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Mr. Michael Aronson
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RE: Examining Evidentiary Proof of the Politicization and Corruption of
"Merit Selection" Judicial Appointments, Etc.

Dear Mr. Aronson:


Inasmuch as yesterday's Daily News ran a fourth editorial in two weeks endorsing "gubernatorial appointment-legislative approval method" of judicial selection as putting "merit" over politics, please advise when the Editorial Board would like to meet with me to review the *evidentiary proof* of how politicized and corrupted such "method" *actually* is – be it to New York's "lower" state courts or to our Court of Appeals.

You will recall that in our November 28th phone conversation – following the first of these editorials – you were receptive to my suggestion that the Daily News examine the process by which Governor Pataki has made hundreds of judicial appointments during his seven years in office, *all* I believe confirmed by *unanimous* Senate votes. My November 30th letter to you reiterated the necessity of such examination – offering to combine a personal presentation about the corruption of the judicial appointments process with a presentation about the corruption of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Finally, notwithstanding yesterday's Daily News' editorial extends accolades to Chief Judge Kaye and Chief Administrative Judge Lippman, I trust you and other Editorial Board members saw my letter to the editor in the December 7th Daily News under the title "*Judicial Reforms*". In the event you have not seen the original – whose express identification of Chief Judge Kaye's responsibility for the perpetuation of abuses is

omitted from the published version – a copy is enclosed. I would expect that the Editorial Board would also want to examine for itself the *evidentiary proof* of Chief Judge Kaye's ignominious role in knowingly perpetuating the corruption of this state's processes of judicial selection and discipline.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



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