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Subject: Achieving BOTH a Properly Functioning Legislature & the Public Trust Act (Gov Program Bill #3) -- the Sine Qua Non for "Government Working" & "Working for the People"
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Dear Bill,

I left a voice mail message for you a short time ago – and also a voice mail message for Russ Haven. This was by way of follow-up to our lengthy conversation yesterday outside the Senate chamber, after your TV interview with Nick Reisman of YNN, and the couple of words we exchanged thereafter in the pressroom, as you were speaking with NYS Public Radio's Karen DeWitt.

To Karen I had already furnished a copy of the letter I was going to be delivering to the Governor requesting his support for our efforts to secure introduction & passage of the Public Trust Act through legitimate legislative process – about which I had just been interviewed on The Capitol Pressroom with Susan Arbetter. I furnished Nick a copy thereafter – giving him the copy that I was going to furnish to Barbara Bartoletti, who had been with him and then seemed to have disappeared after I requested to speak with her.

Will NYPIRG endorse our yesterday's letter to the Governor asking his support for our efforts to secure introduction & passage of the Public Trust Act through legitimate legislative process? And will NYPIRG furnish the press with comment about the letter – beginning with our observation that the purposes of the Moreland Commission to Investigate Public Corruption are "actually duties of a properly-functioning legislature, discharging its oversight and law-making functions"?

By copy of this e-mail to Barbara, I ask the same questions of her. Can we get an endorsement from League of Women Voters – and will the League of Women Voters furnish the press with comment about the letter's content?

Then, too, Barbara is a "Special Advisor" to the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption. Would she not agree that each of the Commissioners should be furnished a copy of the letter for their evaluation – beginning with its assertion that "high on the agenda of the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption" must be the question as to what the legislative committees have been doing by way of "oversight"?

Our August 21st letter to the Governor, with its enclosures & substantiating evidence – and the interview I gave about the letter on The Capitol Pressroom – are both easily accessible from our website, www.judgewatch.org, via its top panel "Latest News". Here's the direct link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/cja/latest-news.htm>.

I look forward to speaking with you and Russ about the letter after you have read it. Likewise with Barbara and the other NYS League of Women Voters recipients of this e-mail: its President, Sally Robinson, who is charged with "Issues & Advocacy", its Government "Issue Specialist", Aimee Allaud, its Executive Director, Laura Ladd Bierman, and its Program and Policy Director, Sarah Podber.

Please call at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

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