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TO: The River-Hudson Valley Newsroom

I am director and co-founder of the non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), based in White Plains, New York.

I have just learned of you, *via* the important article by Lissa Harris, "[Death of a Newspaper](#)", which I stumbled upon through a google search for local journalism. I would like to speak with Ms. Harris directly about her quest to fund local journalism – and to support herself, as a journalist. Meantime, I have posted the article on CJA's webpage entitled: "**GOOD NEWS FOR THE PRESS** -- Reporting on the electoral races for NYS' 213 legislative seats, on NY's 15 D.A. races, & on congressional races involving NYS legislative incumbents is EASY. It ALL rests on a single, fully-documented story of fraud and larceny involving the state legislators' *own* salaries & the Legislature's *own* budget". The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2020/message-2020/good-news-message-for-press.htm>.

In that connection, as it appears that The River-Hudson Valley Newsroom's geographic reach are the four counties of Orange, Columbia, Ulster, and Dutchess ("the region from Newburgh to Hudson, from Woodstock to Beacon"), I will forward you the four materially-identical e-mails pertaining to 2020 election coverage of state legislative races in those four counties that I sent to such scant newspaper/press as I could find – using as my starting point the information for those counties in the "Expanding News Deserts" report of Penelope Abernathy: <https://www.usnewsdeserts.com/states/new-york/>, also posted on CJA's above webpage.

Since Ulster County has the greatest number of state legislative races – eight – including the seat to be vacated by Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Seward and the seat that Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations Chair Skoufis seeks to be re-elected to – I am forwarding it first by the below. The other three will follow, directly.

Thank you.

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