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Subject: Will the Daily News Investigate & Report, STAT, on the Unconstitutionality of NY's Policy-Bloated State Budget? Response to your today's editorial "Coronavirus cash crunch: State and city budgets must find savings"
Attachments: 3-18-20-ltr-to-gov-revised-fn1.pdf

TO: New York Daily News

RE: "*Coronavirus cash crunch: State and city budgets must find savings*" (editorial, March 26, 2020)

Your today's editorial powerfully concludes: "This budget is in the ICU. It needs a ventilator, stat".

Yet, for the past five days, the remedy for New York's state budget during this coronavirus emergency has been "sitting in the waiting room" of your Albany reporter – and of every other reporter of the Albany Legislative Correspondents Association <http://lcapressroom.com/> – without investigation or report by a single one.

That remedy is to bring Governor Cuomo's policy-bloated state budget into compliance with the New York State Constitution – and the diagnostic particulars were furnished to Governor Cuomo and New York's 15 stipend-receiving Legislative Leaders eight days ago by the Center for Judicial Accountability's above-attached March 18, 2020 letter. Three days later, on March 21st, the letter was sent to ALL reporters of Albany's Legislative Correspondents Association by the below e-mail entitled "**Gov & Legislative Leaders get GOOD NEWS during this Coronavirus Emergency: Simplifying the policy-packed NYS budget is EASY, as 6 of the Gov's 7 "Article VII Bills" are UNCONSTITUTIONAL**".

What will you do, stat? Will you be first responders and phone the Governor and these 15 Legislative Leaders for their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the March 18, 2020 letter?

As always, I am available to assist you, to the max – and would welcome your call. Until then, you can *speedily* verify the facts recited by the March 18, 2020 letter from CJA's webpage for it. The direct link is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/3-18-20-ltr-to-gov.htm>.

Please advise, ASAP, so that I may know how to proceed.

Thank you.

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Subject: Gov & Legislative Leaders get GOOD NEWS during this Coronavirus Emergency: Simplifying the policy-packed NYS budget is EASY, as 6 of the Gov's 7 "Article VII Bills" are UNCONSTITUTIONAL

TO: Albany Legislative Correspondents Association Reporters

It's EASY for Governor Cuomo and Legislators to simplify the policy-packed NYS budget during this coronavirus emergency. This is laid out by the Center for Judicial Accountability's attached March 18, 2020 letter to the Governor 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 readily accessible – is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/3-18-20-ltr-to-gov.htm>.

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

I am available to assist you, to the max. Please feel free to call me anytime, during the weekend and at night.

Thank you.

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Subject: Executive Budget ... CJA's March 18, 2020 letter to Gov. Cuomo: "GOOD NEWS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY: You Can Chuck 6 of the 7 'Article VII Bills' Because They are Unconstitutional. Here's why..."

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: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/3-18-20-ltr-to-gov.htm>. 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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15 Stipend-Benefitting Legislative Leaders

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Attached is my above-entitled letter of today's date to Governor Cuomo, the original of which will be mailed to him. All others are indicated recipients, for the reasons stated in the last paragraph (at p. 13).

Due to a catastrophic computer breakdown, on this end, I am presently unable to post the letter on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org and to update the site. The webpage for the letter – which had been prepared two days ago, before the breakdown – is here – reflecting the letter's then March 16, 2020 date: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/3-16-20-ltr-to-gov.htm>. From the webpage you can access the letter's referred to-documentary proof – and its sole enclosure: my August 21, 2013 letter to the Governor, entitled "Achieving BOTH a Properly Functioning Legislature & Your Public Trust Act (Program Bill #3) – the *Sine Qua Non* for 'Government Working' & 'Working for the People'", to which I received no response.

Thank you.

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