

June 19, 2012 message sent to Carl Paladino *via* the contact page of his website: www.carlpaladino.com/contact/

SUBJECT: NY Free Republican Caucus Initiative: Fielding Successful Primary Challengers to Incumbent Legislators Who Have Betrayed the Public Trust

MESSAGE:

RE: New York Free Republican Caucus Initiative: Fielding Successful Primary Challengers to Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos & Other Incumbent Legislators who have Betrayed the Public Trust

Dear Mr. Paladino,

Thank you for your patriotic candidacy for governor in the 2010 elections -- and for your continued commitment to reforming New York State government for the benefit of all New Yorkers.

New Yorkers need a person of your civic-minded convictions and resources to save us from the flagrant corruption and dysfunction of our state government.

The purpose of this message is to offer you the means to make good on your powerfully-expressed February 29, 2012 memo demanding Senator Dean Skelos' immediate resignation as Senate Majority Leader and asserting that a "Free Republican Caucus Initiative" would "deal with those other treacherous Republican Senators who with [him] sold out their integrity and abrogated their pledges to the taxpayers." To that end, you have been seeking and endorsing candidates to challenge incumbent Republican members of the New York State Senate and Assembly who have betrayed their constituents' trust. However, no challenger to Senator Skelos appears on the list of endorsed candidates of the Free Republican Caucus Initiative that we have located on the internet (<http://sherylthomas.com/new-york-free-republican-caucus-initiative-candidate-list>) and, seemingly, Senator Skelos will not be facing any primary contest.

It is for this reason that we write. Our New York-based nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), is presently suing Senate Majority Leader Skelos in a politically-explosive lawsuit, charging him and his co-defendants, including Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Governor Andrew Cuomo, with colluding against the People of this State to foist upon us fraudulent and unconstitutional judicial pay raises -- at an ultimate cost to New York taxpayers of billions of dollars. This, in addition to leaving New Yorkers defenseless against systemic judicial corruption in the New York courts, encompassing supervisory and appellate levels and the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Publicity of the lawsuit – and the documentary proof on which it is based – would END Senator Skelos' political career and the political careers of Assembly Speaker Silver, Governor Cuomo, and a panoply of other New York legislators and public officers named and encompassed by the suit. Indeed, publicity and the resulting public outrage would rightfully lead to their being criminally prosecuted for official misconduct and fraud. This would finally and definitively "Turn Albany Upside" – to the lasting benefit of all New Yorkers.

As you are a lawyer, you can readily verify for yourself the serious and substantial nature of CJA's lawsuit, brought on behalf of the People of New York – and its potential to upend the 2012 elections when EVERY member of New York's Legislature is up for re-election. The record of the lawsuit is posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the top panel "Latest News". Needless to say, to facilitate your review, we would be pleased to furnish you with a hard copy of the record.

We request – and would be honored – to speak with you directly – and would be willing to travel to Buffalo to make a personal presentation. We would also be pleased to meet with the various primary challengers you have endorsed so that we can discuss with them the lawsuit and its potential to win them the elections. We have already written to challenger Jim Blake, who you have endorsed against incumbent Senator James Seward. Below is a copy of our yesterday's e-mail to him, to which you were an indicated recipient.

Thank you.

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June 18, 2012

Dear Mr. Blake,

I have read Carl Paladino's June 8th endorsement of your candidacy, recommending you as recognizing that "we need our state legislators to be accountable". -- and your own quote about replacing "'business as usual' legislators". Bravo!

Our NY-based nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), can provide you -- and other good-government, reform-minded candidates -- with a WINNING issue against incumbent state legislators, particularly those in leadership positions, such as your opponent, Senator James Seward.

As you know, Senator Seward is Assistant Majority Leader of Conference Operations, appointed by Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos in 2011.

Senate Majority Leader Skelos -- and the State Senate -- are defendants in a politically-explosive lawsuit that CJA has brought, in the public interest, on behalf of the People of the State of New York. The lawsuit is based on their official misconduct and fraud upon the People in allowing unlawful and unconstitutional pay raises for state judges. These pay raises will cost taxpayers a reported \$27.7 million for this year alone -- and will amount to billions over time.

CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, posts a press release about the lawsuit, as well as the lawsuit itself. These are accessible via the top panel "Latest News".

I would look forward to speaking with you -- and Mr. Paladino -- directly about this decisive campaign issue. I invite you to call me, at your convenience.

Thank you.

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