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Subject: **Your Aug 11, 2026 "white paper"/report "Structural Obstacles to Government Oversight in New York" -- & reasonable inquiries**
Attachments: [cja-8-11-26-ltr-to-hochul-ortt.pdf](#)

TO: [Cornell University State Policy Advocacy Clinic/Brooks School of Public Policy](#)
ATT: [Director Alexandra Dufresne, Esq.](#)
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I am director and co-founder of the New York-based non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization [Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. \(CJA\)](#) – with a goldmine of primary-source, documentary evidence, spanning decades, **blowing to smithereens** the “white paper”/report [“Structural Obstacles to Government Oversight in New York”](#), purportedly written by a three-person “undergraduate student team in the 2025-2026 State Policy Advocacy Clinic”. Apparently, they “worked [so] closely” with Reinvent Albany that the “white paper”/report was released as a joint venture.

According to [Reinvent Albany's August 11th announcement](#), the release date was August 11th.

Ironically, on August 11th, I sent the below e-mail to Governor Hochul and Senate Minority Leader Ortton entitled “NOTICE OF YOUR DUTY & FOIL REQUEST -- Your Pending Reappointments to the NYS Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct...”. The above-attached evidence it furnished establishes the deceit of the very premise of the August 11th “white paper”/report, stated in its “Introduction”:

“...This paper does not argue that New York’s public servants working in oversight capacities lack integrity or fail to carry out their responsibilities. To the contrary, many oversight officials work diligently within the authorities available to them. ...”

This same premise is highlighted by Reinvent Albany’s August 11th announcement:

“The report emphasizes that these problems are structural and do not reflect a lack of dedication by the public servants working in oversight agencies. The management and staff of the many watchdog agencies perform important work given the authority and resources available to them.”

On what evidence did the “white paper”/report proceed on this premise? None is identified.

Indeed, obvious from the [utterly superficial](#) “white paper”/report, including its listing of “Works Cited” (at pp. 25-29), is that the student team undertook NO reflection of proper methodologies and had NO competent research and investigative protocol. Were it otherwise, the three students would have quickly recognized that Reinvent Albany was foisting upon them an agenda of bogus, even pernicious, recommendations, based on essentially NO evidence or refuted by evidence.

The “About the Authors” prefacing page of the “white paper”/report states: “Inquiries regarding this report should be directed to Professor Alexandra Dufresne at alexandra.dufresne@cornell.edu”.

Kindly call me, at your earliest convenience – preferably after you have preliminarily reviewed the above-attached and [CJA’s EVIDENTIARY WEBPAGE for Reinvent Albany](#), furnishing a snapshot of my many years of interaction with it and its Senior Policy Advisor Rachel Fauss.

Thank you.

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Subject: NOTICE OF YOUR DUTY & FOIL REQUEST -- Your Pending Reappointments to the NYS Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct of Daniel Alonso, Chantelle Botticelli, & Brian Griffin

**TO: Governor Kathy Hochul
Senate Minority Leader Robert Ortt**

As identified by the [New York State Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct’s website](#) (& [here](#)), its Commissioners Daniel Alonso, Chantelle Botticelli, and Brian Griffin are pending reappointment by you. Your duty is to IMMEDIATELY reject these reappointments – and this is the subject of the above-attached NOTICE with FOIL request.

Thank you.

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