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TO: Jerry Gray, Political Editor, Metro Desk
The New York Times

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator

DATE: December 26, 1997

RE: Citizen Opposition to Governor Pataki's Appointment of
Andrew O'Rourke to the Court of Claims

Faxed herewith is a copy of our letter to today's date to Andrew O'Rourke, hand-delivered at 2:11 this afternoon. FYI, he is in his office today. Copies have been faxed to the Governor's Counsel, James McGuire (tel: 212-681-4619/ 518-474-8343), Nan Weiner, the Executive Director of the Governor's Judicial Screening Committees (tel: 212-681-4540), and Paul Shechtman, Chairman of the State Judicial Screening Committee (tel: 212-223-0200). I have also faxed a copy to Daniel Kolb, Chairman of the City Bar's Judiciary Committee (tel: 212-450-4000).

Gannett is already working on a news story. My impression is that it will appear in tomorrow's newspaper.

Also enclosed is our December 23rd letter to Mr. McGuire, as revised and faxed to him and the others today, calling for the Governor to withdraw Mr. O'Rourke's nomination and for the State Judicial Screening Committee to withdraw its "highly qualified" rating.

*Elena Ruth
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