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#### FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: YOUR 2006 ELECTION COVERAGE & ONGOING SPECULATIONS ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL RACES OF 2008 AND BEYOND

Memo enclosed. Please pass on to ALL relevant journalists.

Thank you.

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### TO: MEDIA OUTSIDE NEW YORK: NEWS DEPARTMENTS, EDITORIAL BOARDS, & COMMENTATORS

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

RE: YOUR 2006 ELECTION COVERAGE & ONGOING SPECULATIONS ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL RACES OF 2008 AND BEYOND

<u>New York's most important statewide electoral races affect not only New York, but the nation</u>: Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's re-election to the U.S. Senate from New York is a much talkedabout stepping-stone to her forever commented-upon 2008 presidential run in which she is deemed the front-runner. Similarly, the election of New York's nationally-known attorney general, Eliot Spitzer, to be New York's next governor elevates a politician whose presidential future is openly talked-about.

These and other New York electoral races are NOT remotely competitive – and the New York & New York-connected media is responsible. This has been chronicled by our non-partisan, non-profit citizens' organization, whose website, www.judgewatch.org, posts the substantiating documentary proof of this media culpability, accessible *via* three sidebar panels "Elections 2006: Informing the Voters", "Press Suppression", and "Suing <u>The New York Times</u>".

<u>We, therefore, turn to you – media outside New York – with a plea that you reinvigorate New</u> <u>York's electoral process and safeguard the national presidential races</u>. We ask that you report on what the New York media has refused to report on: *readily-verifiable*, documentary evidence of the corruption in office of Senator Clinton and Attorney General Spitzer involving the processes of judicial selection and discipline.

For immediate purposes, enclosed is CJA's August 25, 2006 memo to "NEW YORK MEDIA: EDITORIAL BOARDS & NEWS DEPARTMENTS" about this evidence, whose serious and substantial nature we stated would warrant "criminal investigation and prosecution of Attorney

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Media Outside New York

General Spitzer and Senator Clinton for corruption." Our "Elections 2006" webpage posts the memo, as well as the extensive list of New York media to whom we sent it, linked to the transmitting coversheets from which you can see who precisely were its recipients – none of whom responded.

After you read the August 25, 2006 memo, we ask that you read two specific letters from our "Elections 2006" webpage. These are CJA's February 3, 2006 letter to John Spencer, who is running against Senator Clinton to be U.S. Senator from New York, and CJA's June 26, 2006 letter to John Faso, running against Attorney General Spitzer to be New York's next governor. Such letters – to which we received no response from Mr. Spencer or from Mr. Faso, notwithstanding they provided evidence capable of bringing them electoral victory – will enable you to recognize that at issue is systemic governmental corruption involving high levels of BOTH the Democratic and Republican parties – and that in such circumstance the customary electoral dynamic of challengers raising powder-keg issues from the incumbents' records does NOT exist.

Unless the media does its job of exposing the actions and inactions of our incumbent and would-be public officers, such systemic governmental corruption that is the product of collusion between the Democratic and Republican parties will NEVER be rooted out. And only by your so-doing will voters be able to exercise a meaningful, informed vote.

To the extent you rely on The New York Times News Service – which purports that "No newspaper reports as comprehensively on America...as <u>The New York Times</u>"<sup>1</sup> – we urge you to contact it and demand an explanation as to why it has fed you news stories, commentary, and editorials about Senator Clinton, Attorney General Spitzer, and other public officers, as well as about judicial selection and discipline on both federal and state levels, which <u>The Times</u>' highest echelons knew to be materially incomplete, if not false and misleading. Likewise, we urge you to contact Gannett News Service and Associated Press about the news stories and commentary they have provided you concerning these public officers and about judicial selection and discipline, particularly those emanating from their New York Capitol bureaus in Albany.

We offer you our thanks, in advance, and promise you what we promised the New York media by our August 25, 2006 memo:

"our fullest assistance so that you can discharge your First Amendment responsibilities to the voters by reporting on this powerful election-altering evidence – rather than on polls, financial war chests, political endorsements, and handicapping that have become the standard fare of political reporting, contributing to the demise of competitive elections."

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See New York Times News Service website, www.nytsyn.com.

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## TO: NEW YORK MEDIA: EDITORIAL BOARDS & NEWS DEPARTMENTS

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RE: YOUR UPCOMING EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENTS AND ONGOING ELECTION COVERAGE: <u>The Races for New York Governor, U.S. Senator from</u> New York, and New York Attorney General

This is to bring to your attention – to aid you in both your upcoming editorial endorsements and ongoing election reporting – primary source documentary evidence establishing the unfitness of the Democratic and Republican candidates for Governor, Senator, and Attorney General. Such evidence is posted on the Center for Judicial Accountability's website, <u>www.judgewatch.org</u>, accessible *via* the sidebar panel "Elections 2006: Informing the Voters".

Scroll down the "Elections 2006" webpage to the section entitled "Searching for Champions", posting our correspondence to all Democratic and Republican candidates for Governor: <u>Tom Suozzi and John Faso</u>, for U.S. Senate: <u>Jonathan Tasini, John Spencer, and Kathleen Troia McFarland</u>, and for Attorney General: <u>Andrew Cuomo, Mark Green, Charlie King, Sean Patrick Murphy</u>, and Jeanine Pirro – except for <u>Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton</u>, whose corruption in office the correspondence summarizes.

With respect to Attorney General Spitzer, elected in 1998 on a pledge that he was going to clean up government and establish a "public integrity unit", our correspondence summarizes that his "public integrity unit" was a hoax – and that Mr. Spitzer refused to investigate and root out systemic governmental corruption involving a pattern and practice of litigation fraud engaged in by his predecessor Attorneys General in defending state judges and the Commission on Judicial Conduct, sued for corruption – for which they were rewarded with fraudulent judicial decisions. Instead, he engaged in the same litigation fraud to defend the Commission when we sued it for corruption – for which state judges, at every level, rewarded him with fraudulent judicial decisions. In so doing, Attorney General Spitzer not only perpetuated a documentably corrupted Commission on Judicial Conduct, leaving the People of the State of New York defenseless against the most flagrant lawlessness by state judges – including those who "threw" the lawsuit – but perpetuated the corruption of the state judicial appointments process, including "merit selection" to the New York Court of Appeals, which the lawsuit encompassed.

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With respect to Senator Clinton, she not only covered up – and thereby perpetuated – the systemic governmental corruption challenged and chronicled by the documentary record of our lawsuit against the Commission, but, additionally, the corruption of federal judicial selection and discipline. To accomplish this and effectuate a behind-the-scenes political deal seating a corrupt New York Court of Appeals judge on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, she maliciously set in motion and complicitly acquiesced in my wrongful arrest, prosecution, conviction, and six-month incarceration on a bogus "disruption of Congress" charge. My "crime"? At the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's public hearing to confirm the judge, I respectfully requested to testify in opposition based on his on-the-bench corruption, as established by the record of our lawsuit against the Commission – a record Senator Clinton was duty-bound to have examined, making findings of fact and conclusions of law.

All the summaries presented by our posted correspondence identify the substantiating primary source documentary evidence – and where it is posted on our website. You can thereby *readily verify* its serious and substantial nature, warranting criminal investigation and prosecution of Attorney General Spitzer and Senator Clinton for corruption.

In presenting this to the other Democratic and Republican candidates, as would-be champions of the public, we requested that they use the opportunity of their candidacy to expose the corruption of these incumbents for the benefit of all New Yorkers. That they did not do so – indeed, that they did not even favor our request for a meeting so that we could answer their questions and provide them with hard copies of the website-posted evidence – preferring instead to mount candidacies made futile by the landslide leads enjoyed by Attorney General Spitzer and Senator Clinton and, in the case of the candidates endeavoring to succeed Mr. Spitzer as Attorney General, extolling him and seeking the mantle of his "greatness" – can only be explained one way. Notwithstanding their posturing and rhetoric about being reformers who are going to "fix Albany" and make government work, they will NOT touch the vested political interests and their friends and patrons involved in the systemic governmental corruption that reaches into and pollutes the judiciary. Such will remain unchanged upon their election – subjecting countless innocent New Yorkers and our state at large to continuing injustice and irreparable injury.

#### Only the media can make the difference.

We offer you our fullest assistance so that you can discharge your First Amendment responsibilities to the voters by reporting on this powerful election-altering evidence – rather than on polls, financial war chests, political endorsements, and handicapping that have become the standard fare of political reporting, contributing to the demise of competitive elections.

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