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Subject: Request for Meeting on Wed. Aug 14th -- Status of Corruption Complaint & Request for Intervention in CJA v. Cuomo
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TO: Public Integrity Unit Bureau Chief Eric Galarneau
Office of Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares

Attached is my letter to you of today's date – to which U.S. Attorney Richard Hartunian is an indicated recipient – requesting to meet with each of you on Wednesday, August 14th, preferably together, regarding the corruption complaints and intervention requests that we have filed with you both.

Please advise, as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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ATT: Eric M. Galarneau, Bureau Chief, Public Integrity Unit

RE: Request for Meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2013:
Status of CJA's July 19, 2013 corruption complaint & request for
intervention in *Center for Judicial Accountability, et al. v. Andrew Cuomo, et*
al. (NY Co. #401988/2012)

Dear Bureau Chief Galarneau:

We have received no response from your office to our July 19, 2013 corruption complaint and intervention request, including acknowledgment of receipt. Is this your practice, not to acknowledge receipt?

As stated by the complaint, at issue is:

“an open-and-shut, *prima facie* case of plunder of public monies, verification of which can be accomplished in minutes from comparison of the Commission on Judicial Compensation's August 29, 2011 'Final' Report and our October 27, 2011 Opposition Report – as to which the Executive Summary to our Opposition Report provides a handy guide.^{fn.1}” (at p. 4, italics and underlining in original).

Did you review the Executive Summary – a copy of which was enclosed with the complaint, mailed to you on July 20th? How long does it take to confirm the violations and fraud it itemizes with respect to the Commission on Judicial Compensation's six-page, double-spaced “Final” Report?

As you know, that Report and our Opposition Report are posted on our website, accessible from the very webpage we created for the July 19, 2013 complaint. Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/albany-da.htm>.

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As I will be in Albany next Wednesday, August 14, 2013, I would like to make an appointment to meet with you at your office to discuss our July 19, 2013 complaint and answer your questions, including under oath.

In the event you have not yet secured from either U.S. Attorney Bharara or U.S. Attorney Lynch the documentary proof we furnished them, as requested by our July 19, 2013 complaint (at p. 5) – “most importantly the verified complaint in *CJA, et al. v. Cuomo, et al.* with its most important exhibit, our October 27, 2011 Opposition Report” – I will bring a duplicate for you so that no further time is wasted. To date, New York taxpayers have been defrauded of approximately \$40 million in fraudulent judicial pay raises – a figure currently rising \$3 million each month.

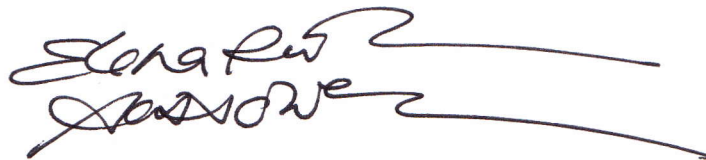
Needless to say, our meeting will be an opportunity to discuss conflict of interest issues, so that, as stated by our July 19, 2013 complaint:

“an appropriate threshold determination may be made as to whether District Attorney Soares can and should be handling this corruption complaint and intervention request – or whether referral to some other public officer or body is in order so that the public fisc and public interest may be served and protected.” (at p. 6).

As U.S. Attorney Richard Hartunian shares geographic jurisdiction with Albany District Attorney Soares over crimes committed in Albany, may I invite him – or a representative from his office – to attend our meeting? Otherwise, I will request to meet with U.S. Hartunian separately regarding the June 13, 2013 corruption complaint we filed with him – to which, likewise, we have received no response.

Please advise, as soon as possible, so that I may know how to proceed.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven R. Soare", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

cc: U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York Richard Hartunian
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