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Subject: STATUS: Asking "Tough Questions" of CUOMO -- & of NY's other incumbent public officers -- NOW so as to make the 2018 ELECTIONS competitive!
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TO: Mark Mahoney, Opinion Editor/Daily Gazette
Scott Donnelly, Content Editor/Daily Gazette

This follows the voice mail message I left a short time ago, on Mr. Mahoney's line (518-395-3085) – inquiring about the status of my below January 4, 2018 proposal – as to which, on January 8, 2018 and January 11, 2018, I sent additional and reinforcing proposals, ALL based on Mr. Mahoney's December 11, 2017 editorial "[Cuomo must hold news conferences with reporters: Governor needs to be available to answer tough questions](#)". For your convenience, I will forward you the January 8, 2018 and January 11, 2018 e-mails, as well.

As I have no record of response from either of you to these three e-mails, kindly advise whether you responded – and if not, why not, particularly in light of Sara Foss' contemporaneous column "2018 Governor's race shaping up to be major dud. Can anyone beat Cuomo?": <https://dailygazette.com/article/2018/01/09/foss-2018-governor-s-race-shaping-up-to-be-major-dud>, that appeared on January 9, 2018.

As Editor Judy Patrick will be stepping down at the end of the month, I would like to speak with her about my proposals before she leaves – and, especially as she is a contributor to the WAMC Media Project: <http://wamc.org/programs/media-project> – to which I yesterday initiated contact with co-hosts Alan Chartock and Rex Smith.

Finally, and to update you as to the multitude of questions deserving of being asked – and not just of Cuomo – that will utterly transform this year's electoral races, here's the link to CJA's webpage for the "2018 Legislative Session" – from which you can access the VIDEOS of my DEVASTATING testimony before the Legislature at its January 30, 2018 and February 5, 2018 budget hearings – and the EVIDENCE in substantiation -- <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/menu-2018-legislative-session.htm>.

Thank you.

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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [mailto:elena@judgewatch.org]
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Following up my phone conversations with each of you earlier today – occasioned by your December 11, 2017 editorial: "[Cuomo must hold news conferences with reporters: Governor needs to be available to answer tough questions](#)" – this is to reiterate that, even at news conferences, the PRESS does NOT ask Governor Cuomo the truly "tough questions". Nor does it ask truly "tough questions" of other incumbent public officers. Indeed, if it did, Governor Cuomo – and all those who were on the stage yesterday at his "state of the state" address, excepting Lt. Governor Hochul – would long ago have been indicted for corruption. So, too, the incumbent Senate and Assembly members who are within the geographic domain of the Daily Gazette, as, for instance, Senator Kathleen Marchione, chair of the Senate Committee on Local Government, before whom I testified at the Legislature's January 30, 2017 budget hearing on "Local Government Officials/General Government".

Here's the link to CJA's webpage with the VIDEO of my testimony before Senator Marchione: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/budget-hearings.htm>. Why shouldn't Daily Gazette reporters ask her some "tough questions" about it – as, for example, what she did to verify the truth of what I was saying. This would be especially beneficial as my testimony pivotally described CJA's citizen-taxpayer action, in which Governor Cuomo and all those on stage with him yesterday, excepting Lt. Governor Hochul, are being sued for corruption involving the state budget – the genesis of which is the statutorily-violative, fraudulent, and unconstitutional state commission reports that since March 2012, have stolen from New York taxpayers \$300 million in unlawful judicial and district attorney salary increases.

Governor Cuomo is the first named defendant in the citizen-taxpayer action. However, the press has never asked him or any of the other defendants about it, either generally or, specifically about its ten causes of action, or about what the lawsuit record EVIDENTIARILY establishes, namely, plaintiffs' entitlement to SUMMARY JUDGMENT on each of its ten causes of action, about which I testified before Senator Marchione.

Each of the ten causes of action is a GOLD-MINE for questioning – including its 9th causes of action, challenging the constitutionality of three-men-in-a-room budget deal-making and the 5th cause of action, challenging the constitutionality of the Legislature's closed-door party-conferences that substitute for open committee meetings -- as to which, with respect to ALL ten, defendants, represented by defendant Attorney General Schneiderman, had NO LEGITIMATE DEFENSE. The full record of the lawsuit – and the misconduct/corruption complaints against Acting Supreme Court Justice Hartman and defendant Attorney General Schneiderman for symbiotically corrupting the judicial process to "throw" the case – are posted on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org. The direct link to the menu page – which I showed you -- is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>.

This is an election year – the voters' opportunity to "drain the swamp". They cannot do this, unless the press asks the incumbents the "tough questions" about their records – and reports back to the voters. The citizen-taxpayer action is all about the record of the incumbents, corrupting government. Its "game-changing" electoral significance, making competitive EVERY electoral race involving an incumbent, is particularized by my attached August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER about Senator Latimer's record, in office. His election, last November, as Westchester county executive is the direct result of the press' refusal to ask him a single question, "tough" or otherwise, about the OPEN LETTER, or to even report that there was such OPEN LETTER. The webpage for the OPEN LETTER, on which all substantiating PROOF is accessible, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/8-10-17-open-ltr.htm>.

I am available to assist you, to the max, in TAKING THE LEAD in "tough question[ing]" – and making this electoral year the "swamp-draining" opportunity it rightfully is, from the Governor on down.

Thank you.

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