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RE: Tomorrow's Confirmation "Hearing" for Court of Claims Judge William A. Wetzel, Scheduled for Tomorrow, 10 a.m.

A case study of the Senate Judiciary Committee's *sham* confirmation "hearings", covering up Governor Pataki's *demonstrably fraudulent* "judicial selection process", as well as the *readily-verifiable corruption* of the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct

Dear Mr. McKinley:

Congratulations again on your very fine article, "*In Albany, It's Not Begun Till It's Over*", which provided an important portrait of "the Big Ugly". This, except that it omitted how the Senate – and the Senate Judiciary Committee – will be ramming through 14 confirmations to the lower state courts, covering up the *readily-verifiable proof* of both Governor Pataki's manipulation of "judicial selection process" and the corruption of the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct.

As discussed, enclosed is CJA's June 17th letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, setting forth *document-supported* opposition to Governor Pataki's reappointment of Court of Claims Judge William Wetzel and requesting that I be permitted to testify at the Committee's confirmation "hearing", based on *direct, first-hand experience*. Although the Senate Judiciary Committee received the letter at 11:47 a.m. yesterday, it has still NOT contacted me, either as to the substance of CJA's opposition pertaining to Judge Wetzel's *verifiably* fraudulent judicial decision "throwing" a public interest lawsuit against the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct or about my request to testify. This, notwithstanding its confirmation "hearing" is scheduled for tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Please note that it is my belief that two other individuals have requested to testify in opposition to Judge Wetzel's confirmation, each based on their *direct, first-hand* experience with him. They are the individuals who, in 1999, each filed judicial misconduct complaints against Judge Wetzel with