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Letters to the Editor  
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RE: **LEARNING THE “LESSONS”** – A Reply to John Faso’s “*Enabling Eliot’s Illusion: Lessons of the ’06 NY governor race*”, New York Post, March 17, 2008

In “*Enabling Eliot’s Illusion: Lessons of the ’06 NY governor race*” (NY Post, 3/17/08), John Faso writes about the importance of examining a candidate’s record and heaps blame on the media for his landslide loss to Mr. Spitzer in the 2006 election:

“What I didn’t count on was the credulousness of the media in simply buying – hook, line and sinker – the claims made by Spitzer’s campaign... There was little critical analysis of his record... Newspapers endorsed him.....News ‘analysis’ was often no more than reporting the latest polls or which candidate had raised the most money... The media treated the race as a foregone conclusion....”.

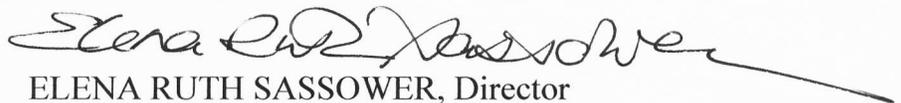
This is a half-truth. As the Republican Party’s 2006 gubernatorial nominee, Mr. Faso could have – but did not – use his bully-pulpit to expose what the media had long known, but refused to report: Mr. Spitzer’s record of corruption as New York’s Attorney General, beginning with the hoax of his so-called “public integrity unit” and his *modus operandi* of litigation fraud and other misconduct to defeat citizen lawsuits challenging the very governmental corruption his “public integrity unit” was neither investigating nor prosecuting.

Such record sufficed to “bring Mr. Spitzer’s gubernatorial candidacy to an explosive and scandalous end”. Mr. Faso knew this, yet kept silent, turning his back on the public interest and the opportunity he had to be the true advocate of governmental reform professed by his campaign P.R.. This is documentarily-proven by a June 26, 2006 letter our non-partisan, non-profit citizens’ organization, Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc., sent to Mr. Faso, by fax, e-mail, and certified mail/return receipt, after speaking with his policy director. The letter, posted on our website, [www.judgewatch.org](http://www.judgewatch.org), along with substantiating documentary proof, is

entitled “Informing the Voters: Attorney General Eliot Spitzer’s *readily-verifiable* corruption in office – covered up by an election-rigging press”.

If the media has learned any lesson, it will belatedly do now what it refused to do for the past nine years: probe Mr. Spitzer’s record as Attorney General. Indeed, media investigation into why, throughout the past nine years, the New York State Ethics Commission and U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York have been sitting on fully-documented ethics and criminal complaints against Mr. Spitzer, *which have never been dismissed and remain pending*, will propel good government reforms more sweeping than any Mr. Spitzer might have advanced.

Certainly, should Mr. Faso ever again run for public office, his own record as a gubernatorial nominee, protecting vested interests and betraying the public, should be the first to be examined by the media.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elena Ruth Sassower". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

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