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Subject: Times-Union coverage of the bill creating a special commission on compensation of managerial and confidential state employees

TO: Rex Smith, Vice-President & Editor/[Albany Times-Union](#)

Yesterday, when I called you at about 10 a.m., after not having heard from you in response to a voice mail message left for you at 9:34 am the previous day, you told me that you were late for a meeting with the publisher, but that you would call me back later. I have since received no return call from you. Nor have I received return calls from Jay Jochnowitz or Rick Karlin, for whom I also left messages yesterday, as I had the day before.

Meantime, the Assembly and Senate have each now passed the bill creating a special commission on compensation of managerial and confidential employees – which Casey Seiler has reported in today's "Capitol Confidential", purporting that Rick Karlin had previously "reported in depth" and identifying that "The same system was established for members of the state judiciary after more than a decade of flat salaries". For your convenience, here's the link to the webpage of our website, posting – in addition to our advocacy relating to the M/C commission bill -- Mr. Seiler's today's blog, Rick Karlin's prior reporting, and the April 30th editorial by Jay Jochnowitz – to which my e-mail exchange with Mr. Jochnowitz is also posted: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/judicial-compensation-progeny.htm>

Please advise when I may expect your call.

Thank you.

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