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**Subject:** Again -- Follow up to your column: "Midnight Confirmations and Bad Governance" (4/7/19) -- & your bio entry

### **TO: Cole Stallone, Deputy Opinion Editor/Washington Square News**

I was disappointed to have received no telephone call or e-mail from you to my below time-sensitive, fully-documented story proposal, sent on Friday morning – and am resending it, in case you missed it.

Kindly advise, as soon as possible, if you are interested – and, if not, the reason and whether you will be forwarding it to your fellow editors at Washington Square News – and the reporting staff – for their consideration, which I request you do.

Thank you.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 10:20 AM  
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**Subject: Follow up to your column: "Midnight Confirmations and Bad Governance" (4/7/19) -- & your bio entry**

### **TO: Cole Stallone, Deputy Opinion Editor/Washington Square News**

A *propos* of your important April 7, 2019 column, "*Midnight Confirmations and Bad Governance*" <https://nyunews.com/opinion/2019/04/08/nyc-mayor-mta-subway/> -- and your bio identifying your desire to "add a politically radical voice to the amazing group of writers here at WSN", including by "calling for the arrest of corrupt government officials": <https://nyunews.com/staff/?writer=Cole%20Stallone> -- may I offer you a HUGE follow-up story pertaining to the state budget, whose corruption is the subject of a ground-breaking citizen-taxpayer action, now at the Court of Appeals – the first-ever to challenge the behind-closed-doors, "three men in a room" budget deal-making that produced the MTA deal and FOY's confirmation that was part of it, as identified by the April 2, 2019 New York Times article to which your column links: "*Cuomo Promised Transparency at the M.T.A. Then Its Leader Was Confirmed While You Slept*": <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/02/nyregion/mta-cuomo-congestion-pricing.html>.

Indeed, as you not only link to that Times article at the outset of your column, but then, by seven more links, to six other Times articles – clearly reflecting a mainstream view that The Times is a reputable and comprehensive information source -- below is my fully-documented, readily-verifiable March 20, 2019 e-mail to the Times, to which I have received no response, pertaining to the citizen-taxpayer action, the budget, and the committee-based pay raises that the Governor, legislators, and other executive public officers are getting – stories The Times has refused to investigate and report on, for years, with knowledge that it would not only result in "the arrest of corrupt government officials", by the