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TO: U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Member Josh Hawley

FROM: Elena Sassower, Director
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RE: Testing the Fitness of President Biden's Nomination of Trini Ross
to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York

[On July 26th, The White House announced President Biden's first slate of eight nominees](#) to fill the 93 positions of U.S. Attorney. Among them, Trini Ross, nominated to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York.

Because it appears that President Biden may have subordinated a proper vetting of Ms. Ross to a goal of insulating from federal prosecution corrupt New York state officials – the majority and highest of whom are Democrats – I telephoned your office (202-224-6154) on Monday, August 2nd to request your leadership, at the Senate Judiciary Committee, on this important public integrity issue.

Your intern Roy fielded my call – and I gave him an overview of the situation, starting with the March 23rd and April 27th messages I had sent to The White House alerting it to the need to carefully vet Ms. Ross' prospective nomination and the prospective nominations of New York's three other U.S. Attorneys – to which I had received NO response from The White House, other than two automated acknowledgments, on March 23rd and April 27th, stating: “we're working hard to ensure you receive an appropriate response.”

Indeed, I showed Roy the messages and acknowledgements, together with the underlying EVIDENCE to which the messages referred, posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, on a webpage entitled “[Bringing in the Feds...](#)”.

Following that conversation, I re-organized the messages and acknowledgments on their own separate webpage, accessible, as previously, from the top panel “Latest News”. I then phoned your office a second time, now speaking with your intern Mike and showing him the new webpage entitled:

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[“President Biden’s New U.S. Attorneys for NY](#) – Will they be non-partisan enforcers of the Rule of Law and Equal Justice when doing so will require them to prosecute NY’s mostly Democratic top state officials?”

Perhaps it has already been brought to your attention.

In any event, if you read the [March 23rd](#) and [April 27th messages](#) – and the referred-to FULLY-DOCUMENTED [December 19, 2020 public corruption complaint](#), with its exhibits [A](#), [B](#), and [C](#) – you will assuredly agree that Ms. Ross cannot be deemed fit for confirmation as U.S. Attorney unless she answers the question that was the duty of the Biden White House to have inquired of her as part of its vetting, namely, how, if confirmed, she will handle the December 19, 2020 public corruption complaint that all four Acting U.S. Attorneys for New York have been “sitting on” entitled:

“‘Draining the Swamp’ – as President Trump promised: CJA’s October 16, 2020 FBI complaint vs NY Governor Cuomo, Attorney General James – & all NY’s other highest constitutional officers in its 3 government branches for fraud and larceny pertaining to their pay raises and the state budget – embodied in 62 public corruption/grand jury complaints that NY’s district attorneys are ‘sitting on’, in furtherance of their own D.A. pay raises”.

Do you agree? And will you take the lead in convincing your fellow senators to join with you in opposing Ms. Ross’ Senate confirmation unless she answers that question and confronts her conflicts of interest, warranting a special prosecutor, *inter alia*, because:

- Democratic Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul is among the highest constitutional officers whose prosecution is evidentially mandated by the December 19, 2020 complaint – and she is married to [William Hochul](#), who, from April 2010 through October 2016, was U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York and, before that, an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the office since 1991 – with whom and under whom Ms. Ross worked for the more than 20 years in which she was an Assistant U.S. Attorney there (1995-2017);
- Acting U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York [James Kennedy](#), who is “sitting on” the December 19, 2020 complaint, was William Hochul’s First Assistant U.S. Attorney from April 2010 through October 2016, and, before that, an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the office since 1992 – with whom and under whom Ms. Ross worked for the more than 20 years in which she was an Assistant U.S. Attorney there (1995-2017);
- she has professional and personal relationships with other highest constitutional officers whose prosecution the December 19, 2020 complaint evidentially mandates, such as Democratic Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes, who – according to a [March 24, 2021 Buffalo News article](#) – “wrote a recommendation

letter to Schumer regarding Ross and gathered other letters of support from the legal community.”

Finally, and as discussed with Roy, the “swamp” situation that prevails in New York – undrained by a partisan, politicized FBI and New York’s four Acting U.S. Attorneys and covered-up and perpetuated by New York’s “fake news” press – has taken, among its victims, former President Trump – for whom, in the absence of contact information, I have created a webpage entitled “[CJA’s JUNE 4, 2021 MESSAGE TO FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP](#)”. I therefore request that you forward him this letter, with its embedded link for the webpage message, and additionally forward same to such honest, truth-reporting press as exists.

Please let me hear from you soon as to whether you will assume the leadership role that is here sought, as otherwise I will reach out to other Senate Judiciary Committee members. Meantime, this letter is posted on CJA’s webpage “[President Biden’s New U.S. Attorneys for NY...](#)”

Thank you.

s/ELENA SASSOWER