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Alex Storozynski, Editorial Board

Daily News

450 West 33rd Street

New York, New York 10001

RE: "O'Rourke's Pork" (2/5/98)

Dear Mr. Storozynski:

Today's Gannett has a huge front-page story, "O'Rourke, 245 Others Double Dip into N.Y.'s Government Coffers". It further underscores the importance of CJA's proposed Letter to the Editor and a follow-up investigation by the Daily News.

Enclosed is a copy of the Gannett article. In describing O'Rourke approval by the OCA, the article states:

"O'Rourke, the former Westchester county executive, was given automatic approval last month because of a quirk in state law."

There is NO QUIRK IN STATE LAW. Just as there is NO LOOPHOLE -- which is how the Daily News described it in its editorial last week. Plain and simple, THE LAW WAS BROKEN by OCA head, Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman.

Enclosed is CJA's finalized February 6th memorandum to Senators Dollinger and Leichter on the subject. You told me you have Judge Lippman's January 29th letter, as well as the Senators' press release based thereon. Last week, I sent you Section 211 of the Retirement and Social Security Law. All you need now is a reporter to write a story -- or a revised Editorial based on the LAW.

Thanks.

Yours for a quality judiciary
and honest government,



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Enclosures