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Hon. G. Oliver Koppell
Chairman, Assembly Judiciary Committee
L.O.B. Room 831
Empire State Plaza
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Dear Chairman Koppell:

Transmitted herewith are the files of Castracan v. Colavita and Sady v. Murphy for review by the members of the Assembly and Senate Judiciary Committees and Election Law Committees.

These files wholly support the serious allegations outlined by our March 20, 1992 letter to the members of Governor Cuomo's Task Force on Judicial Diversity--which you promised would be made part of the record of the joint hearings, presently in progress.

As set forth therein:

"These two lawsuits offer unique case studies...not only documenting the control by party bosses of the judicial nominations process--unrestrained by the State Board of Elections--but the complicity of the courts...

Your review of the facts, papers, and proceedings in Castracan and Sady will powerfully aid your perspective in structuring legislative proposals--which may well have to be revised in light of the conclusions that must be drawn from those cases.

Castracan and Sady can--and should--become the catalyst and rallying standard for needed changes."

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We believe your examination of the files of these two state court lawsuits, brought under the Election Law, will not only confirm to you the validity of our foregoing statements, but that we have a unique contribution to make to the work of the legislative committees involved and that a special invitation should be extended to permit us to give live testimony.

We also believe that your review of the Castracan and Sady files will convince you that the files rightfully must be included as part the official records of the hearings and incorporated by reference in any reports that may be rendered relative thereto.

Most respectfully,



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