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March 30, 2001

Rosario Vizzie, Records Access Officer for the Governor Executive Chamber Room 214 Albany, New York 12224

RE: (1) CJA's Outstanding March 30, 1999 F.O.I.L. Request;
(2) Supplement to CJA's March 30, 1999 F.O.I.L. Request

Dear Mr. Vizzie:

It is now two full years since CJA's March 30, 1999 F.O.I.L. request to you – to which we have received no substantive response.

By letter dated April 7, 1999, you acknowledged CJA's F.O.I.L. request, advised that you would "review [your] records to determine what materials... would be responsive", and promised to respond "no later than May 6, 1999". By letter dated May 6, 1999, you stated "[b]ecause of the scope of [CJA's F.O.I.L.] request, [you] ha[d] not yet completed the process of gathering and reviewing all documents and records that may be responsive" and promised to respond "no later than May 20, 1999". May 20, 1999 came and went without further response from you.

As you have had more than ample time to "complete[] the process of gathering and reviewing... documents and records", please advise when your substantive response will be forthcoming.

Please also consider this letter a supplement to CJA's March 30, 2001 F.O.I.L. request in that, additionally, we request to inspect:

 all "written reports" of the qualifications of the Governor's judicial appointees from that March 30, 1999 date to this date – such documents being "available for public inspection" under the Governor's Executive Order #10.1, ¶2(d);

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- (2) current "Uniform Rules" for the Governor's judicial screening committees and Appendix thereto, consisting of blank questionnaire forms which candidates are required to complete;
- (3) all records showing the cost to the taxpayers of the Governor's judicial screening committees including for "reimbursement of any necessary expenses", and "paid staff" for their operations and investigative activity, as provided for by Executive Order #10.1, ¶7.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

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cc: Committee on Open Government ATT: Robert J. Freeman, Executive Director TRANSMISSION VERIFICATION REPORT

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