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Subject: CORRECTION & INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM REQUIRED: "Sheldon Silver, Former N.Y. Assembly Speaker, Will Finally Go to Prison" (NYT, July 20-21, 2020)
Attachments: EO_202.46.pdf; 6-4-20-complaint-albany-da-soares-revised.pdf

TO: The New York Times

Your yesterday's website article "*Sheldon Silver, Former N.Y. Assembly Speaker, Will Finally Go to Prison*" by Benjamin Weiser and Jesse McKinley, with contributing reporting by Luis Ferre-Sadurni, also appearing in today's newspaper, states: "...Mr. Silver's arrest led to his ouster as speaker and to **a new chapter in the Assembly**: His successor was Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie, the Bronx Democrat who became the first African-American to serve as speaker...." (bold added).

What "new chapter in the Assembly"? There was no change in the "'three men in a room' who controlled decision-making in Albany" – referred to in the article's previous sentence. Nor was there any change in "Albany's culture of influence peddling and secrecy" – referred to in the article's following sentence. Indeed, **the ONLY appreciable change is that Mr. Heastie "became the first African-American to serve as speaker"**.

If this is the "new chapter" to which the article is referring, shouldn't the Times be examining whether Mr. Heastie's now five-year old tenure as NY's "first African-American" speaker made any dent in the legislative corruption problems that existed during Mr. Silver's "more than two decades as speaker" – which is what the article and its links imply. And shouldn't the Times do the same with respect to NY's "first African-American" – and female – state Senate majority leader, Westchester Democrat Andrea Stewart-Cousins, now in her second year, having been, for six previous years, the Senate's "first African-American" – and female – minority leader. **Wouldn't this fit well with the Times' race and gender-focused journalism?**

As both Assembly Speaker Heastie and Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins are running for re-election in races illustrative of what countless New York electoral races look like: uncontested or non-competitive – below, with the above two attachments, is the July 3, 2020 e-mail I sent to Mr. McKinley and Mr. Ferre-Sadurni, as members of Albany's Legislative Correspondents Association, responsible for Times' Albany reporting, to which I received no response.

Did Mr. McKinley and Mr. Ferre-Sadurni read the e-mail – and its attached June 4, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint, establishing, by its substantiating EVIDENTIARY webpage: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>, that grand jury indictments are mandated -- and convictions assured -- against Assembly Speaker Heastie, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousin, and the 211 other state legislators elected and re-elected for the 2019, 2020 legislative sessions – as likewise against New York's other highest constitutional officers – for their corruption and fraud with respect to the state budget and the commission-based pay raises of which they are all beneficiaries.

Presumably, Mr. Weiser had no knowledge of this. However he and Times editors must now examine, for themselves, the June 4, 2020 corruption/grand jury complaint, as it IMMEDIATELY reveals the deceit pervading the Times article in concealing that the crimes for which Mr. Silver "will finally go to prison" are **utterly trivial** compared to the crimes for which he was never charged and prosecuted in which Heastie and Stewart-Cousins were then complicit and which they

thereafter brazenly continued and exacerbated, in concert with New York's other public officers, self-dealers and corrupters all.

When can I expect to hear from you about this?

Thank you.

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Subject: Celebrating July 4th by making NY's state legislative & DA elections competitive & capable of achieving their goal of accountability

TO: Albany Legislative Correspondents Association

In this 2020 election year, most of NY's 213 state legislative races are either uncontested or not competitive. Likewise, NY's 14 district attorney races. Why should that be when you can so easily change that -- by reporting:

- (1) that Governor Cuomo's just-issued June 30th Executive Order #202.46 makes it easy to run for these important public offices. All that is necessary is to collect a relatively modest number of petition signatures to be on the ballot – and the window for doing so has just begun and ends July 30th;
- (2) that the legislative and district attorney incumbents can easily be beaten, because they have brazenly CORRUPTED their public offices – including by larceny of taxpayer monies with respect to their *own* salaries – and that the *prima facie*, open-and-shut EVIDENCE of their crimes is laid out in largely identical corruption/grand jury complaints that were filed with each of NY's 62 district attorneys from June 4th to July 1st.

For your convenience, I've attached the Governor's June 30th Executive Order and, additionally, the first and most important of the 62 corruption/grand jury complaints – the June 4th complaint filed with the Albany County district attorney, who – alone among NY's 62 district attorneys – has geographic and hence criminal jurisdiction over the state capital and, therefore, over all 213 state legislators, plus the state's highest executive and judicial officers. The Albany district attorney -- P. David Soares -- is also one of NY's district attorneys running for re-election this year.

You can easily verify the EVIDENCE substantiating the 62 corruption/grand jury complaints, as it is posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's webpage for the complaints entitled "Invoking 'The power of grand juries to inquire into the wilful misconduct in office of public officers, and to find indictments...'", pursuant to Article I, §6 of the New York State Constitution". It is part of a series of webpages, accessible from CJA's homepage, www.judgewatch.org, via the prominent center link "ELECTIONS 2020 – Taking Out Corrupt & Collusive Legislative Incumbents & Conspiring D.A.s – All Beneficiaries of Statutory-Violative, Fraudulent, Unconstitutional Pay Raises & Other Larcenies of Taxpayer Monies". The direct link to the "Grand Juries" webpage is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

I am available to answer any questions – and to assist you, *to the max*. It would be my patriotic privilege to do so during the 4th of July holiday weekend and invite you to call me, no matter how early or late.

Thank you.

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