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Subject: Your June 5th article on A.G. Schneiderman -- What is your EVIDENCE that he was a "reformer" in the NYS Senate, etc? Maybe it's time to expand your sources...

Dear Mr. Pillifant,

The below was posted a short time ago as a "Comment" to your June 5th article "*Schneiderman: Remarkably 'stupid' scandals could help pass campaign finance reform*". As I'm sure you pride yourself on accurate – and dare I hope investigative – reporting, I look forward to hearing from you. This is a MONUMENTAL public corruption story and game-changer for the Democratic mayoral primary. It will rightfully keep the entire crew of Capital New York very BUSY with reporting that will reach the front-pages of New York's newspapers.

"Dear Mr. Pillifant,

On what EVIDENTIARY basis do you describe Eric Schneiderman as having 'served for years as a reformer' in the State Senate? Are you unaware of the EVIDENCE of his collusion in judicial corruption as a long-time member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, including his corrupting of the 'merit selection' appointments process to the NY Court of Appeals? Schneiderman was not a reformer then -- nor now, as Attorney General. Quite the opposite. He was a corrupt Senator, just as he is now a corrupt Attorney General, and both are chronicled by the fact-specific, document-supported verified complaint of a lawsuit in which he is a NAMED DEFENDANT, sued for corruption. Indeed, the lawsuit is the DIRECT result of his corruption as Attorney General.

If U.S. Attorney Bharara is true to his rhetoric about going after public corruption -- which, to date, the press has not examined -- Schneiderman will be prosecuted for corruption with the other named defendants in the lawsuit, beginning with Governor Andrew Cuomo, his predecessor Attorney General. By the way, both Schneiderman and Cuomo are well aware that the Attorney General has ample powers to investigate and prosecute public corruption. Certainly, consistent with U.S. Attorney Bharara's April 22nd speech calling upon the press to do its part to expose public corruption, why don't you examine how Attorney General Schneiderman's 'Public Corruption Bureau' operates. Our November 29, 2011 complaint to his 'Public Integrity Bureau' is identified at page 2 of the 'Civilian Crime Report' we filed with U.S. Attorney Bharara on April 15, 2013.

Our April 15th corruption complaint to U.S. Attorney Bharara and the substantiating lawsuit complaint against Attorney General Schneiderman and Governor Cuomo, et al, which we provided with it, are posted on our website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the top panel 'Latest News' by its hyperlink entitled 'Holding Government Accountable for its Grand Larceny of the Public Fisc and Other Corruption'. The paragraphs of the

lawsuit complaint pertaining to named-defendant Schneiderman, substantiating the April 15, 2013 'Civilian Crime Report', are paras. 7, 95, 120-125, 136 and the exhibits to which they refer.

Please call me directly so that I can assist you in better understanding the magnitude of this FULLY-DOCUMENTED public corruption story in which Attorney General Schneiderman is front and center.

Thank you.

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