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January 9, 1998

New York State Senate Judiciary Committee
Senator James J. Lack, Chairman
Room 413, The Capitol
Albany, New York 12247

ATT: Susan Zimmer, Clerk

RE: CJA's Informational Requests and Opposition to Andrew
O'Rourke's Confirmation to the Court of Claims

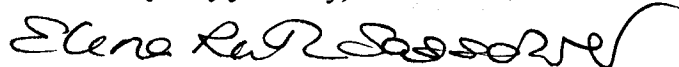
Dear Ms. Zimmer:

This memorializes the fact that as of this time and date -- 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 9th -- we have received no telephone, fax, or letter response from the Senate Judiciary Committee to either our informational requests or to our opposition to Senate confirmation of Andrew O'Rourke to the Court of Claims. We first apprised you of those informational requests and of our opposition by phone on December 15th, the *first* business day after Mr. O'Rourke's appointment was announced and in several phone calls thereafter. This was memorialized in our January 2, 1998 letter, which was both faxed and mailed/certified, return receipt.

Please **IMMEDIATELY** advise us as to the status of Mr. O'Rourke's confirmation. You had indicated that it might be as early as Tuesday, January 13th. We can only assume that it will NOT proceed on that date since no one from the Committee staff has interviewed us. Nor has anyone notified us as to whether you have located the copy of our May 1992 critique of Mr. O'Rourke's judicial qualifications, which we provided the Senate Judiciary Committee on December 15, 1993 in conjunction with our testimony against Carmen Ciparick's confirmation to the Court of Appeals.

Finally, adding to the pile of letters transmitted with our January 2nd letter to you, we enclose our most recent letter, dated January 7, 1998, to Chief Judge Judith Kaye.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: See next page

cc: Judith Kaye, Chief Judge of the State of New York
James McGuire, Counsel to Governor Pataki
Nan Weiner, Executive Director, Governor Pataki's Judicial Screening Committees
Paul Shechtman, Chairman, State Judicial Screening Committee
Michael Cardozo, President, Association of the Bar of the City of New York
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