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Dear Elena,

This is the first time I am hearing from you directly. Why are you taking such a combative tone?

Susan Arbetter

Dear Mr. Schick & Ms. Arbetter:

Kindly explain why I have not heard back from you in response to my below July 23rd email entitled : “NEWS LEAD: ‘Public Trust Act’ – NEVER introduced by the Legislature, No Senate or Assembly Sponsors, No Senate or Assembly Bill Numbers”.

This is all the more surprising as I have since discovered at least two additional segments of your Capitol Reports which should have made you further enthusiastic about the NEWS LEAD. For your convenience, I’ve transcribed them below:

April 25, 2013: “Where’s the bills?”

“Governor Andrew Cuomo says he was kidding with reporters when he said ‘normally when we release bill language before an agreement, it means the probability of that bill passing is very, very low.’

The Governor clarified the statement the next day on the Capital Pressroom radio show. ‘You have a little fun and then they take it seriously. Some bills are for press releases, and some bills are good faith proposals, and some are just posturing. And that was the point I was trying to make.’ [4/18/13: “clarifying comments regarding the release of proposed laws for review”]

But it is not the first time the administration has given us a peek at how they’d like to handle lawmaking. Lt. Governor Robert Duffy said this to business leaders last week. ‘The Governor doesn’t like to announce what he wants to do, he likes to announce what he gets done.’ And if you look at the statement, when it comes to actual bills proposed outside of the budget, it’s true. Widely reported numbers released