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Subject: Follow-up: Your March 18th editorial "Heavy lifting on NY state budget will have to

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## TO: The Citizen/Auburnpub.com

Publisher Michelle Bowers
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Your March 18, 2020 editorial "Heavy lifting on NY state budget will have to wait" states: "this is not the time to jam through complex and controversial policy matters.

How about reporting on the UNCONSTITUTIONALITY of the inclusion of policy and non-budgetary items in the state budget? The details are set forth in the Center for Judicial Accountability's attached March 18, 2020 letter to Governor Cuomo. Entitled "GOOD NEWS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY: You Can Chuck 6 of the 7 'Article VII Bills' Because They are Unconstitutional. Here's why...", it analyzes the Governor's "Article VII Bills" for FY2020-21 and does so in the context of the Court of Appeals' seminal 2004 decision in Pataki v. Assembly/Silver v. Pataki, 4 NY3d 75, providing what appears to be the FIRST scholarship deconstructing its plurality, concurring, and dissenting opinions.

CJA's webpage for the March 18, 2020 letter – from which its referred-to evidentiary proof is accessible – is here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/3-18-20-ltr-to-gov.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/3-18-20-ltr-to-gov.htm</a>.

Below are the e-mails transmitting the letter to Governor Cuomo and to the 15 Legislative Leaders who continue to receive stipends for the "significantly more work" and "additional duties" they are expected to perform, pursuant to the December 10, 2018 report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation.

Why not call up the Governor – and the Legislative Leaders -- for response? And what about rank-and-file legislators, such as those within your geographic area, their electoral opponents, and the few scholars of the New York State Constitution as there are.

I am available to assist you, to the max on this major story – and invite you to call me so that we can discuss it, directly.

Thank you.

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## MORE GOOD NEWS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY -

CJA's March 18, 2020 letter to Governor Cuomo "...GOOD NEWS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY", sent to you by the below March 18, 2020 e-mail, is now posted on CJA's website — on a webpage now reflecting the March 18, 2020 date. The direct link is here: <a href="http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/3-18-20-ltr-to-gov.htm">http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/3-18-20-ltr-to-gov.htm</a>. According to the U.S. priority mail delivery receipt (there posted), the letter was delivered to the Governor's office this morning.

The letter, with a revised footnote 1 updating the link for the webpage, is attached. Additionally attached is the letter's single enclosure – CJA's August 21, 2013 letter to the Governor on "Achieving...a Properly Functioning Legislature..."

Thank you.

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