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Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 4:06 PM
To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)
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Subject: Re: CJA's March 29, 2018 e-mail to you: "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?"

Hi, Elena.

Thank you very much for your email. I will review it.

- Mike

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On Apr 16, 2018, at 3:30 PM, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org> wrote:

TO: Michael Pouloupoulos/State Watch-NY

This follows our brief conversation a short time ago, upon my calling to speak with Shane King – whose name appears on the roster of Legislative Correspondents' Association reporters – and who you stated to me replaces David Lombardo, now at the Albany Times Union.

Below is my March 29, 2018 e-mail to all reporters listed on the Legislative Correspondents' Association roster on that date – yourself and David Lombardo for “StateWatch-NY”. Did you read it – with its appended e-mail chain, its substantiating links, and the above-four attachments? Is it your news judgment that it was not then – and is not now – a MAJOR news story, mandating your inquiry and report? How about Shane King, to whom I am now sending the March 29, 2018 e-mail for the first time.

Suffice to say, I am most pleased that in our brief conversation together you recalled that I had called you about two years ago I assume I had called to alert you to the unconstitutionality and unlawfulness of the state budget – and about CJA's groundbreaking citizen-taxpayer action challenging it – including by the above annexed 16th cause of action. Is that correct? Or is the only thing you recollect about my phone call is that I “disturbed [your] dinner” – which, considering my practice is NOT to phone outside of normal office hours, I find most surprising. In any event, I apologize.

If you and Mr. Shane do not believe that my below March 29th e-mail mandates inquiry and report by “State Watch-NY”, please forward to your editors, with my request that they call me so that we can speak, directly. Also, I would appreciate their explanation as to what “State Watch-NY” is – because, as I told you in our conversation, it is not at all clear to me from the “www.statewatch.com” website.