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Mr. John Sullivan <u>The New York Times</u> <u>Metro Desk</u> 229 West 43rd Street New York, New York 10036

> RE: <u>Your Metro Front-Page Story, "Spitzer Sets Up Unit</u> to Investigate Both State and Local Corruption, 8/26/99

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Enclosed, to ease readibility, is a typed transcription of my hand-written note, scrawled on a copy of your article, in an envelope addressed to you and delivered to the <u>Times</u> mailroom yesterday evening. Such delivery followed our phone conversation earlier in the day.

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

August 26, 1999

Enclosed is CJA's March 26th ethics complaint against Mr. Spitzer based, *inter alia*, on his failure to follow through with his January 27th public announcement of the formation of a "public integrity unit". The transcript of his announcement – and my public exchange with him at that time – is annexed as Exhibit "B" to the complaint (pp. 7-8; pp. 13-14).

The \$3,000 ad to which I referred in my public question to Mr. Spitzer is enclosed with CJA's informational brochure. *Note*: Table of Contents to the complaint is at p. 3; See also pp. 5-7 relative to Mr. Spitzer's "public integrity unit", as well as pp. 27-29.

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> I look forward to hearing from you so that we can discuss this further and so that I can make arrangements to provide you with information about what's been going on at the Attorney General's office in the seven months that preceded your story about the designation of Mr. Pope – including information about Mr. Pope's coverup of this ethics complaint, etc.

> Also, I would appreciate if, after you have examined the complaint, you share it with Kevin Flynn, who wrote last week's front-page story about the U.S. Attorney's investigation into Governor Pataki and, according to what he told me, Paul Shechtman. Mr. Flynn has been waiting to receive the ethics complaint from me, which we discussed together by phone.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,

Elena Europe

ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

Enclosure

P.S. Press coverage of Mr. Spitzer's January 27th public announcement of his "public integrity unit" included (1) a front-page story in the January 28th <u>New York Law Journal</u>, entitled "*Spitzer Targets Official Corruption*" – a copy of which is enclosed; and (2) the February 5, 1999 <u>New York Observer</u>, in a column entitled, "*Republicans Get a Pass From Spitzer – for Now*" – a copy of which is annexed to the ethics complaint as Exhibit "D".