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TO: NATIONAL REVIEW INSTITUTE

Below is my self-explanatory e-mail to National Review Institute Board Member Lowry, asking the questions: "Is there NO conservative press in New York? Do you have a list of conservative reporters and commentators in New York state?"

As the disintegration/collapse of conservative press in New York state is DIRE – and the below offers a seismic jolt to its renewal – kindly forward this e-mail to the other members of the National Review Institute's Board of Trustees: <https://nrinstitute.org/about-nri/board/> for their collective answer, as well as to the Institute's William F. Buckley, Jr. Fellows in Political Journalism, past and present – and to current fellowship applicants – in a position to follow up with investigation and reporting: <https://nrinstitute.org/journalism-fellowships/>.

I am available to assist the Institute, to the max, in exposing the steamrolling of New York's state Constitution and anything resembling constitutional governance and the rule of law by so-called "progressives", aided and abetted by an agenda-driven, primarily "liberal", press.

Thank you.

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TO: RICHARD LOWRY/Editor-in-Chief, NATIONAL REVIEW & Board Member, NATIONAL REVIEW INSTITUTE

Is there NO conservative press in New York? Do you have a list of conservative reporters and commentators in New York state to whom I can furnish the below time-sensitive MAJOR news story. My outreach efforts, thus far, to New York's press have been completely unsuccessful – and you can see how extensive they have been here: <http://www.judgewidth.org/web-pages/searching-nys/force-of-law-commissions/press-force-of-law-commissions/outreach-sept2019-alert1.htm>.

Kindly respond, as soon as possible.

I thank you, in advance.

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**NEWS TIP – ALERT:
NYS Public Campaign Financing & Election Commission is INACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC**

How is the public supposed to contact the NYS Public Campaign Financing & Election Commission? Where is its website? What is its phone number, e-mail address, office address? Is there NO registration for its public hearings? – the first of which is on Tuesday, September 10th, in Manhattan, virtually unreported by the press.

Are witnesses going to be testifying on a “first-come, first-serve” basis – and how much time will each get? Will the public hearings be live-streamed, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, and from what website will they be accessible? Will recordings be available – and will submitted written statements be posted?

To enable you to SOUND AN ALARM about the obvious rigging of the Commission’s public hearings to favor advocates of public campaign financing, whose inside track was highlighted by the New York Post’s editorial “Why judges will end up writing New York’s new campaign laws” (Sept. 2, 2019/Sept. 3), attached is the Center for Judicial Accountability’s FOIL/open meetings law request, sent early in the morning on September 3rd to the Governor, Senate, and Assembly, to obtain pertinent information about the Commission’s operations.

More to follow. Until then, attached is the New York Law Journal’s August 21st print publication of my letter “*A Call for Scholarship, Civic Engagement & Amicus Curiae Before the NYCOA*”, which it posted on its website on August 20th, here: <https://www.law.com/newyorklawjournal/2019/08/20/a-call-for-scholarship-civic-engagement-amicus-curiae-before-the-nycoa/>, in response to a perspective column entitled “*It’s Legally Perilous to Have a Commission Responsible for Election Laws*”.

As always, I am available to assist you, to the max, in fulfilling your duty to inform and empower the public.

Thank you.

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