am available to speak with you directly – and to assist you, to the max, in securing what I believed Mr. Wilson was well-positioned to achieve: a "constitutionally-functioning, fiscally-accountable government to New York State".

For the convenience of all, including the press to whom I will be forwarding this e-mail, the e-mail will be posted on the webpage I had created, but not publicized, for Mr. Wilson's candidacy, accessible from the Center for Judicial Accountability's prominent homepage link: **"OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE"**. The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/challengers/harry-wilson.htm>.

Thank you.

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Subject: **Winning the Governor's Race -- & Bringing Constitutionally-Functioning, Fiscally-Accountable Government to New York State**

TO: Harry Wilson/Potential Candidate for New York State Governor –

This follows up my phone conversation earlier this afternoon with your assistant, Elena Milano, thanking you for your civic activism and willingness to undertake a public contest to be New York's next governor, facing off, most probably, against incumbent Governor Andrew Cuomo. We need someone like you, with the independence, born of substantial financial means, to clean up the boundless corruption that pervades all three branches of New York State government, in which BOTH parties – Democratic and Republican – are utterly collusive and whose gushing source and motivator is the 160-plus billion-dollar slush-fund New York State budget.

News reports indicate that you are willing to devote substantial amounts of your own money to fund your gubernatorial campaign. That is not necessary. All you need to catapult yourself as a candidate – indeed, a WINNING candidate – and galvanize support from voters of all political parties -- is to use the bully-pulpit that is your name recognition, most importantly, as the formidable 2010 Republican candidate against incumbent Democratic state comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, to expose the "grand larceny of the public fisc" in which Governor Cuomo, Comptroller DiNapoli, and their fellow Democratic and Republican public officers at the highest levels of New York's government have been engaged. This is EASY to do as they are ALL defendants in an unfolding citizen-taxpayer action whose ten causes of action particularize their FLAGRANT violations of the New York State Constitution, statutory law, caselaw, and legislative rules with respect to the legislative budget, the judiciary budget, and the executive budget. This includes the UNCONSTITUTIONALITY of Governor Cuomo's behind-closed-doors, "three-men-in-a-room" budget deal-making – the first lawsuit to ever challenge such perversion of our representative democracy.

The full record of the citizen-taxpayer action, which our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), brought, in the public interest, on behalf of the People of the State of New York, is posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the prominent homepage link: "**CJA's Citizen-Taxpayer Actions to END NYS' Corrupt Budget 'Process' and Unconstitutional 'Three Men in a Room' Governance**". I showed the link to your assistant Elena, as likewise, the link entitled "**OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE**".

The EVIDENCE that brings down incumbent Governor Cuomo, incumbent Comptroller DiNapoli, incumbent Attorney General Schneiderman, and ALL incumbent Senators and Assembly members running for re-election next year – and does so in one fell swoop -- is CJA's citizen-taxpayer action, suing them for corruption. This, of course, includes the state legislators whose names have surfaced, with yours, as possible Republican contenders for governor – Senate Deputy Majority Leader John DiFrancisco and Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb – whose corruption, in office, I can attest-to from many, many years of direct interaction with each, including as reflected in a mountain of documentary PROOF, which I can readily furnish, over and beyond what is embodied in the citizen-taxpayer record.

As another name that has bobbed up as a possible Republican contender against Governor Cuomo is Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, who lost to Governor Cuomo in 2014 and now facing a substantial re-election challenge as county executive from Senator George Latimer, I recommend that you begin your reading of the odyssey that is CJA's citizen-taxpayer action by the summary of it presented by my attached August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER to Reform Party Chair Curtis Sliwa about Senator Latimer's record, in office. As you can see from the below e-mail, it was transmitted to the Reform Party and to New York's seven other recognized political parties – the Republican Party, among them – and also sent to County Executive Astorino. All the substantiating proof to the August 10th OPEN LETTER, including my

January 2014 correspondence to County Executive Astorino, which could have WON him the governor's race against Cuomo in the November 2014 elections– and, for the Republican ticket, an electoral sweep – is posted on CJA's webpage for the OPEN LETTER. The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/8-10-17-open-ltr.htm>.

I am available to assist you – and such lawyers and constitutional scholars as you assign to reviewing the citizen-taxpayer record, on your behalf – including by furnishing “hard copies” to facilitate review. As I am only a couple of blocks from your White Plains office, it would be especially easy for me to meet with you – and I would be most pleased to do so and to discuss the extraordinary opportunity you have to “fix the broken organization” that is New York State.

With appreciation and patriotism,

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Attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability's OPEN LETTER of today's date entitled “**The NYS Reform Party of Curtis Sliwa MUST Rescind its Endorsement of, & Party Line to, Senator George Latimer for Westchester County Executive & the Other Parties Must Follow Suit – Unless they Deem Corruption in Office a Qualification**”, herewith sent to ALL eight recognized political parties and to the three candidates seeking election/re-election to the office of Westchester County Executive: Messrs. Latimer, Astorino, and Jenkins.

The OPEN LETTER is already posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible *via* the prominent link “**OUTING CORRUPT & COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election & Higher Office in 2017, 2018, & Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE**”. The direct link to the webpage for the letter, which also furnishes THE EVIDENCE on which it is based, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/ending-the-road-latimer.htm>.

I am available to answer questions, under oath, and to assist you to the max, toward what should be our common goal of open, honest, fiscally-responsible, responsive, and accountable government, such as we do NOT remotely have on the state level... You can change that!

Thank you.

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