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**Subject:** CORRECTION REQUIRED: "Andrew Cuomo's War Against a Federal Prosecutor" (New Yorker, Aug. 10, 2021), with its 1st interviews of Danya Perry & Kathleen Rice  
**Attachments:** 6-4-20-complaint-albany-da-soares-revised.pdf

**TO: Ronan Farrow, ESQ.**

Your today's article "["Andrew Cuomo's War Against A Federal Prosecutor"](#) (New Yorker, August 10, 2021) requires corrective follow-up, as it continues a materially false narrative about U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara and the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, as verifiable from contemporaneous, primary-source documentary EVIDENCE. Such establishes that Bharara is a posturing fraudster, who could have EASILY brought down Cuomo in 2013 – and cleaned up the systemic corruption infesting all three of NY's government branches – and including NY's important ethics enforcer: JCOPE. Likewise, the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption could have EASILY brought down Cuomo in 2013 and cleaned up NY's corruption, and without any expensive software programs, or even subpoenas. In other words, the Commission's chief investigator, Danya Perry, and co-chair, Kathleen Rice – who, according to your article, gave you their first interviews since resigning from the Commission in 2014 -- materially misled you, as did Bharara.

The contemporaneous, primary-source, documentary EVIDENCE establishing this is posted on CJA's website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), on innumerable dedicated webpages – none more important than these two:

- (1) [CJA's webpage for the FULLY-DOCUMENTED April 15, 2013 corruption complaint against Cuomo, et al. that I hand-delivered to Bharara's Manhattan U.S. Attorney's office](#), from which you can examine the mountain of open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE from which Bharara, at that time, could have readily indicted Cuomo and secured his conviction for "grand larceny of the public fisc" involving pay raises and the state budget, and likewise of NY's other highest constitutional officers in all three government branches – obviating the entire below subsequent chain of events;
- (2) [CJA's webpage for my September 17, 2013 testimony before the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption](#), posting not only the EVIDENCE I handed up in substantiation of my testimony and the mountain of my correspondence to the Commission, both before and after the hearing, but the 12-minute VIDEO clip of my explosive testimony, sufficient to enable you to discern what a rigged, corrupted entity it was, from the start – and in plain view of the press, which reported nothing about what I said.

Other important EVIDENTIARY webpages – germane to correction of your article – include the two entitled:

- (1) "[Paper Trail of Complaints & Correspondence with U.S. Attorney Bharara -- & with his underling-successor Joon Kim](#)", from which you can verify Bharara's cover-up of – and perpetuation of – JCOPE's readily-remediable corruption;
- (2) "[What's Taking You So Long, Preet?: CJA's Three Litigations whose Records are Perfect 'Paper Trails' for Indicting New York's Highest Public Officers for Corruption](#)", from which Bharara's posturing as an anti-corruption crusader is further evidenced, as likewise the Commission's posturing and fraud, particularized by the third litigation, *to wit*, my [April 23, 2014 order to show cause to intervene in the Legislature's declaratory judgment action against the](#)

[Commission](#), also containing an analysis of the Commission’s methodologically-indefensible and fraudulent December 2, 2013 report – the product of undisclosed self-interest and bias.

NY’s press has covered up ALL of the above primary-source EVIDENCE – in favor of false narratives about Bharara, the Commission, and a “who’s who” of NY’s public officers and entities – starting with Cuomo, but including essentially all other highest constitutional officers and prosecutorial and ethics authorities.

Kindly call me so that we can discuss the foregoing – and the extraordinary corruption story that continued after Cuomo’s March 2014 disbanding of the Commission and President Trump’s March 2017 firing of Bharara. For immediate purposes, that story is summarized by the above-attached June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint against Cuomo, *et al* that I filed with Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares, a member of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, whose cover-up for Cuomo began with the [July 19, 2013 complaint I filed with him](#), incorporating, *inter alia*, my [April 15, 2013 complaint to Bharara](#) and my [June 27, 2013 complaint to JCOPE](#) – and about which I testified at the Commission’s September 17, 2013 hearing. NY’s press has refused to report anything about the June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint – or about my subsequent [March 5, 2021 complaint to JCOPE](#), based thereon – just as, prior thereto they refused to report ANY of the facts on which those complaints rest, the progression of which are chronologically posted on CJA’s webpage entitled “[VIDEO & PAPER TRAIL CHRONOLOGY: The Corrupt Commission Scheme to Raise Salaries of Corrupt Public Officers](#)”.

My below August 5, 2021 e-mail sent to the [entire roster of NY’s Legislative Correspondents Association](#), entitled “When will you be reporting on Gov. Cuomo’s corruption involving the ENTIRETY of the state budget -- & the pay raises -- in which EVERYONE in a line of succession is complicit”, summed up the situation, also unreported by the press, that:

**“the state Senate and Assembly members clamoring for Cuomo’s resignation and/or impeachment – and the senators and Court of Appeals judges who would constitute a court of impeachment ([NYS Constitution, Article VI, §24](#)) -- must themselves resign and/or be impeached – and...everyone in a line of gubernatorial succession, beginning with Lieutenant Governor Hochul, must be criminally prosecuted – and will be convicted.”**

How about you? Now that Cuomo has just resigned, effective in two weeks, will you report on the EVIDENCE of Hochul’s corruption, for which she must be indicted and will be convicted, based on the FULLY-DOCUMENTED June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint to D.A. Soares, whose substantiating EVIDENTIARY webpage is [here](#). To further help you, here’s my [May 4, 2018 e-mail to her](#) and the referred-to [webpage for her electoral opponent, Jumaane Williams, posting my May 4, 2018 message to him](#).

**Please let me hear from you, soon – and, if not, please at least confirm that you are forwarding this e-mail to your editors, from whom I request their response with regard to corrective follow-up of your today’s article.**

Finally, so that Preet Bharara can deny or dispute the foregoing, as relates to him, starting with the DISPOSITIVE significance of my [FULLY-DOCUMENTED April 15, 2013 corruption complaint against Cuomo, et al.](#), please forward this e-mail to him, as his e-mail address does not appear to be publicly-available. I am requesting the same of Jennifer Rodgers, here cc’d, whose ethics opinion you quote in your article – and who, presumably, at my request, previously forwarded to Bharara my [June 14, 2021 e-mail](#) concerning their endorsements of Alvin Bragg’s candidacy for Manhattan district attorney. I am also cc’ing Danya Perry, with a request that she forward to Kathleen Rice, so that they, too, can deny or dispute the foregoing, as relates to the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption, by which I do not mean Executive Director Regina Calcaterra, but the Commission’s three co-chairs and their 22 fellow commissioners.

Suffice to add that with regard to your comment, “By some measures, New York continues to rank among the most corrupt states in the country”, we have Bharara and the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption to thank for that – and their ignominious role has been featured on CJA’s homepage, [www.judgewatch.org](#), for years and years, by the

prominent center link: "[Exposing the Fraud of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption -- & Preet: NY's UNTOUCHED "culture of corruption" -- Pay Raises, JCOPE, Judicial & Attorney Discipline, etc](#)".

Thank you.

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**Subject: When will you be reporting on Gov. Cuomo's corruption involving the ENTIRETY of the state budget -- & the pay raises -- in which EVERYONE in a line of succession is complicit**

**TO: Legislative Correspondents Association Reporters**

When will you be reporting on Governor Cuomo's corruption involving the ENTIRETY of the state budget -- & the pay raises -- in which EVERYONE in a line of succession is complicit?

To remind you of the EVIDENCE, above-attached is CJA's FULLY-DOCUMENTED June 4, 2020 grand jury/public corruption complaint against Cuomo and his co-conspirators, filed with Albany D.A. Soares. Its substantiating EVIDENTIARY webpage is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>. The 61 materially-identical complaints filed with NY's 61 other D.A.s, including those of Manhattan, Westchester, Nassau, and Oswego, are here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/da-complaints-to-soares-plus-61-more.htm>.

As is obvious from the June 4, 2020 complaint – and as stated to you months ago, in furnishing you with [CJA's March 5, 2021 complaint, filed with JCOPE](#):

**“the state Senate and Assembly members clamoring for Cuomo’s resignation and/or impeachment – and the senators and Court of Appeals judges who would constitute a court of impeachment ([NYS Constitution, Article VI, §24](#)) -- must themselves resign and/or be impeached – and...everyone in a line of gubernatorial succession, beginning with Lieutenant Governor Hochul, must be criminally prosecuted – and will be convicted.”** (bold in the original).

Do you disagree that this is proven by the EVIDENCE substantiating those complaints? And what about your editors, to whom I request you forward this e-mail.

Please advise.

Thank you.

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