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Subject: STATUS -- May 24th e-mail pertaining to legislative oversight of the NY Attorney General by the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation -- or any other legislative committee
Attachments: 3-23-18-written-question-to-mayer.pdf

TO: David Fischer/Legislative Director/Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Braunstein – Chair, Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation

Following up my phone conversation with Amber Yoon, special assistant (718) 474-1953, I have no record of any response from you, or anyone else, to my below May 24, 2018 e-mail, with its above attachment. Did you respond? If not, please do so without further delay.

Thank you.

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Subject: Thank you. Here's my May 21st and April 27th e-mails to predecessor chair of the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation Shelley Mayer

TO: David Fischer/Legislative Director/Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Braunstein – Chair, Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation

Thank you for the return call this afternoon – and the generous amount of time you gave to our conversation.

Below are my May 21st and April 27th e-mails to now Senator Shelley Mayer – to which I have received no response.

Please ascertain the whereabouts of the EVIDENTIARY MATERIALS I furnished her on February 2nd and March 23rd so that she could discharge her duties as chair of the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation. The inventory of those materials is on CJA's webpage of my testimony before her at the February 2, 2018 forum on the state budget, sponsored by Westchester's Assembly delegation, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/feb-2-2018-budget-hearing-westchester-delegation.htm>. The materials included the "Guide to Legislative Oversight", which, as I told you, was first issued in 1987 and then reissued in 2005, each time by the chairs of the Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation. You can access the "Guide" from that webpage – it being

among the materials that my assemblyman, David Buchwald, handed back to me at the February 2nd forum – and which, on March 23rd, I gave to then Assemblywoman Mayer.

The six-minute VIDEO of my February 2, 2018 testimony before Assemblywoman Mayer and Assemblyman Buchwald dramatically lays out the larceny and fraud, involving the budget and the judicial and district attorney pay raises, that I first presented to the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation on June 4, 2013 – and which included, at that time, my FULLY-DOCUMENTED April 15, 2013 corruption complaint to U.S. Attorney Bharara. The webpage for the posted June 4, 2013 letter, which I showed you, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/judicial-compensation/6-4-13-ltr-to-oversight-committees.htm> -- and it also includes the “Guide to Legislative Oversight”.

My below two e-mails to Senator Mayer also asked when – if ever – any legislative committee has examined how the attorney general defends lawsuits against the state, its public officers and agencies, when they are sued for corruption and other abuses.

I would appreciate answers to both these questions, as soon as possible – and, for that reason, am cc’ing Senator Mayer on this e-mail.

Finally, the link to CJA’s “Legislative Rules Resource Webpage” posting the 2004, 2006, and 2008 Brennan Center reports, chronicling that New York’s legislature is the MOST dysfunctional of all our nation’s state legislatures – and Congress – is right at the top of the MENU webpage I showed you for the “2018 Legislative Session”, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/menu-2018-legislative-session.htm>. The reports highlighted that New York’s legislative committees are sham and fail in both their lawmaking and oversight responsibilities. Yet, omitted from the Brennan reports was any examination of the state budget. The unconstitutionality and lawlessness that goes on there is laid out by the verified pleadings in CJA’s two citizen-taxpayer actions, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/budget/menu-budget-reform.htm>.

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Subject: FW: Unfinished Business -- Your chairmanship of the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation

TO: Senator Shelley Mayer

Following up my phone conversation with your district office staffer, Vincent Fields moments ago, below is my April 27, 2018 e-mail to you, to which I have received no response. Please advise – particularly as to:

- (1) the whereabouts of the EVIDENTIARY materials I furnished you at the February 2, 2018 local budget forum and which my mother furnished you on March 23, 2018 at your campaign appearance in White Plains, in conjunction with her question, recited below:
“...when, if ever, [the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation] or

any other committee of the Assembly or Senate [has] conducted any investigation or oversight as to how the Attorney General, New York's highest law enforcement officer, defends lawsuits against the State, its public officers and agencies, when they are sued for corruption and other abuses[?]" ; and

(2) the answer to that question.

Thank you.

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Subject: Unfinished Business -- Your chairmanship of the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis & Investigation

TO: Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer/Chair, Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation

I understand from your scheduler, Vincent Fields, that you are to be sworn-in as senator on Monday. Until then, you remain chair of the Assembly's smallest, but most powerful, committee -- its Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation.

What "oversight, analysis and investigation" did you and/or the Committee make with respect to the documentary EVIDENCE I furnished you, *in hand*, on February 2nd, in support of my testimony before you on that date, in Greenburgh, at the local forum on the state budget, and that my mother additionally furnished you on March 23rd, during your campaign appearance in White Plains, including in support of her question -- such additional EVIDENCE being what Assemblyman Buchwald handed back to me at the February 2nd forum -- notwithstanding I stated that he should be handing it to you.

The VIDEO of the February 2nd forum shows what all this documentary EVIDENCE looked like --and it is posted on CJA's website, here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2018-legislature/feb-2-2018-budget-hearing-westchester-delegation.htm>, together with pdfs of the inventoried documents.

Will you be taking the transmitted documentary EVIDENCE with you, to the Senate -- or will you be leaving it for the next chair of the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation -- and, if the latter, what recommendation will you be making with respect thereto. Surely, you have some preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law, in justification of the lulu you were paid as the Committee's chair. Or were you not paid a lulu?

Please advise -- and also furnish an answer to my mother's question. To remind you what it was, attached is her handwritten question, which she held, approximating what she orally asked. To assist your reading it, I have typed it, below:

"Last December, you were appointed chair of one of the Assembly's committees, the Assembly Committee on Oversight and Investigation. Please tell us when, if ever, that committee or any other committee of the Assembly or Senate conducted any investigation or oversight as to how the Attorney General, New York's highest law enforcement officer, defends lawsuits against the State, its public officers and agencies, when they are sued for corruption and other abuses. And what were the results

of [such] investigation, if any. And, in view of the importance of public trust in the integrity of government, [] can we count on you, as chair, to conduct such investigation, NOW?"

Thank you.

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