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BY HAND

TO: The New York Times, Metro Desk
ATT: Joyce Purnick, Editor
Jerry Gray, Political Affairs Editor

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator

DATE: December 14, 1998

RE: Governor Pataki's nomination of Albert Rosenblatt to the Court of Appeals
New York Times Editorial, "Governor Pataki's Wise Choice", 12/12/98

At 9:45 this morning, I left a lengthy message on the voice mail of Howell Raines, the Editorial Page Editor. My message inquired as to the basis for the Times' endorsement of Governor Pataki's nomination of Albert Rosenblatt to the Court of Appeals in its Saturday's editorial, "*Governor Pataki's Wise Choice*". It also notified Mr. Raines that he should obtain from you the documentary materials I hand-delivered to the Times on Saturday morning, under a coverletter that had been faxed to you on Friday afternoon. This, so that the Times can take appropriate corrective steps, such as emendation or retraction of its precipitous and uninforming editorial, lest the State Senate be emboldened in its rubber-stamp confirmation.

Those materials establish that Governor Pataki's nomination of Justice Rosenblatt is NOT a "wise choice", but a corrupt one -- made in the face of documentary proof of the unfitness of Justice Rosenblatt and of sham screening by the State Commission on Judicial Nomination. In that regard, I direct your attention to CJA's November 18th letter to the Executive Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York -- to which the Governor was an indicated recipient (at p. 2) -- and whose receipt thereof is reflected by the annexed fax and certified/return mail receipts.

Please ensure that these materials are transmitted to Mr. Raines without delay. Please also advise as to whether you intend to provide the public with what is, perhaps, its FIRST VIEW EVER of the fraudulent "merit selection" screening of the State Commission on Judicial Nomination -- concealed behind CLOSED DOORS -- and the cover-up by those in leadership positions, in government and out.



cc: Howell Raines [BY FAX: 556-3815] with CJA's 4-page 12/11/98 ltr
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