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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2020 1:08 PM
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Subject: Thank you -- Status? -- Local Journalism -- & the 2020 elections for state legislators in Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, & Columbia Counties -- #1 (Ulster County)
Attachments: ulster-6-19-20-complaint-clegg.pdf; ulster-signature.pdf; ulster-7-30-20-da-foil.pdf

Dear Philip –

Thank you for your e-mail. The politically-explosive story that I am presenting to you, for election coverage – and which is worth a huge amount of money for funding imperatively-needed “local journalism” and hiring a slew of laid-off seasoned journalists to develop it – is presented by the four e-mails I sent you pertaining to the state Senate and Assembly races in the four counties within The River’s geographic reach – starting with Ulster County, below and above attached.

I will re-send you the e-mails pertaining to Orange, Dutchess, and Columbia Counties...

Please call me, at your convenience, as soon as possible, so that we can discuss The River’s election reporting of the state Senate and Assembly races within those four counties.

Thank you.

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From: Phillip Pantuso <phillip.pantuso@chronogram.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2020 11:31 AM
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Subject: Re: Status? -- Local Journalism -- & the 2020 elections for state legislators in Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, & Columbia Counties -- #1 (Ulster County)

Hi Elena,

I'm sorry for the late reply, and thanks for reaching out. I'll confess to being a little confused by your initial email. Lissa is a staff writer here at The River, and since March she's been full-time on the coronavirus beat. She is not the person to contact concerning political or electoral coverage. As for her quest to fund local journalism—are you referring to the Watershed Post, the news site she and her partner ran and which she describes in her "Death of a Newspaper" piece? That site has not been active since 2017.

Regarding your story tip, I'm the best person to contact about that. I'm intrigued about this "single, fully-documented story of fraud and larceny involving the state legislators' own salaries & the Legislature's own budget," but I need to know more information, as that is clearly a pretty major allegation. Can you tell me more?

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