

**June 18, 2012 message sent to Jim Blake via his website,
www.blakeforupstate.com**

Dear Mr. Blake,

I have read Carl Paladino's June 8th endorsement of your candidacy, recommending you as recognizing that "we need our state legislators to be accountable". -- and your own quote about replacing "'business as usual' legislators". Bravo!

Our NY-based nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), can provide you -- and other good-government, reform-minded candidates -- with a WINNING issue against incumbent state legislators, particularly those in leadership positions, such as your opponent, Senator James Seward.

As you know, Senator Seward is Assistant Majority Leader of Conference Operations, appointed by Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos in 2011.

Senate Majority Leader Skelos -- and the State Senate -- are defendants in a politically-explosive lawsuit that CJA has brought, in the public interest, on behalf of the People of the State of New York. The lawsuit is based on their official misconduct and fraud upon the People in allowing unlawful and unconstitutional pay raises for state judges. These pay raises will cost taxpayers a reported \$27.7 million for this year alone -- and will amount to billions over time.

CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org, posts a press release about the lawsuit, as well as the lawsuit itself. These are accessible via the top panel "Latest News".

I would look forward to speaking with you -- and Mr. Paladino -- directly about this decisive campaign issue. I invite you to call me, at your convenience.

Thank you.

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cc: Carl Paladino