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TO: The New York Times  
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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, CJA Coordinator

RE: Governor Pataki's belated implementation  
of Executive Order #10, setting up permanent  
judicial screening committee

DATE: March 7, 1997

In case you are writing a story about Governor Pataki's belated activation of permanent judicial screening committees, featured on the front-page of yesterday's New York Law Journal, please don't lose sight of our Letter to the Editor "On Choosing Judges, Pataki Creates Problems", published by The New York Times as the lead letter on November 16, 1996 -- which was the first to expose what was going on. A copy is enclosed.

Also enclosed is our letter of today's date to City Bar President Michael Cardozo, setting forth CJA's response, calling for:

- (1) an investigation of Governor Pataki's two-year delay
- (2) statutory and constitutional safeguards to replace "Executive Orders"

Should you wish a "hard copy" of our letter with the exhibits, let us know and we will send it to you.

*Elena Ruth  
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