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The below is retransmitted, for your convenience, as per my just-sent March 9th e-mail to you...

Thank you.

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Subject: Empowering Long Island Voters: CJA's citizen-taxpayer actions -- & testimony at the Legislature's budget hearings, Etc.

Dear Sandra,

Great to speak with you again – nearly 20 years later, occasioned by your yesterday's article "*High-profile year of political corruption*": <https://www.newsday.com/long-island/long-island-corruption-1.16801096?pts=288003> and the *Newsday* investigative expose on Gary Melius, to which you participated: <https://projects.newsday.com/long-island/melius-investigation-oheka/>. Excellent as they are, their message, unfortunately, is that public corruption is intractable and that there is no one in particular we should be holding accountable.

As briefly discussed this morning, there is NOTHING difficult about ENDING the political corruption that plagues Long Island – and the rest of the state. It simply requires ENABLING voters to understand WHO is responsible for the corruption – so that, come ELECTION TIME, they can “drain the swamp” and “throw the bums out”.

The job of keeping New York State free of corruption is the job of a functioning Legislature – operating through its 72 committees, engaging in oversight responsibilities. This includes oversight as to how the district attorneys of New York's 62 counties and the state Attorney General are handling corruption complaints and addressing conflict of interest issues with respect thereto.

Yet legislative committees are completely sham, refuse to oversee the integrity of government operations within their jurisdictions, and, on top of that, are engaged in outright LARCENY of our tax dollars. My written testimony to the district attorney-stacked Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, co-chaired by Nassau District Attorney Kathleen Rice, set this forth – and I furnished it for the Commission's September 19, 2013 public hearing: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/commission-to-investigate-public-corruption/people-evidence/sassower-elena.htm>, as to which I supplied, in support, a particularizing August 21, 2013 letter to Governor Cuomo, as to the importance of functioning legislative committees: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/people-lead/aug-21-2013-ltr-to-gov.htm>.