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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 4:09 PM  
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**Cc:** 'mweiner@syracuse.com'; 'PLohmann@syracuse.com'; 'cbaker@syracus.com'  
**Subject:** TAKING THE LEAD: Upending the 2018 electoral races with fully-documented, readily-verifiable stories germane to your reporting on "courts, government and other issues affecting the taxpayers" -- & to the reporting of reporters Weiner, Lohmann, & Baker  
**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

### **TO: Julie McMahon/Syracuse Post-Standard -- "public affairs reporter", covering "courts, government and other issues affecting taxpayers"**

This follows up the voice mail message I left for you at about 10:40 am yesterday (315-412-1992), to which I have received no return call. I tried to reach you about an hour and a half ago, but your voice mail is full and was "unable to accept new messages".

I have a great deal of information and EVIDENCE to furnish you, germane to your reporting, as Mark Weiner can attest from my two phone lengthy conversations with him on March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> and his examination of CJA's website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), including, as guided by me. A propos of your April 5<sup>th</sup> article on Cynthia Nixon's Syracuse visit, below is my March 29<sup>th</sup> e-mail to the members of the Legislative Correspondents' Association entitled "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?" – simultaneously sent to Ms. Nixon's campaign treasurer, Zephyr Teachout. As reflected by the below transmittals to Mr. Weiner, I forwarded it to him on March 29<sup>th</sup> and then again on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The attachments are above.

I received no response from Professor Teachout – nor even confirmation that she furnished my correspondence to Ms. Nixon, as I had requested. Why is that? And what is her response to the lawsuit EVIDENCE that the New York State budget is "off the constitutional rails" and a "grand larceny" of taxpayer monies for which Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Schneiderman, Comptroller DiNapoli and legislative incumbents cannot be re-elected – or, in Senator DeFrancisco's case, elected as governor -- because they must be indicted for corruption. As a purported "outsider", speaking truth to power, why hasn't Ms. Nixon "blown the whistle" – or even seen fit to call me, one of the ordinary people she purports to want to hear from, so that I could directly explain to her what has been going on, including [as testified by me, before the Legislature, at its January 30, 2018 and February 5, 2018 budget hearings](#) and embodied in a criminal complaint against Governor Cuomo, *et al*, that I filed with the Albany County district attorney on March 6, 2018: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/enforcing-public-trust-act.htm>.

When I spoke with Mr. Weiner on Monday, I told him I would be contacting you and other Syracuse Post-Standard reporters, as well as the editorial board. Yesterday and today, I left voice mail messages for Patrick Lohmann (315-470-3016), the Post-Standard's "New York state government reporter", who, as a member of the Legislative Correspondents' Association, was a recipient of my March 29<sup>th</sup> e-mail and prior e-mails. As yet, I have received no return call from him and am cc'ing him, with a request that he call me, at his earliest convenience. I am also cc'ing Chris Baker, the Post-Standard's "public policy reporter", who has written several articles about candidates seeking nominations for legislative seats – including Senator DeFrancisco's 50<sup>th</sup> Senate district seat. I was unable to find a phone number for him and would also appreciate if he would call me, as well. Indeed, I commend you and Mr. Weiner for including your phone numbers at the end your articles, preceded by the inviting words that you "can be reached anytime".

I look forward to hearing from you, as soon as possible – and trust that Mr. Weiner, who is based in Washington and busy with D.C. stories, will encourage you in that regard and, likewise, Messrs. Lohmann and Baker.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** FW: 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?

Resent, for your convenience – and per my just-sent e-mail to you.

**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 7:04 AM  
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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?

I hope you will take the lead on this -- & look forward to continuing the lengthy conversation we had together on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please call me, at your convenience.

Thank you.

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