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From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2018 1:57 PM
To: 'dan@danschorr.net'
Subject: URGENT: confronting conflict-of-interest issues, as we must -- and so as to limit the damage to you and your wife.
Attachments: 2-15-13-note-to-buchwald.pdf; 5-29-13-ltr-to-assemblyman-kearns.pdf; 12-4-17-ltr-to-albany-delegation.pdf

Dear Dan –

Following up our very brief phone conversation this morning, in which, in response to my question, you acknowledged that your wife Jennifer is David Buchwald's sister, it is IMPERATIVE that we speak, as soon as possible, about how to deal with the HUGE (& heartbreaking) conflict-of-interest you face.

Here's the link to the webpage with the VIDEO of the February 2nd local forum on the state budget, sponsored by Westchester's Albany Delegation – at which I spoke before Assemblyman Buchwald, Assemblywoman Mayer, and others of the Westchester Assembly Delegation: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/feb-2-2018-budget-hearing-westchester-delegation.htm>. The documents that Assemblyman Buchwald handed back to me – without ANY comment – are what I had furnished and reviewed with him when I met with him at his district office on August 31, 2017. They are referred to at p. 4 of my December 4, 2017 letter, annexed as Exhibit B to the written statement I provided for the Assembly Delegates participating at the forum – 9 copies of which I provided.

The December 4, 2017 letter is also annexed to this e-mail – because it and the other two attachments were part of the immediately-below December 13, 2017 e-mail to Assemblyman Buchwald that included it – and from which the seriousness of the conflict-of-interest you face, involving prosecutable violations of the Penal Law by your brother-in-law – and his fellow defendants in the citizen-taxpayer actions, etc -- will be even more apparent. The January 8, 2018 criminal complaint I filed with Westchester District Attorney Scarpino against Assemblyman Buchwald – and the whole of Westchester's Albany Delegation – to which I referred in my oral presentation at the February 2nd forum is Exhibit D to my written statement.

By the way, my response to Assemblyman Buchwald's holding up documents to hand back to me at the February 2nd forum – not clearly audible from the VIDEO -- was that I wanted him to give them to Assemblywoman Mayer as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation. He did not do that, but brought them over to me. The only reason I did not immediately bring them up to Assemblywoman Mayer – as I did with other documents – is because I decided I would first inventory them – and examine if they showed any signs of having been studied by Assemblyman Buchwald – before giving them over to Assemblywoman Mayer. Prior to leaving the hearing room, I asked staff there to tell Assemblywoman Mayer that after I inventoried the documents, I would be delivering them to her, which I expected to do this week.

The immediate below December 13, 2017 e-mail is the inventory of materials I had furnished Assemblyman Buchwald on August 31, 2017, done from memory. Beneath that e-mail is a chain of e-mails, further reflecting Assemblyman Buchwald's misfeasance and nonfeasance....

Please call me on Sunday, after you've had a chance to take this all in – as it affects your wife and you so directly, and about this I am greatly grieved.

Thank you.

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Subject: Assemblyman Buchwald's membership on pertinent Assembly committees -- reinforcing the duty he owes his Westchester constituents and the People of the State of New York

TO: Joseph Orlando, Community Liaison/Assemblyman David Buchwald

cc: Alex Roithmayr, Chief of Staff & Assemblyman Buchwald

Following up my phone conversation with you this morning pertaining to the Assembly Judiciary Committee's sham December 1, 2017 hearing on the Judiciary's enacted budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 – to which Assemblyman Buchwald did not see fit to alert me, let alone invite me -- here is the inventory of EVIDENTIARY materials I believe I furnished to Assemblyman Buchwald on August 31, 2017, when I met with him for a one-hour meeting in his district office, to discuss CJA's citizen-taxpayer actions, at which you were present:

- (1) *"A Guide to Legislative Oversight"*: February 2005 report of the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation's then chair, Assemblyman James Brennan;
- (2) The whole of plaintiffs' September 2, 2016 verified complaint in the second citizen-taxpayer action – with its Exhibits A-G detached and separately marked to facilitate review of the three pleadings in the first citizen-taxpayer action, Acting Supreme Court Justice Roger McDonough's three decisions therein, and plaintiffs' analysis of his final August 1, 2016 decision, embracing his prior October 9, 2014 and June 24, 2015 decisions, as well.
- (3) All Acting Supreme Court Justice Denise Hartman's decisions in the second citizen-taxpayer action – with plaintiffs' analyses thereof, these being, at that time:
 - her December 21, 2016 decision – and plaintiffs' "legal autopsy"/analysis thereof (said analysis having been Exhibit U to their February 15, 2017 order to show cause);
 - her May 5, 2017 decision and May 5, 2017 amended decision – and plaintiffs' analysis thereof (¶¶6-8, 10, and 11 of plaintiff Sassower's June 12, 2017 moving affidavit in support of plaintiffs' order to show cause for reargument/renewal/vacatur – all pages of which were supplied, with the relevant paragraphs constituting the analysis marked);
 - her June 26, 2017 decision – and plaintiffs' "legal autopsy"/analysis thereof (Exhibit I to plaintiff Sassower's August 25, 2017 reply affidavit in further support of plaintiffs' June 12, 2017 order to show cause)
- (4) CJA's June 16, 2017 judicial misconduct complaint vs Judge Hartman, filed with the Commission on Judicial Conduct;
- (5) the December 1, 2016 one-sentence letter to Governor Cuomo, signed by Temporary Senate President Flanagan and Assembly Speaker Heastie, transmitting the Legislature's budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, which I secured from the Assembly's Public Information Office by a December 2, 2016 FOIL request – (and, possibly, the FOIL request and responding December 5, 2016 letter from

the Assembly's Records Access Officer and December 9, 2016 e-mail from the Secretary of the Senate);

- (6) Governor Cuomo's January 17, 2017 Legislative/Judiciary Budget Bill #S.2001/A.3001;
- (7) August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER concerning Senator Latimer's unfitness for any office of public trust based on the record of his corruption as senator, giving rise to CJA's two citizen-taxpayer actions.

I may have additionally furnished Assemblyman Buchwald with a copy of CJA's October 27, 2011 opposition report to the Commission on Judicial Compensation's August 29, 2011 report – without its substantiating exhibits – which, in any event, I had hand-delivered for him on February 15, 2013, with substantiating exhibits, and which remained in his possession for 3-1/2 months, until the end of May or beginning of June 2013 when, at my request, it was provided to the office of Assemblyman Michael Kearns. The substantiating correspondence on the subject is annexed.

Absent your confirming that the foregoing EVIDENTIARY materials are what I left with Assemblyman Buchwald on August 31, 2017 for his review – because, in addition to being my Assembly member, he is a member of so many pertinent Assembly committees having oversight responsibilities: its Judiciary Committee, its Committee on Governmental Operations, its Committee on Local Governments, and – then unknown to me – its Committee on Corporations, Authorities, and Commissions, I will assume that the above inventory is correct and that Assemblyman Buchwald has these in his possession.

Needless to say, the EVIDENTIARY materials I provided to Assemblyman Buchwald on August 31, 2017 – and previously, including *via* links on CJA's website, www.judgewatch.org – are germane to my request, by my December 4, 2017 letter, that he assist the Westchester County Board of Legislators by furnishing it with his findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the two commission reports on which the larcenous district attorney salary increases that are part of the Westchester County budget rest. For his convenience, a copy of my December 4, 2017 letter, addressed to the 14 senate and assembly members of Westchester's Albany delegation, is annexed. The direct link to CJA's webpage for it entitled "How Many Members of Westchester's Albany Delegation Does it Take to do the Duty of One?" is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2018/dec-4-2017-ltr-westchester-delegation.htm>. I ask that Assemblyman Buchwald respond by December 24, 2017 – the two year anniversary of the December 24, 2015 report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation, as to which, as he knows, there has been NO oversight.

Thank you.

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Subject: Statement for the Record of the Assembly Judiciary Committee's Rigged December 1, 2017 Hearing on the Judiciary Budget

As today is the deadline for furnishing written submissions for the record of the Assembly Judiciary Committee's December 1, 2017 hearing on the Judiciary's enacted budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 – a hearing about which neither Chairman Dinowitz nor Assemblyman Buchwald saw fit to alert me – below are my October 27th and October 16th e-mails to Chair Dinowitz and, below them, my October 16th e-mail to Assemblyman Buchwald, to which Chair Dinowitz was an indicated recipient and which included the above two particularizing attachments. All three e-mails – to which I received no response from Chair Dinowitz or Assemblyman Buchwald -- pertain to the citizen-taxpayer action I brought on behalf of the People of the State of New York and the public interest, laying out the unconstitutionality, statutory violations, and fraud of the Judiciary's budget, including for fiscal year 2017-2018. The record of the citizen-taxpayer action, from which everything is verifiable, readily, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>.

Based on my preliminary examination of the Judiciary's proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-2019, released on December 1, 2017, it repeats the SAME constitutional violations, statutory violations, and fraud as the citizen-taxpayer action establishes.

Please deem this e-mail, with its below e-mail chain and above two attachments as my submission for the record of the Assembly Judiciary Committee's December 1, 2017 hearing – and distribute and preserve accordingly.

Thank you.

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Subject: Request for a meeting to discuss the Assembly Judiciary Committee's discharge of its oversight responsibilities, whose ABSENCE underlies the citizen-taxpayer action about which I testified at the Legislature's January 30, 2017 budget hearing

TO: Brendan Fitzpatrick/Communications Director to Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Jeffrey Dinowitz

Following up our phone conversation earlier this morning – and the voice mail message I left for Legislative Director William Schwartz -- this is to reiterate my request for a meeting with Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Dinowitz, as soon as possible, pertaining to the citizen-taxpayer action: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>, to which my below October 16th e-mail and two-above attachments alerted him.

Among the specific issues I wish to discuss – all encompassed by the citizen-taxpayer action and within the express jurisdiction of the Assembly Judiciary Committee:

- (1) the corruption of the New York State Judiciary – and its slush-fund budget;
- (2) the corruption of the New York State Attorney General – and his Department of Law budget;
- (3) the corruption of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct – and the inadequacy of its budget;
- (4) the corruption of the New York State court-controlled attorney disciplinary system – and the inadequacy of its budgets;
- (5) the corruption of the New York State district attorneys, whose salaries are tied to judicial salaries;

(6) the statutory-violative, fraudulent and unconstitutional judicial pay raises -- and district attorney pay raises based thereon -- resulting from the August 29, 2011 report of the Commission on Judicial Compensation and the December 24, 2015 report of the Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation -- whose cost to the taxpayers has been concealed, but is believed to be approximately \$300 million since April 1, 2012.

Former Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Helene Weinstein is fully knowledgeable of the foregoing corruption, but REFUSED to discharge ANY oversight throughout her 23-year tenure as chair -- including by holding ANY hearings to take testimony from the public. Indeed, this is reflected by my testimony at the Legislature's January 30, 2017 budget hearing, whose VIDEO is posted on CJA's website, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/budget-hearings.htm>. Although Chair Weinstein was NOT present when I testified on January 30, 2017 -- nor the next day, at the January 31, 2017 budget hearing -- she was present when I testified at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 budget hearing. Chair Dinowitz should be sure to view the VIDEO of my February 6, 2013 testimony so that he can see the EVIDENTIARY PROOF I handed up in substantiation -- and find out, from the now Ways and Means Committee Chair Weinstein, its whereabouts. Likewise, the whereabouts of the mountain of other EVIDENTIARY PROOF I furnished Assemblywoman Weinstein, as Judiciary Committee chair, since 1994.

I look forward to assisting Chair Dinowitz to the fullest in discharging the important duties of his Assembly Judiciary Committee chairmanship. As evidenced by the citizen-taxpayer action, the present situation, on so many fronts, is utterly unconstitutional.

Thank you.

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Subject: Tomorrow's Closed-Door Democratic Assembly Conference Meeting -- & Assemblyman Buchwald's duty to furnish a long-overdue legal opinion on CJA's citizen-taxpayer action

TO: Brendan Fitzpatrick/Communications Director to Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Jeffrey Dinowitz

As discussed, so very briefly. Is newly-appointed Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Dinowitz aware of CJA's unfolding citizen-taxpayer action -- and what's been going on with the judicial and district attorney pay raises? Here's the link: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>.

I am available to assist Chairman Dinowitz do his duty to set things right.

Thank you.

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TO: Joseph Orlando, Community Liaison/Assemblyman David Buchwald

cc: Alex Roithmayr, Chief of Staff

Following our brief phone conversation a short time ago, below is my e-mail chain regarding the Oyster Bay Town Supervisor race – whose first e-mail to Democratic Candidate Marc Herman, on October 12, 2017, identifies my August 31, 2017 meeting with Assemblyman Buchwald, and states, as follows, with respect to the citizen-taxpayer action:

“As for non-lawyer and newbie Assemblywoman Christine Pellegrino, who has also endorsed you, she is a member of the Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations – on which my own Assemblyman David Buchwald sits. Why not ask Assemblywoman Pellegrino to request Assemblyman Buchwald’s legal opinion. Not only is he a Harvard Law School graduate, with a further degree from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, but his long-standing knowledge of the situation is identical to that of Senator Latimer, chronicled by my August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER. In fact, I gave Assemblyman Buchwald a copy of the August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER, *in hand*, when I met with him, in his district office, on August 31, 2017, further providing him with ‘hard copies’ of the key litigation records in the citizen-taxpayer action, so that he could belatedly ‘blow the whistle’ on what’s been going on.”

As I assume Assemblywoman Pellegrino will be at tomorrow’s meeting in Albany of the Assembly’s Democratic Conference, planning, behind-closed-doors, the legislative agenda for 2018 – doubtless, with an eye to the 2018 elections when ALL Assembly members are up for re-election – Assemblyman Buchwald should use the opportunity to furnish her with his legal opinion. Likewise, to furnish it to Assemblyman Charles Lavine, who sits with him on the Assembly Judiciary Committee – and to whose Director of Operations, Scott Wolff, I spoke with at length on Friday, October 13th, detailing my below October 12th e-mail to Candidate Herman, which he told me he would print out for Assemblyman Lavine from CJA’s webpage pertaining to the Oyster Bay Town Supervisor race: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/long-island/ending-the-road-saladino.htm>.

More to follow – including as to Assembly Speaker Heastie’s indefensible appointment of Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Helene Weinstein as chair of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. Has he not read the pleadings in CJA’s citizen-taxpayer action, particularizing her flagrant corruption? Senator Buchwald needs to speak up on the subject – and loudly.

Suffice to note that when I testified at the Legislature's February 6, 2013 "public protection" budget hearing, handing up open-and-shut, *prima facie* proof, to substantiate its duty to VOID the judicial salary increases, Assembly Judiciary Committee Chair Weinstein was sitting just seats away from former Assemblyman, now interim Oyster Bay Town Supervisor, Joseph Saladino: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm>.

Thank you.

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Subject: Above Partisanship: Championing Honest, Fiscally-Responsible, Accountable Government, such as we do NOT remotely have on the state level -- & so-chronicled by CJA's March 29, 2017 supplemental complaint in its citizen-taxpayer action

TO: Kevin Clemency, Chief of Staff/Senator John Brooks
cc: Chelsea Lemon/Legislative Director

Thank you for your call back this morning, to the message I left for you on Friday, October 13th, and the extensive amount of time you generously gave to our conversation. Below is my October 12th e-mail to Democratic Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Candidate Marc Herman. Its two attachments are above. Senator Brooks' endorsement of Dr. Herman and his running mates, posted on their campaign websites, reads:

"The past few years have seen the Town of Oyster Bay's finances crumble, taxes rise and leaders arrested. We need a new day in Oyster Bay; one where taxpayers can have faith in the integrity and ability of those elected to represent them. I am proud to support Marc Herman for Supervisor; Eva Pearson, Bob Freier and James Versocki for Council; and Dean Hart for Town Clerk. It is time to put the past behind us and deliver a new future based on real leadership, open and transparent government, and putting the people -- not special interests -- first.", <http://hermanforsupervisor.com/>.

So that Senator Brook's will have an opportunity to demonstrate, by his actions, his commitment to his words, please bring this e-mail to his prompt attention so that he can assist Dr. Herman and his running mates, in a fashion that will show voters why he, himself, is worthy of their vote, next year when, presumably, he will be running for re-election.

Since you stated that Senator Brooks does not have counsel, but relies on Senate Democratic Conference counsel, I respectfully request that he obtain its legal opinion as to the significance of the unfolding citizen-taxpayer action about which I testified before Senator Brooks at the Legislature's January 30, 2017 budget hearing on "local government officials/general government". Indeed, inasmuch as the Senate Democratic Conference's Deputy Leader is Senator Michael Gianaris, a Harvard law school graduate, who also chairs the State Democratic Senate Campaign Committee: <http://newyorksenatedems.com/leadership/>, I respectfully request that Senator Brooks obtain a legal opinion from Senator Gianaris, beginning with his assessment of plaintiffs' entitlement to summary judgment on the March 29, 2017 supplemental complaint, <http://www.judgewatch.org/lawsuit-2016-budget/3-29-17-osc/3-29-17-supplemental-complaint-corrected.pdf> – a "hard copy" of which I gave Senator Gianaris, *in hand*, and discussed with him at the conclusion of the Citizens Union "civic conversation" on May 3, 2017 in Manhattan entitled "A Day in the Life of NY Legislators", also furnishing and discussing with him CJA's February 6, 2017 and February 23, 2017 letters, the latter being an ethics complaint to the Senate Ethics and Internal Governance Committee, of which Senator Gianaris is ranking member – to which I received no response from him, just as I received no response from him to a March 4, 2017 e-mail. Such is recited in the March 29, 2017 supplemental complaint (at ¶¶217-228), as is my testimony before the Legislature at its January 30 and 31, 2017 budget hearings (at ¶¶193-201; 207-215). Likewise recited are Senator Gianaris' March 15, 2017 remarks on the Senate floor, presumably in Senator Brook's presence, in connection with the Senate's "one house" budget resolution (¶¶245-247). I discussed all of this with Senator Gianaris on May 3, 2017 – and have not heard from him since. This, despite repeated phone calls to Senator Gianaris, requesting to speak with him about the March 29, 2017 supplemental complaint, including at a meeting. These phone calls have also alerted him to the fact that I have been unable to secure meetings:

(1) with Senate Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, a non-lawyer who is MY senator – and whose need for "adult supervision" by him, as her "second-in-command", I first alerted him to in or about March 2016;

(2) with Senator Brad Hoylman, the Democratic ranking member of BOTH the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations AND the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

(3) with Senator Liz Krueger, the Democrat's ranking member on the Senate Finance Committee, who – like Senator Brooks – is a non-lawyer and was present for my testimony on January 30, 2017. Indeed, Senators Brooks and Krueger were the ONLY Democratic Senator present for my January 30, 2017 testimony.

As I understand that Senator Brooks is a "full time" legislator, earning no outside income – as, I believe, Senators Gianaris, Hoylman, and Krueger – I would hope he would give this e-mail his priority attention, including with respect to arranging for appropriate "oversight" hearings by the Senate Committee on Local Government, of which he is ranking member – and whose chair, Republican Senator Kathleen Marchione, a non-lawyer, was sitting beside him during my January 30, 2017 testimony.

More to follow.

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Subject: Thank you for your kind acknowledgment -- WINNING in Oyster Bay & Beyond: Honest, Fiscally-Responsible, Accountable Government

Below is my e-mail, correcting the few typos I subsequently noticed.

Kindly forward to your Oyster Bay running-mates – and to everyone you see fit, including Supervisor Saladino – and the press.

Again, my thanks.

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From: Marc Herman [<mailto:Herm57@aol.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 4:40 PM

To: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>

Subject: Re: WINNING in Oyster Bay & Beyond: Honest, Fiscally-Responsible, Accountable Government

Thank you

On Oct 12, 2017, at 4:31 PM, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org> wrote:

Dear Dr. Herman,

Thank you for your call this morning – and for your patriotic run for Oyster Bay Town Supervisor, putting aside your respected professional career, in the private sector, out of concern for the corruption in local government. Thank you, too, for your nearly two decades of volunteer service on the Syosset School District Board, as Trustee, Vice President and then President. According to your campaign website, <http://hermanforsupervisor.com/about/>, it was there that you “honed [your] administrative and governmental skills while overseeing a budget very similar in size to the Town of Oyster Bay’s...[dealing] with some of the same issues that face [Oyster Bay]: union contract negotiations and pay scales,...budgeting/debt management”.

As discussed, corruption, pay scales, and state and county budget issues were of NO concern, whatever, to your opponent -- interim Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino – when he was an assemblyman – and this is evidenced by the webpage about his candidacy for Oyster Bay Town Supervisor that I created on CJA’s website, www.judgewatch.org, accessible via the prominent homepage link “OUTING CORRUPT AND COLLUSIVE INCUMBENTS & Ending their Road to Re-Election and Higher Officer in 2017, 2018, and Beyond – WITH EVIDENCE”. The direct link to the webpage is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/long-island/ending-the-road-saladino.htm>.

As discussed, Assemblyman Saladino was a member of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the Assembly Committee on Governmental Employees and, in both capacities, I interacted with him – most directly when I testified before him at the Legislature’s February 6, 2013 budget hearing. I was so gratified that you had already viewed the VIDEO of that testimony, prominently posted on the webpage. As you identified that you have a running-mate who is an attorney – presumably James

Versocki, a former assistant attorney general – please delegate to him the responsibility of examining CJA’s October 27, 2011 opposition report – and the verified complaint in the declaratory judgment action based thereon – about which I testified – and which I handed up at February 6, 2013 budget hearing. The webpage provides a link to them. It is additionally here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/elections/2017/feb-6-2013-testimony-evidence.htm>.

You asked me what Assemblyman Saladino’s response was to my testimony. That is a question you should publicly ask him. I received no response from him, including to subsequent correspondence addressed to him or sent to him.

Assemblyman Saladino’s NONFEASANCE replicated what is recounted by my August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER pertaining to Senator George Latimer, who is running for Westchester County Executive, which I strongly urge you to read, as likewise my September 5, 2017 letter pertaining to the Suffolk County District Attorney race, sent to Senator Phil Boyle, formerly running for Suffolk County sheriff and now for a Supreme Court judgeship. They are attached and also posted on the webpage, with links to their substantiating proof. I also strongly urge you to view the VIDEOS of my testimony at the Legislature’s January 30, 2017 and January 31, 2017 budget hearings, which I have also posted on the webpage and which are additionally here: <http://judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2017-legislature/budget-hearings.htm>. Both the letters and VIDEOS summarize the significance of the unfolding citizen-taxpayer action involving the state budget to which now former Assemblyman Saladino is a defendant, as are ALL other Assembly and Senate members and Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Schneiderman, and Comptroller DiNapoli. Mr. Versocki can certainly verify the truth of my statement that the litigation record establishes plaintiffs’ entitlement to summary judgment, *as a matter of law*, as to all 10 causes of action – and warrants that a substantial swath of the defendants, if not all, be indicted for “grand larceny of the public fisc” and other corruption, disabling our state government.

I would hope that Mr. Versocki will perform such valuable function for you and for your fellow reform-minded, corruption-fighting Oyster Bay running-mates. However, you can also ask 7-term Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a lawyer, who has endorsed you – and who sits on such pertinent Assembly committees as Judiciary, Codes, and Ethics and Guidance – to give you and them a legal opinion about the ten causes of action and the lawsuit record. And why not ask 1st term Senator John Brooks, a non-lawyer, who has also endorsed you, what he did, upon hearing me testify, on January 30, 2017, as a member of the Senate Committee on Local Government, sitting next to its chair – especially as he was subsequently made its ranking member. Did he think – as Assemblyman Saladino apparently had, four years earlier – that my testimony should simply fall into a “black hole” and required no responsive action? As for non-lawyer and newbie Assemblywoman Christine Pellegrino, who has also endorsed you, she is a member of the Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations – on which my own Assemblyman David Buchwald sits. Why not ask Assemblywoman Pellegrino to request Assemblyman Buchwald’s legal opinion. Not only is he a Harvard Law School graduate, with a further degree from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, but his long-standing knowledge of the situation is identical to that of Senator Latimer, chronicled by my August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER. In fact, I gave Assemblyman Buchwald a copy of the August 10, 2017 OPEN LETTER, *in hand*, when I met with him, in his district office, on August 31, 2017, further providing him with “hard copies” of the key litigation records in the citizen-taxpayer action, so that he could belatedly “blow the whistle” on what’s been going on.

Suffice to say, and as the unfolding citizen-taxpayer action and VIDEOS chronicle, the corruption you and your Oyster Bay running-mates decry is NOT confined to Republicans. Democrats are just as collusive in thwarting the NON-PARTISAN, GOOD-GOVERNMENT values that propel your candidacy – and which, by your “whistle-blowing”, you can realize, for the benefit of ALL the People, in your race for Oyster Bay Town Supervisor – and in other electoral races in Oyster Bay, in Nassau County, on Long Island – and throughout New York State:

“Transparency: I would fight for complete transparency of all financial matters”;

“Fixing the Finances: For decades the Town has used our tax dollars as their personal piggy bank”;

“Ethical & Honest Government: I promise to treat all residents, and their tax dollars, with respect and honesty”;

“High Taxes: On Long Island this is always a chief concern. I will fight to make sure your tax dollars are wisely spent.”

I am available to assist you and your running-mates, to the max – and ask that you forward this e-mail to them, as soon as possible. I invite you and them to call me, anytime, including at night and on weekends.

Yours, for honest, fiscally-responsible, accountable government.

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