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U.S. Attorney Hartunian:

We formally request you begin an investigation of the scandalous and allegedly criminal enterprises conducted by the Speaker of the Assembly, Sheldon Silver, and his staff.

As the leader of the Assembly, Speaker Silver authorized settlement payments to numerous women over the years who have been the victims of sexual harassment and abuse by members of the Assembly and their staff. These payouts of taxpayer money have been used to cover-up criminal actions perpetrated in Albany. The use of intimidation and graft has made lawless and unethical behavior in the Capitol the norm.

Silver's chief legal counsel and his deputy legal counsel violated the state's sexual harassment policy by refusing to follow the mandatory reporting requirements with the Assembly Ethics Committee even though Silver and his staff originally drafted this compulsory rule. Instead of being disciplined for circumventing legal requirements, these staff members were rewarded by Silver with thousands of dollars in raises.

Moreover, the Joint Commission on Public Ethics report on Vito Lopez concluded that Silver kept the settlement agreement secret at Lopez's request. The report's conclusion is contrary to Silver's original assertion that the settlement was kept confidential to protect the victims. The report further revealed possible fraud by Silver's office in the handling and labeling of the settlement payments.

As the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District, we ask that you investigate this matter. The people of the great state of New York deserve justice. Allowing elected officials to prey upon the innocent and to use taxpayer money to cover-up their illicit actions is unacceptable and potentially illegal.

Sincerely,

Kieran Michael Lalor  
Member of the New York State Assembly  
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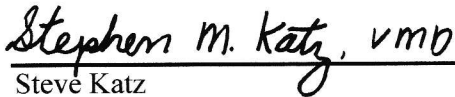
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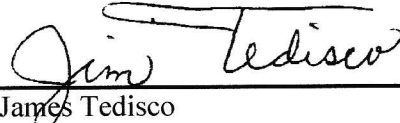
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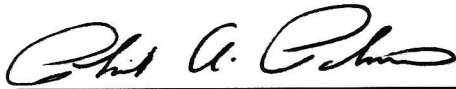
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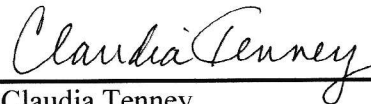
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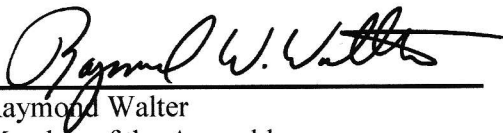
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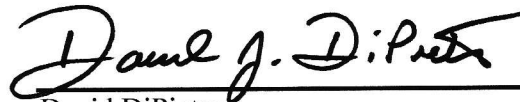
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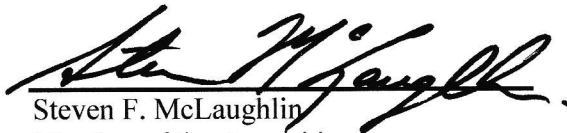
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