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Mr. John Sullivan
The New York Times
Metro Desk
229 West 43rd Street
New York, New York 10036

RE: Your Metro Front-Page Story, "Spitzer Sets Up Unit
to Investigate Both State and Local Corruption,
8/26/99

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Enclosed, to ease readability, is a typed transcription of my hand-written note, scrawled on a copy of your article, in an envelope addressed to you and delivered to the Times mailroom yesterday evening. Such delivery followed our phone conversation earlier in the day.

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August 26, 1999

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

Enclosed is CJA's March 26th ethics complaint against Mr. Spitzer based, *inter alia*, on his failure to follow through with his January 27th public announcement of the formation of a "public integrity unit". The transcript of his announcement – and my public exchange with him at that time – is annexed as Exhibit "B" to the complaint (pp. 7-8; pp. 13-14).

The \$3,000 ad to which I referred in my public question to Mr. Spitzer is enclosed with CJA's informational brochure. *Note:* Table of Contents to the complaint is at p. 3; See also pp. 5-7 relative to Mr. Spitzer's "public integrity unit", as well as pp. 27-29.

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I look forward to hearing from you so that we can discuss this further and so that I can make arrangements to provide you with information about what's been going on at the Attorney General's office in the seven months that preceded your story about the designation of Mr. Pope – including information about Mr. Pope's cover-up of this ethics complaint, etc.

Also, I would appreciate if, after you have examined the complaint, you share it with Kevin Flynn, who wrote last week's front-page story about the U.S. Attorney's investigation into Governor Pataki and, according to what he told me, Paul Shechtman. Mr. Flynn has been waiting to receive the ethics complaint from me, which we discussed together by phone.

Thank you.

Yours for a quality judiciary,



ELENA RUTH SASSOWER, Coordinator
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Enclosure

P.S. Press coverage of Mr. Spitzer's January 27th public announcement of his "public integrity unit" included (1) a front-page story in the January 28th New York Law Journal, entitled "*Spitzer Targets Official Corruption*" – a copy of which is enclosed; and (2) the February 5, 1999 New York Observer, in a column entitled, "*Republicans Get a Pass From Spitzer – for Now*" – a copy of which is annexed to the ethics complaint as Exhibit "D".