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Subject: **Informing Chautauqua County Voters with EVIDENCE: public corruption/grand jury complaint vs Chautauqua County's 2 re-election-seeking state legislators, which re-election-seeking Chautauqua County D.A. Swanson is "sitting on"**
Attachments: [6-12-20-complaint-chautauqua-da-swanson.pdf](#); chautauqua-signature.pdf; [chautauqua-7-24-20-da-foil.pdf](#)

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Chautauqua County's two state legislators – both seeking re-election – are the subjects of a **fully-documented** public corruption/grand jury complaint, filed with Chautauqua County District Attorney Swanson, who is "sitting on" it. Among other things, the complaint involves the "force of law" commission/committee scheme that has given pay raises to all of them.

The June 12, 2020 complaint, by the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), is above-attached – and below are the e-mails transmitting it and the also attached July 24, 2020 FOIL request to D.A. Swanson. CJA's substantiating evidentiary webpage for the complaint is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

As stated by the complaint, Chautauqua County voters are entitled to know that their state legislators are unfit for re-election because they must be indicted for larceny and other corruption on EVIDENCE so DISPOSITIVE as to assure convictions.

To enable Chautauqua County voters to assess, for themselves, the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE that D.A. Swanson has been withholding from a Chautauqua County grand jury to maintain his own fraudulently-boosted salary, paid by Chautauqua County taxpayers, please accompany your story with links to the complaint and the evidentiary webpage.

As you will doubtless call the complained-against two state legislators and D.A. Swanson for comment about the complaint, I am cc'ing them on this e-mail so that they can be prepared. What, if anything, do they deny or dispute. Let them start where the complaint starts: [my July 16, 2019 e-mail to the Legislature's 15 stipend-receiving leaders](#) requesting that they forward it to the 198 other legislators, with its attached [July 15, 2019 written NOTICE](#) and [substantiating analysis](#) that the [December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation](#) – raising their legislative salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000 – was “‘a **fraud** on the People of the State of New York – and a **larceny** of their tax dollars’, violating a succession of penal laws, and that their duty was to void it, to return the pay-raise monies they had already received, and to initiate criminal prosecutions of the Committee’s four members and abetting attorneys.” The analysis is 46 pages, excluding [exhibits](#). Will they furnish you with their findings of fact and conclusions of law? If not, I’m sure ordinary Chautauqua County citizens would be able to help you with what is obvious.

I am available to answer your questions and assist you, to the max -- on a story not only upending Chautauqua County’s state legislative and D.A. races, but, additionally, ALL New York’s other state legislative races and its 14 other D.A. races – and **that’s for starters**.

Thank you.

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Subject: Reasonable questions arising from your nonfeasance: June 12, 2020 corruption complaint in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Chautauqua County state legislators...

TO: Chautauqua County District Attorney Patrick Swanson

As your Chautauqua County D.A. website does not post your e-mail – and DAASNY’s roster with your e-mail is erroneous – I assume that the below two e-mails reached you, nonetheless, via your executive

assistant Rachel Kneer, whose e-mail is the ONLY e-mail that your D.A. website posts: <https://chqgov.com/directory?section=8>. If this assumption is incorrect, please advise.

In any event, I am now re-sending the below two e-mails to you, with their above attachments -- adapting Ms. Kneer's e-mail address to what I believe yours is -- which I thought I had done on June 12th, except that I misspelled Chautauqua.

Apologies.

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Subject: Reasonable questions arising from your nonfeasance with respect to the June 12, 2020 corruption complaint in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Chautauqua County state legislators...

TO: Chautauqua County District Attorney Patrick Swanson

I have received no acknowledgment or other response to my June 12, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint against Chautauqua County state legislators, which I sent you by the below e-mail, with a direct link to the substantiating evidentiary webpage: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

As the complaint presents evidence so *prima facie* and open-and-shut as to leave no doubt that a grand jury would speedily indict – and a trial jury speedily convict – the complained-against state legislators and their accomplices, your nonfeasance raises reasonable questions as to your performance with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public. To help answer those questions, I have today filed a FOIL/information request with Chautauqua County's Records Access Officer & County Attorney Stephen Abdella. A copy is attached.

Thank you.

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Subject: CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Chautauqua County state legislators for "wilful misconduct in office", including larceny & fraud...

TO: Chautauqua County District Attorney Patrick Swanson

Attached is my above-entitled corruption/grand jury complaint of today's date addressed to you – with a separate scanned signature page. The link for CJA's "GRAND JURIES" webpage for the complaint, hyperlinking, linking, and posting all referred-to evidence, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

Should you require an original signed complaint, please notify me – and I will send it, immediately.

Thank you.

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