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**Subject:** Your election reporting/editorial endorsements of state legislative races -- as, for example, the 113th Assembly seat -- Catalfamo v. Woerner  
**Attachments:** washington-6-25-20-complaint-jordan.pdf; washington-signature.pdf;  
washington-7-31-20-da-foil.pdf

### TO: The Post-Star

This follows up my voice mail message for [Gretta Hochsprung](#) yesterday. I did not realize – until seeing her October 9<sup>th</sup> article “[Catalfamo looks to unseat Woerner in 113th Assembly District](#)” – that [The Post-Star](#) not only reports on Warren County, but also Washington County – and that she is its Washington County reporter.

[On September 17<sup>th</sup>](#), I sent you and other Warren County “local journalism” an e-mail pertaining to the public corruption/grand jury complaint that I had filed against Warren County’s two state legislative incumbents, which Warren County D.A. Carusone is “sitting on”.

On that same date, I sent Washington County “local journalism” a near identical e-mail pertaining to the near identical public corruption/grand jury complaint against Washington County’s five state legislative incumbents – Assemblywoman Woerner, among them, which Washington D.A. Jordan is “sitting on”. Below, with the above attachments, is that email, as forwarded, on September 30<sup>th</sup>, to Candidate Catalfamo – and the other non-incumbent candidates running for Washington County’s state legislative seats.

[On September 30<sup>th</sup>](#), I also sent Candidate Catalfamo an additional e-mail, forwarding the [near-identical public corruption/grand jury complaint against Assemblywoman Woerner that Saratoga D.A. Heggen is “sitting on”](#). The following day, [October 1<sup>st</sup>](#), I sent Candidate Catalfamo a further e-mail, addressed only to him and then, on [October 5<sup>th</sup>](#), I cc’d him on an e-mail to the [Saratoga League of Women Voters](#), which is hosting a debate between him and Assemblywoman Woerner for today.

Obvious from Ms. Hochsprung’s October 9th article is that Candidate Catalfamo did NOT use the opportunity of his virtual meeting with [The Post-Star](#) editorial board to “whistle-blow” about the two complaints against Assemblywoman Woerner that D.A.s Jordan and Heggen are “sitting on”. **Shouldn’t you probe why that is – and what it says about his fitness for any office of public trust? As a preliminary matter, what salary does he expect to be paid, if elected by the voters – is it \$79,500 or \$110,000?** As I stated to him in the [October 1<sup>st</sup> e-mail](#), in text that was bolded:

**“If you make the complaints your campaign issue, you will win – EASILY and without money. As a candidate, you have a ‘bully pulpit’. Stand up for honest and accountable government: publicly call on Assemblywoman Woerner to respond to the complaints – which I furnished her-- publicly call upon the two district attorneys to explain why they have not presented the complaints to the grand juries of their counties, and publicly call upon the press to do its part and investigate and report. Also announce, publicly, that, if elected, you will not take the \$30,500 pay-raise procured through the December 10, 2018 report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation, because the report is a ‘false instrument’, violative of**

**penal laws – and publicly commit that you will ensure: (1) public findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the complaints; (2) prosecution of all culpable public officers and their conspirators; and (3) “claw-backs” to recover the approximately half a billion dollars in fraudulent salary increases, already paid out.”**

By copy of this e-mail to Candidate Catalfamo and Assemblywoman Woerner, I call upon them to address those complaints – and for you to ensure that they do – so that voters can meaningfully evaluate whether either is actually committed to honest, accountable, constitutional governance.

Certainly, no state legislative candidate – incumbent or challenger – may be deemed worthy of a Post-Star editorial endorsement, unless he/she confronts the complaints – and I furnished the complaints to ALL state legislative candidates.

Thank you.

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**Subject: GOOD NEWS! You have an open-&-shut public corruption issue that will WIN you election -- & demonstrate your fitness for public service**

**TO: NON-INCUMBENT CANDIDATES FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY STATE SENATE & ASSEMBLY SEATS**

SD-43: Patrick Nelson (D, WF)  
SD-45: Kimberly Davis (D, WF)

AD-107: Brittany Vogel (D, WF); Charles Senrick (L)  
AD-113: David Catalfamo (R, C)  
AD-114: Claudia Braymer (D, WF); Matthew Simpson (R, C, I); Evelyn Wood (SAM)

**This is to alert you to GOOD NEWS.** You can win election easily and without money against Washington County’s re-election-seeking state legislative incumbents – and against incumbent Assemblyman Stec seeking election to the Senate. All it requires is using the “bully-pulpit” of your candidacy to whistle-blow about the above-attached FULLY-DOCUMENTED public corruption/grand jury complaint against them, which Washington County District Attorney Jordan has been “sitting on”. The complaint establishes, with EVIDENCE, that they must be indicted on EVIDENCE so *prima facie* and open-and-shut as to assure convictions.

Washington County’s press has known about the complaint for some time – and illustrative is the below September 17<sup>th</sup> e-mail to its “local journalism”, to which Washington County’s five state legislative incumbents and D.A. Jordan were cc’d so that they could be ready for press inquiries. Individually and collectively, if you stand up for honest, accountable

government and make the complaint your campaign issue, you will win – easily. Demand that the complained-against state legislators respond to the complaint, that D.A. Jordan explain why he has not presented it to a Washington County grand jury, and that the press do its part to investigate and report.

I am available to answer your questions – and invite you to call me so that I can furnish you with specifics addressed to the incumbents against whom you are running.

Needless to say, voters are entitled to know from you what salary you expect to be paid, if you were to be elected to the Legislature – and whether you will commit to ensuring: (1) public findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the complaint; (2) prosecution of all culpable public officers and their conspirators; and (3) “claw-backs” to recover the approximately half-a-billion dollars in fraudulent salary increases, already paid out. Please advise.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** Washington County Elections 2020 -- Informing Voters with EVIDENCE: public corruption/grand jury complaint vs Washington County's 5 state legislators -- 4 running for re-election or higher office -- which Washington D.A. Jordan is "sitting on"

**TO:** Journal & Press  
Whitehall Times  
Granville Sentinel

Washington County's five state legislators – four running for re-election or higher office -- are the subjects of a **fully-documented** public corruption/grand jury complaint, filed with Washington County District Attorney Jordan, who has been “sitting on” it. The complaint involves the “force of law” commission/committee scheme that gave all six of them pay raises – and a legislature not operating at a remotely constitutional level.

The June 25, 2020 complaint, by the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), is above-attached – and below are the e-mails transmitting it and the above-attached July 31, 2020 FOIL request to D.A. Jordan. CJA's substantiating evidentiary webpage for the complaint is here: <http://www.jugewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

As stated by the complaint, Washington County voters are entitled to know that their state legislators cannot be re-elected because they must be indicted for larceny and other corruption on EVIDENCE so DISPOSITIVE as to assure their convictions. So, too, retiring Senator Little, whose salary-based pension is a further larceny.

To facilitate your inquiries of the complained-against state legislators and D.A. Jordan, I am cc'ing them on this e-mail. What, if anything, do they deny or dispute. Let them start where the complaint starts: my July 16, 2019 e-mail to the Legislature's 15 stipend-receiving leaders requesting that they forward the e-mail to the 198 other state legislators, with its attached July 15, 2019 written NOTICE and substantiating analysis establishing that the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation – raising their legislative salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000 – is “a fraud on the People of the State of New York – and a larceny of their tax dollars’, violating a succession of penal laws, and that their duty was to void it, to return the pay-raise monies they had already received, and to initiate criminal prosecutions of the Committee’s four members and abetting attorneys.” The analysis is 46 pages, excluding exhibits. Will they furnish you with their findings of fact and conclusions of law? If not, I’m sure ordinary Washington County citizens would be able to help you with what is obvious. Just accompany your story with links to the complaint and the evidentiary webpage so that they can see for themselves the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE that D.A. Jordan has been withholding from a Washington County grand jury to maintain his own fraudulently-boosted D.A. salary, paid by Washington County taxpayers.

I am available to answer your questions and assist you, to the max -- on a story not only upending Washington County's five state legislative races, but, additionally, ALL New York's other state legislative races and its 15 D.A. races – and **that's for starters**.

Thank you.

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**Subject: Reasonable questions arising from your nonfeasance: June 25, 2020 public corruption complaint in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Washington County state legislators...**

**TO: Washington County District Attorney J. Anthony Jordan**

I have received no acknowledgment or other response to my above-attached June 25, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint against Washington County state legislators, which I sent you by the below e-mail, *via* your confidential secretary, Kathy Somich, with a direct link to the substantiating evidentiary webpage: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>. Such indirect transmittal was necessitated because Ms. Somich, with whom I spoke by phone, would not give me a direct e-mail for you. Now, as then, your D.A. website posts no e-mail addresses for you or any of your staff: <https://washingtoncountyny.gov/Directory.aspx?DID=30> – and the DAASNY's roster, which lists the e-mails of nearly every other district attorney, has none for you: [http://www.daasny.com/?page\\_id=184](http://www.daasny.com/?page_id=184). Yesterday, I obtained your direct e-mail address from Washington County. A voice mail message I left for your first assistant district attorney, Christian Morris, at 11:50 am, has, to my knowledge, not been returned.

As my June 25th complaint presents evidence so *prima facie* and open-and-shut as to leave no doubt that a grand jury would speedily indict – and a trial jury speedily convict – the complained-against state legislators and their accomplices, your nonfeasance raises reasonable questions as to your performance with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public. To help answer these questions, I have today filed a FOIL/information request with Washington County FOIL Officer & County Clerk Stephanie Lemery – to which you are cc'd. It is attached.

Thank you.

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**Subject: CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Washington County state legislators for "wilful misconduct in office", including larceny & fraud...**

Dear Ms. Somich,

Our call was disconnected (518-746-2525), so I am trying again to e-mail, using the address I had from four years ago, and an e-mail that spells out county.

Thank you.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
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**Subject: CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Washington County state legislators for "wilful misconduct in office", including larceny & fraud...**

**TO: Washington County District Attorney J. Anthony Jordan**

Attached is my above-entitled corruption/grand jury complaint of today's date addressed to you – with a separate scanned signature page. The link for CJA's "Grand Juries" webpage for the complaint, hyperlinking, linking, and posting all referred-to evidence, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

Should you require an original signed complaint, please notify me – and I will send it, immediately.

Thank you.

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